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North Cerney Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on 5th April 2024 at 7.00 pm at The Memorial Hall, North Cerney

Present: Councillors Adam Stoten, Clare Cannock, David Barrell and Jonathan Dryland, Barry Koch as RFO and 3 members of the public

Presiding: Councillor Adam Stoten

Clerk: Valerie Hancock

Apologies: Councillors Mark Tufnell, Neil Brown and Cathy Martin, and County and District Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

The Chairman said that the meeting had been called only to deal with the new Lease of the Woodmancote Playpark, and the proposals for the playpark.

1. **New Lease:**

1.1 The final draft of the new Lease, for a term of 999 years at a peppercorn rent, had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was unanimously **resolved** that the Lease be approved.

1.2 It was unanimously **resolved** that Councillors Clare Cannock and Adam Stoten be authorised to sign the Lease on behalf of the Council, in the presence of the Clerk (being the Proper Officer), in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders. The Lease was duly signed.

1.3 The Clerk explained the relevant provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, and the notice that had been received.

It was unanimously **resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to make the required Statutory Declaration under section 38(A) of that Act.

2. **Safeguarding Policy**

It was unanimously **resolved** that the Safeguarding Policy which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting be approved and adopted.

3. **Plans and designs for the Playpark Project**

Councillor Dryland reported that six possible suppliers had been identified and invited to quote. Hosted site visits had been conducted with each supplier, and all had submitted proposed designs and quotes. He, Councillor Neil Brown and four other Woodmancote residents had independently reviewed the submissions against a number of criteria, and a meeting had then been held to identify and agree the preferred proposals. Creative Play and ESP were identified as the preferred suppliers, and their plans were available for inspection at the meeting.

Councillor Dryland explained that the quotes received from these suppliers were considered sufficient for the purpose of funding applications, but it was likely that there would be some modifications to the plans and design when it was known what funding was available.

The proposals were approved by the Council.

4. The application for grant funding

A copy of this had been circulated to all Councillors for comment before the meeting. Councillor Dryland said that it was intended to use it for all applications, subject to some modification to meet the inclinations of individual funders. Councillor Cannock suggested there might be more reference to environmental benefits. It was also suggested that the benefits to the wider community, not just Woodmancote, might be emphasised. The Clerk had already suggested some minor amendments, and advised against any reference to a “village green”.

In general the funding application was approved by the Council.

5. Possible funders and suppliers

Councillor Dryland said that a funding target of £30,000 had been set. It was hoped to raise 90% from local councils, funding groups and charities, with 10% raised within the community. The fundraising campaign would run from 24 April until 7 August. The Fundraising Quiz was sold out, and financial pledges had been received from village residents.

Seven priority funding bodies had been identified, whose selection criteria is aligned to the objectives and benefits of the project, and these were approved by the Council. The Council also approved Creative Play and ESP as the preferred suppliers.

All those involved in the project were thanked for their work.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed

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