

Minutes of the extraordinary general meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 25th October 2021 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Present: Cllrs Spilsbury, Rowlands, Jeffries, Jones, Philpott; Peter Horton (Clerk);

Apologies : C’lrs Warlow, Morgan, Pratt, Neil James, Young, Wilkins.

0988 - Declaration of known interests

None.

0989 - Discussion of plans for possible redevelopment of Vine Field and provision of new play equipment

Members considered the quotations received from three suppliers – Creative Play, Sovereign Play, and Dragon Play. They felt the quotations without fencing, with the restoration of a gate at the entrance of the Vine Field, would be the better option, and concentrated their attention on the three quotations provided without fencing.

Members preferred the Sovereign Play option. Though the quotation was somewhat more expensive than the Creative Play one, it was considered to be the better option due to the higher specification of equipment offered. The quotation from Dragon Play was ruled out, one basis of negative feedback received concerning previous dealings with the company. It was resolved to select the Sovereign Play option for the purposes of the grant application paperwork (proposer C’lr Martyn Spilsbury, seconder C’lr Nina Philpott). It was recognised, however, that no final commitment to purchase the equipment, or to purchase from Sovereign Play, needed to be made until after a decision had been made on the grant application. C’lr Spilsbury to enquire with Sovereign Play about any other local installations completed.

Clerk to prepare and submit grant application for the Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant, this to include for the play equipment, but no landscaping of the field area.

C’lr Rowlands felt it important to consider fully future maintenance of any equipment obtained and installed.

In considering the matter, Members took account of the consultation responses received in response to the local consultation carried out by letter drop to 80 local properties, and also on the community webpage, community Facebook page and community noticeboard. The results were as follows :

Those against all proposals	5
Those in favour of all proposals	20
Those against garden but in favour of play equipment	2

Therefore it was noted that the responses had been overwhelmingly in favour of new play equipment provision by a large margin, with 22 for compared to 5 against.

The meeting concluded at 7-50pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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