

ASKHAM BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL

held on Tuesday 6th June 2023 starting at 7pm on Main Street near to the Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillor Helen Dawson (Chair)
Councillors Jason Boakes Mark Walker David Wiseman

In attendance: The Clerk.

1 APOLOGIES. Cllrs. Barber, Peers and Smith.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None.

3 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT QUOTATIONS.

Two quotations were considered, although one was cheaper, the meeting considered which one was best value for money as the proposals were not identical. One had smaller towers and included a sit on springer and a safety mat. It was felt that due to the overall height of the equipment, the safety mat was not really necessary. The proposal from HAGS included metal foundations. The first one quoted for was bigger. The Chair had spoken to one of the suppliers (Creative Play) the previous day regarding delivery timescales and established that delivery would be the second week in July. The second option included an extra bouncy toy. The first quotation had been given on the assumption that the mound would be flattened. The Creative Play quotation was £13,000 and the HAGS quotation was £10,000 (which included a £3,000 discount). It was noted that there was £8,900 grant funding available and about £1,900 which had been raised at a quiz night a couple of years previously. Although this was slightly short of the amount necessary, there were sufficient funds in the bank to cover this by using money budgeted elsewhere if necessary. The Clerk advised that the Value Added Tax (VAT) could be reclaimed without waiting for the end of the financial year. It was **resolved** to accept the quotation from Creative Play (as the better value solution and more in keeping with the aspirations of the project), subject to confirmation that there was available funding in the budget, all in favour. Speed of delivery and quality were prime considerations in this decision.

4 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be 15th June 2023 at 7:30pm.

The calendar of other meetings for 2023 was 20th July, 17th August, 21st September, 19th October and 16th November 2023. All to be held at the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 7:25pm.

Signed

Chairman
20 July 2023