

## GREAT CHESTERFORD PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT

At the next meeting on Wednesday, the Parish Council need to consider and hopefully approve the following.

### BACKGROUND

As previously discussed, we have a number of grants for the playground that are valid for one year (£2,500 from Stansted Community Fund was granted last September) and to date we have only raised £14,500 of the £25K needed to totally refurbish the playground. In order to give us the maximum amount available for playground equipment, I suggested we divide this project into two phases. In phase 1 we spend the £14,500 on equipment and in phase 2 buy the picnic bench (requested) and more equipment at a later date.

With this in mind, I asked the four playground companies to come back to me with a quote which matched our £14,500 budget. Attached are quotes from Safe and Sound and Wicksteed. Miracle (the third company) is struggling to pare their quote down and I haven't heard from Record RSS. So far, the Friends of Gt Chesterford School have seen both quotes and like Safe and Sound.

The funding breaks down as follows:

Stansted Community Fund £2,500

Essex County Council, Communities Initiatives Fund - £10,000

Chesterfords Pre-School - £500

Saffron Walden Round Table - £500

Parish Council budget for playground - £1,000

*Chesterford Carnival Committee - £500 to be confirmed*

*Friends of Great Chesterford School - £300 approx to be confirmed*

### PROPOSAL

I propose the following:

1. The Parish Council agree to spend £14,500 with Safe and Sound.
2. The Parish Council buy the picnic bench ahead of phase 2 funding. The need for a bench has come up time and time again, not only in the questionnaire but from emails to me. The bench (which seats 10 and wheelchair friendly) is £850 plus VAT but Elaine has confirmed we have £500 in our 'benches' budget and we have an extra £500 from Pre-School.

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