

**Minutes of the special meeting of the Steeple Aston Parish Council held on
Monday 23rd February 2021 by Zoom Videoconference**

Present: Richard MacAndrew (RM) [chair], Martin Lipson (ML), Stuart Ferguson (SF), Charlotte Clarke (CC), Rebecca Lewin (RL)

Members of the public : No members of the public were present

In attendance: Cathy Fleet (Clerk)

No apologies were received

The sole purpose of the meeting was to discuss the quotes received for the refurbishment of the playground.

Quotes received:

Kompan	£39447
Trevor Stewart	£11440
Playground Works	£15715 (£14500 with discount)
Playforce	£30168 (£29300 with discount)

ML had carried out a detailed analysis of the quotes and provided a spreadsheet of the breakdown prior to the meeting.

Comments from the public:

- Reduce access to the carpark for children
- Provide better shutting gates to the toddler area
- consider the surface to the mound, rubber/wodchip bonded together

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the preferred supplier would be Playground Works.

Questions to be raised included:

- Junior area fencing to be included?
- Gates - to be made more childproof
- rubber bonded mulch on the mound
- Query the cost of sleeper replacement
- Cost of repairs to the pagoda
- Examples of work and previous clients to be obtained
- Payment terms to be clarified
- Provision of benches

ML will contact Playground Works to clarify the above and to discuss a contract, suggesting the use of a Short Form of Trade contract. Subject to satisfactory responses it was RESOLVED that Playground Works be appointed contractors for the work.

Signed **Date**