

# WARESIDE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 10.00am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 at Councillor G Sheraidah's house, Wareside**

### ***Extraordinary meeting to discuss plans and funding for Wareside Playground***

Present: Councillor S Beavis (SB), Rebecca Burdick (RB) (Clerk), Councillor P Goodman (PG), Councillor M Ryan (MR) (Chairman) and Councillor G Sheraidah (GS).

#### **1. Apologies for absence.**

Councillor R Northcote and Councillor S Richards.

#### **2. Little Oak Heath (Allotments/Playing Field)**

GS updated Councillors that he and Susan Lankester from Network Homes met with Peter Chambers from Action Play & Leisure on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017. He presented a quote from Action Play and Leisure for the work to be undertaken along with computer generated images of what the playground would look like. The total cost of the playground is quoted at £25073 + VAT (which will be reclaimed). Peter has agreed that the work can be split into two phases, the first phase will cost £18000 + VAT - the current funds available (subject to a grant from WPC – see below). The second phase can then be undertaken when the additional funds of £7073 become available. Erecting the playground in two phases rather than one would not cost any more than the original quote.

First phase: Supply and install a 25x20 fenced, set play area with Requisite Safer Mats and comprising of:

- Litcham (LIT01)
- Springy Prancer (SPR18)
- Waxham (WAX01)
- Swing (SWG01)
- Timber Bench (FUR01)

Second phase: Installation of the Forest Stack (FSO2) and the Toddler Swing (SWG04).

#### **Current finances:**

<b>Funds in Playground account</b>	<b>Funds agreed but not yet paid into account</b>
£22.65 raised at meeting to form steering group	£8000 EHDC grant
£250 donated from Elec-Spec.com	£8000 Network Homes grant
£150 donated from WPC	
£45.26 raised from JP snooker club, Harlow	
Halloween Party raised £128	
<b>Total: £595.91</b>	<b>Total: £16000</b>
<b>Grand total: £16595.91</b>	

#### **Grant Application:**

A grant application was presented to WPC from the Playground Committee applying for a grant of £2000 from the Parish Council to go towards building the playground. The grant would bring total funds to £18595.91 and enable the first phase of building to begin.

The Councillors present unanimously voted in favour of giving a £2000 grant to the Playground Committee.

**Next Steps:**

To place the order for the playground a 25% deposit (£4500) needs to be paid. It takes 10-12 weeks for the equipment to be delivered and a further two weeks to complete the building works.

In order to have the funds to pay the deposit one of the grants from either EHDC or Network Homes needs to be paid. GS has filled in the "Grant Acceptance form" for the EHDC grant and will send it to Tracy Matthews asap. RB to contact Kirsty Stevens to progress payment of the Network Homes grant.

The two grants and the current funds in the Playground bank account will be paid into the WPC current account. Funds from this account will then pay the 25% deposit to Action Play & Leisure when available and the remaining amount when required.

In respect of raising further funds to complete phase two of the project GS informed the Council that the Playground Committee would be applying for the Tesco Carrier Bags grant, Affinity Water grant and the Stansted Airport community grant. They will also be reapplying for the A4A grant.

PG suggested and said he would be in favour of WPC providing a grant to finish the second phase of building if it became apparent funding was not available from other grant giving bodies.

**Next meeting date Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall.**

**Meeting closed at 11.30 am**

**Signed.....M.Ryan..... Date.....18<sup>th</sup> May 2017.....**