

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Greatham Parish Council held at Greatham Village Hall on Tuesday 13th January 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Cllrs A Bridgman, A J Booton, P J Larner, D Redman, A Fellows

Also present Mrs A Rozario (clerk) and one member of the public.

022/09 Apologies for Absence A J Ascherl, C Rudd

023/09 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman pointed out the fire escapes in the event of a fire.

024/09 Declarations of Interest None

025/09 Playground Safety Report

Cllr Bridgman read out the summary prepared by the Clerk on the ROSPA inspection report carried out by Play Safety Ltd. The Councillors then discussed what needed to be done at the playground. It was agreed that new guardrails needed to be put in at the correct height. The standards are set out under BS EN1176 and now replace the previous standard BS 5696.

Cllr Redman at this point declared an interest in this item as a relative works for Hand Made Places.

It was agreed that a letter would be written to Hand Made Places, who had originally installed the playground and ask them to prepare a written quote on the items requested. Two separate quotes would be requested, one for the guardrails and one for the other general maintenance items mentioned in the report.

It was confirmed that the goal posts had been donated by Mr D Jerrard and belonged to the village hall. Also confirmed that the basketball area had been installed by GLAMA (now GVEC) and this was also owned by the village hall.

Mr D Rudd (who is on the village hall committee) said he would check with the village hall committee that the goal posts and basketball area are both insured through the village hall.

The Clerk confirmed that the playground would be on the agenda for the February Greatham Parish Council meeting.

026/09 Playground Drainage

Cllr Larner **proposed** that the meeting move into an exempt session. **Seconded** by Cllr Booton. The member of the public was then asked to leave the meeting.

Cllr Bridgman reported on the specification requested of all three contractors, which contained eight specific points.

Cllr Larner had prepared a summary of the three quotations to make it easier to compare. The Councillors then discussed the three quotes received. Concern was shown that this might not actually help with the drainage of the playground, but the Council would not find out until the work is actually done. Cllr Larner was concerned that not enough information had been collected on the possibilities of different drainage solutions. Cllr Bridgman confirmed that HAPF inspected the site and the specifications had been based on their report.

Cllr Larner said his preference was for R.C.D. Hoare who had previously been used by Selborne P.C., Liss P.C. and Petersfield Town Council.

Cllr Redman asked if the Parish Council could check with R.C.D. Hoare if the quote includes the drainage of the zip wire trench. If this was not included it might make the price too high. Also to check that it includes replacing the bark chippings in the trench.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to R.C.D. Hoare requesting clarification of the specification.

Cllr Bridgman suggested that the Parish Council employ R.C.D. Hoare, subject to the quote including the zip wire drainage and bark chippings.

Cllr Larner **Proposed** that the Parish Council accept R.C.D. Hoare's quote and write to confirm as per specification and his quote. The acceptance is subject to clarification that the quote does include the zip wire area. **Seconded** by Cllr Fellows. There was a show of hands with all in favour.

027/09 Date of Next Meeting

The next full Parish Council meeting would be on Monday 2nd February 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in Greatham Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.