

**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parks and Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 9.00am via Zoom.**

Present: Cllr Crawford (Chairman)  
Cllrs I Capon, J Cann, F Biederman and C MacCormack-Hole.  
Also present: Mrs K Graddock – Deputy Executive Officer (DEO).

2008/22      **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Adams.

2008/23      **Declarations of Interest**  
None received.

2008/24      **Minutes**  
It was **resolved** unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Due to Covid-19 this will be completed at a later date.

2008/25      **Crime Prevention Advice and CCTV – The Beechfield Centre**  
Members were re-circulated a report from the Crime Prevention Officer in relation to anti-social behaviour being experienced at The Beechfield Centre prior to the meeting. Cllr Cann expressed her concern regarding the use of a mosquito alarm and proposed that it is not an option, however, the Clerk did clarify that members were requested to look at the CCTV option first as this will hopefully help with the anti-social behaviour and deter the offenders. Cllr Crawford called a point of order and asked for members to consider this matter. It was **resolved** with 3 abstentions that the mosquito alarm option is not considered for The Beechfield Centre.

Members were re-circulated the 4 quotations received for CCTV at The Beechfield Centre. These are as follows:

<b>M &amp; E Alarms Ltd</b>	£2253.80 + VAT Annual Maintenance fee of 1 service is £50.00 + VAT
<b>Barum Friend Security Ltd</b>	£2175.00 + VAT for system £50.00 + VAT for each visit
<b>Blanchard Fire and Security</b>	£1775.00 + VAT for system Annual Maintenance £70.00 + VAT
<b>Boden Group</b>	£1172.11 + VAT No information on annual maintenance fees

Cllr Capon raised his concerns regarding the quotation from Bodens, as it did not provide information as to the quality and makes of the cameras and felt the quote was unprofessional. He added that

members needed to consider the primary purpose of the CCTV system which will be for general surveillance and the health and safety of staff. Some members raised concerns regarding the costs, given the Council's position and whether the more expensive quotations would offer a different service. The DEO explained that two of the companies enabled the CCTV system to expand easily in the future and would prevent the Council from potentially having to spend further funds to upgrade systems to enable additional cameras to be added to the system. She further explained that she had received no official notification from the Finance and Personnel Committee that any of the Parks and Playing Fields budgets had been cut and that CCTV was budgeted for in the 2020/21 budget. Members felt a longer-term solution was important, for both financial and operational reasons. After a lengthy debate members **resolved** unanimously to appoint M & E Alarms for £2,253.80 + VAT and £50.00 + VAT for Annual Maintenance due to the level of service being offered and the information they provided in the quotation and it was felt that they could offer the most efficient and effective longer term system.

2008/26

**Climate Emergency Working Party**

Members were re-circulated the CEWP notes from the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020. These can be found on the Council's website.

Cllr Cann raised concerns over the membership size and private affairs of some of the members and that she felt the group was becoming a Committee. The DEO explained that the CEWP is made up of all different individuals with an interest in the environment and that no party politics were brought to the meeting and a Council officer is also present. Some members felt that the CEWP had worked particularly hard on the Neighbourhood Plan contributions and that it is important to actively engage as many people as possible who can inform and recommend to the Parks and Playing Fields of future initiatives that will benefit and support the community of Fremington Parish. After further discussion it was **resolved** with 1 abstention that the CEWP notes be received and noted and the CEWP is thanked for their time and effort.

Meeting ended at 9.54am.

Signed: ..... Dated:.....