

Present: Mrs R.Heseltine [Chairman]
Mrs C. Young [Vice Chairman]
Mrs P Allen
Mrs S.Bott
Miss C Duffell
D.J.Billson
AA Bourke
NP Caine
AK Black
D.Fereday

Also Present: Parish Clerk – Tony Tappenden

163/08 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllrs Mrs PN Pitt, Mrs A.James
AK James D.Heseltine and S.Bott.

164/08 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declarations were offered.

165/08 **PERTON MUGA / PLAYGROUND SUPPLIER EVALUATION**

The Clerk informed the members that three quotes had been obtained for the Muga and Playground projects. Each supplier had been informed that the two projects should be subject to separate quotes but the winning supplier would receive orders for both the Muga and Playground each of which will be installed at the same time and therefore the quotations should reflect this. In this way the Parish Council will obtain maximum economy of scale and Project Management will be far easier and cheaper. The quotes were obtained from Record RSS, SMP and Proludic. Proludic were late entrants and were not able to provide a fully supported bid to the correct specification and thus could not be considered on a like for like basis. Of the remaining two suppliers SMP provided a full response to the Muga specification and also provided a choice of three schemes for the Playground. Record RSS provided a reasonable response to the Muga with one or two items either missing or requiring further clarification and also provided two schemes for the Playground. Both of the bids fall within the budget set aside for these projects. In each case the Playground schemes were designed within the parameters of a pre-stated budget of £75k. The two Muga offerings whilst within budget have some price differential but the members may wish to view this against the specification compliance and any general quality differential between the two products.

The Members examined the graphical representations of each option together with the layout drawings and received brief input from Cllr D.Billson who had previously visited the recent new Muga installation at Gnosall.

RESOLVED that, following some discussion between the Members on the pros and cons of each bid and then a vote via show of hands which showed unanimous agreement, the supplier for both the Muga installation and Playground project will be SMP Playgrounds. Additionally:

- 1) The Clerk will liaise with SMP to seek an additional scheme for the playground to address the possible replacement of the retained Springer instead of new benches and bins and also the optional cost of an additional swing.
- 2) It was agreed that due to the volume of early valuable advice offered to the Parish

Council by Barbara Juniper she will be invited to the opening ceremony notwithstanding that she no longer works at South Staffordshire Council.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th February 2008 @ 7.00 pm
The meeting closed @ 6.40 pm

Chairman
11th February 2008