

THRILOW PARISH COUNCIL

Report from Parish Council Sub-Committee meeting, 26th April 2018 at Green Man pub, Thriplow at 7.30 pm

Present: Terry Smith, Mark Brogan, David Schneider and Darren Mullett

Others Attending: None

1. Apologies for Absence: None

2. Package 1:-

All quotations and options were reviewed (Wicksteed, TGOGC and Fresh air Fitness) and the unanimous choice of supplier was the Great Outdoor Gym Company.

It is marketed as British made and build, they have been responsive and following up and the equipment has been viewed by one representative in Great Chesterford and the equipment looks sturdy and robust.

Would suggest others if they get the chance also review. They were looking specifically to install this type of equipment and chose them too.

Should try to contact organiser to understand if any problems / issues encountered.

3. Package 2:-

As above. Need to ensure we don't duplicate equipment and look to complement each other. Agreement was to purchase Package 2 and strengthen range by purchasing additional equipment from Package 1.

4. Package 3:-

Caledonia, Wicksteed and Playdale all quoted

Climber – All 3 options very similar. Suggest all committee look on web at all options as probably get more idea with better pictures. They appear the right size and complexity for 9 – 14 yr olds. Wicksteed appears to occupy the largest footplate, Caledonia 2nd. Caledonia slightly taller and might be more adaptable, need to discuss with them. **(Action: DM, DS)**

Swing – Wicksteed metal but design in line with expectations for teens. Caledonian wooden but more aimed at younger children. Playdale metal and large footplate but in line with expectations. Decision was that all 3 not quite right. Would prefer wooden so need to do further investigations into supplier options.

Zip wire – Wicksteed metal – not liked. Playdale wooden, very simplistic / basic, not really liked. Caledonia ticks the boxes. Choice made to go with Caledonia.

Monkey bars – under review. Already included as part of Calisthetics module. Review options and designs to see if an adaptation would work better and keep younger ones away from Gym equipment. **(Action: All)**

5. Package 4

Trampoline – really unsure about the design requirements here and with no formal quotations except Wicksteed to work from reluctant to take any decisions yet. DS to contact another playground with circular version to see if we can investigate this option.

6. Layout / Plan

Option A considered most practical and suitable for all residents. Gym equipment and zip wire locations agreed. Dependant on measurements and tree positions can determine others later.

7. Additional info

Current expectation for Package 1 & 2 is around £25K

Current expectation for Package 3 is around £30K

Current expectation for package 4 is between £6K - £10K

Ancillary – benches, landscaping, notice boards etc - £5K

Tolerance – around +/- £5K

Original budget expectation was £85K. To date, could be under budget.

The organiser thanked everyone for attending and the meeting ended at 9.30 pm

For consideration at next meeting:

Finalise decisions from tonight, if not already completed in between.

Finalise layout / plan on area

Agree in which order installations made, and rationale.

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Signed Organiser

Dated27th April 2018.....