

Findern Parish Council
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**MINUTES OF THE FINDERN PARISH COUNCIL – HILLSIDE PLAYING FIELD
WORKING GROUP HELD ON 22ND FEBRUARY 2017 AT FINDERN METHODIST
CHAPEL COMMENCING AT 7PM**

Present:

Findern Parish Council:

Cllr Mary Goodall, Cllr Richard Brook and Cllr Maurice Johnson.

South Derbyshire District Council:

Zoe Sewter, Ian Hey and Cllr Martyn Ford.

Residents:

Dawn Foote, Phil Smith, John Hawkins, Richard Giles- Grant, Andrew Govan,
Hayley Heath

Karen Lewing, Lynette Nash, Heather Hall, John Deakin, Ian Robinson, Nicola
Turner

Verity Skerritt and Abby Litting

1) Minute Number 001/2017 - Background to the project:

- Hillside Playing Field owned by SDDC and licensed to Findern Parish Council
- Existing children's play area old and defunct and in need of replacement
- Ideally to be completed for summer holidays 2017
- £10,000 Tesco grant awarded to Findern Parish Council for refurbishment of Children's Play Area – accepted in January 2017

2) Minute Number 002/2017 - Children's Play Area refurbishment

ZS outlined the options on purchase of new equipment.

Quotations had been received from 5 different suppliers –Streetscape quote was the best value for money in terms of quantity and play value.

There was a discussion regarding the scale of project, i.e. Option A spend £24k on refurbishment of entire area or Option B to spend £10k on 2 new pieces of equipment.

- Recommendation from group to aim for option A (attached)
- Preference for metal fencing expressed
- Suggestion to include fencing and signage improvements to entrance of site
- Offers of assistance for labour (e.g. site clearance) were gratefully received by the Parish Council, and could reduce the project cost by £500

3) Minute Number 003/2017 - Finance

Quotation received from Streetscape for improvements to play area total **£24,500 + VAT**, comprising of:

Supply and installation of new play equipment	£18,560
Supply and installation of metal railings and 1x self closing gate	£7715

Removal of existing equipment	£500
Carriage	£350
Less special discount (if all works procured)	-£2625

Confirmed income £16,000:

Tesco Bags of Help	£10,000
SDDC	£5,000
DCC Community Chest fund	£1,000

Shortfall £8,500 (plus additional for extra fencing and signage, costs tbc).

Letters had also been sent to Mercia Marina & Murrays Funeral Directors for sponsorship.

IH outlined grant opportunities to meet shortfall and suggested Awards for All Lottery grant may be applicable.

For funding purposes, the overall project can be divided into a number of distinct projects so as to ensure compliance with grant conditions and to maximise funding. There should be an opportunity to build in some element of community celebration to recognise the community contribution – potential inclusion within funding application.

- The overall project aim is to improve Hillside Playing Field.
- Project 1 – the "Tesco" project – installation of new play equipment – approx. £18k
- Project 2 – fencing – to be broken down into main entrance and barrier fencing for the play area – approx. £8k
- Project 3 – signage – suggest some kind of signage to acknowledge contributors – Tesco, SDDC, DCC, any sponsors – list in order of value of financial contribution. This should also recognise the value of the volunteers' contribution.

4) Minute Number 004/2017 - Actions (prior to w/c 13 March):

Check requirement for and cost of installation of 2x gates (only 1 in quote) – AL
 Alternative quotes for fencing supply & installation to be sought. *RG-G offered to draw up specification and quantities and send to IR for costing*

Costs for signage required - ZS

Check ownership of land between Hillside and Recreation Ground – ZS

Funding criteria for Awards for All to be checked - IH

Then:

Approval required from Findern PC to proceed with project on basis outlined above – next meeting 9th March 2017

Then:

Project plan to be agreed, including the mobilisation of task groups – FPC/SDDC
 Next working group meeting w/c 13th March (date & venue TBC) – to concentrate on funding to complete Awards for All application.

At the end of the meeting the Chair of the Parish Council Cllr M Goodall, thanked everyone for their attendance and said how heartening it was that we had such a good skills base in the village to tap into.

Signed.....Dated.....