

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY ERLESTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5th June 2008

Present: Councillors, Mr. S. Jonik (Chairman), Mr. M. Gilbert, Mr. R.L. Smith, Mr. A. Pinnington, Mrs. D. Oram, Mr. G. Chapman, Ms F Morgan-Frise (left the meeting at 8.05pm) and Mrs A Whittle (Clerk).

72/08 Apologies. No apologies received.

73/08 Declaration of Interest. No declarations of interest were made.

74/08 Section 106 Funds To view new designs and make decision on what to purchase for the Park

The first item to be decided was what percentage of the monies will be apportioned to each area of possible expenditure. The areas are:

1. Play Equipment
2. Seating in the Park and the Secret Garden
3. Landscaping in the Park
4. Maintenance of the new equipment
5. Village Hall
6. Overheads (costs in organising whole project)
7. Maintenance on the existing equipment
8. The Secret Garden to include possible fencing and allotments.

Each Councillor then voted for which of the 8 areas they would like to see the money spent in. The top choice was 1. Play Equipment with 7 votes, joint second 2. Seating in the park and secret garden and 4. Maintenance of the new equipment with 5 votes each, joint third were 3. Landscaping in the park and 8. The Secret Garden to include possible fencing and allotments each with 3 votes.

The Councillors then looked at the display of information on the play equipment quotes from the three companies, Playdale, Proludic and GB Sport and Leisure. The clerk had collated the information received from the children at the open morning at the end of March and had asked each company to quote on the same style of equipment.

After lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Pinnington and seconded by Cllr Smith that the council purchase the following items of play equipment: Playdale Basketgoal Handball, Playdale Cone Climber, Playdale Spinner and Playdale encounter 7 at a total cost of £11952 plus VAT. All were in favour. Cllr Grundy had attended the meeting and advised the council that there may be monies available under the Kennet Small Grants Scheme to help with purchasing some of the items for this village project. The children had specifically asked for a sports wall but at a cost of £7934 it was decided that this was too much to be included in the funding for the play equipment so the Playdale Basketgoal Handball was chosen as a cheaper alternative. Now that there may be some extra funds it was proposed by Cllr Jonik and Seconded by Cllr Oram that the clerk approach Kennet for help with the extra cost to enable the council to purchase a sports wall. All were in favour. Cllr Oram then proposed that the council give the clerk the authority, once confirmation of any possible small grant funding had been received, to change the basket goal for a sports wall on the order. This was seconded by Cllr Gilbert and all were in favour. It was proposed by Cllr Oram that the clerk approach the small grants scheme for £6500. Cllr Gilbert seconded this and all were in favour.

The clerk will now confirm with Playdale the order for the Spinner, cone climber and encounter 7 and apply to Kennet DC small grant scheme before confirming the order for the Basket Goal Handball or Sportswall.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next meeting

Thursday 19th July, 7.15pm in the upstairs room of the George and Dragon Public House.