

Minutes of a meeting of the **Whitwick Park Committee** held on **25 March 2015** at the Youth Club Building, Whitwick Park.

Present: Cllr R Woodward (Chairman) and A Barker

Lorraine and Phil Ellis, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

Portia Berry-Kilby, Member of the UK Youth Parliament for Leicestershire

Ian Gowdridge, Grounds Maintenance Team Leader, NWLDC

Catherine Ridgeway, Community Focus, NWLDC

An Apology for Absence was received from Cllr D Howe

No declarations of interests were made in respect of any items on the agenda

1. Workout in Whitwick: Provision of Outdoor Gym Equipment

Consideration was given to recommending to the Council which scheme should be implemented for this project.

Members were reminded that the Council's 'Workout in Whitwick' bid for '£20,000 for Seven' funding had been awarded £10,000 which could be added to £21,634 available through Section 106 monies, giving a total of £31,634 available to spend. It was noted that any additional sums would need to be topped up by the Parish Council although no specific provision had been made in the 2015/16 budget.

As previously agreed, the following suppliers had been invited to attend the meeting to present their schemes. They had been requested to meet the Council's budget and split the amount equally between junior and senior (14+ years) equipment. The suppliers were seen in turn:

Ed Wrench, Caloo Limited

Doug Bellfield, Streetscape Products and Services Limited

Jodie Midlane and Stuart Wetherell, Wicksteed Leisure Limited

Each presenter circulated quotations and design schemes to the meeting.

Cat Ridgeway was in attendance to assess whether the quotations met the '£20,000 for Seven' award criteria. Ian Gowdridge was available to answer Members' technical and maintenance queries.

Having assessed all the schemes, Members expressed a preference to the scheme submitted by Wicksteed which they felt met the 'value for money' test and offered a better degree of robustness.

RECOMMENDED:

That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee to be held on 31 March to enable Wicksteed to consider alternatives to the proposed climbing wall in the junior area.

Before closing the Meeting, the Chairman thanked Portia Berry-Kilby for her very helpful input to the meeting.