

Crudwell Parish Council meeting – Tues 7th February 2017
Public Speaking – Rob Williams Creative Play - Play Equipment Proposal

Mr Williams was introduced to the council, he had met members previously whilst they viewed an installation at Kempsford.

The proposed equipment is a modular system and provides 'challenge' from 4 years to early teens. Platforms 1.5m to 2.1 m with multi levels, the tower is a little taller. Equipment secured into the ground with steel posts.

Timber uprights are guaranteed against rot for 20 years. Square cut posts rather than round as there is less splitting which is better for finger entrapment, and is softer to touch/easier to work with. Ropes and fixtures & fittings guaranteed for 5 years but will last longer. Steel core ropes and cannot twist. Foot holes and tunnel guaranteed for 5 years but will last longer.

Timber is a UK soft timber, of a high quality from FSC suppliers – sustainable and vetted for quality. Firemans pole item is expensive but Creative Play will lower the cost. It is not possible to re-use the pole in situ as it is too short. Regarding the removal of existing equipment (upright and stays concreted in) a small digger would be used. Equipment would be taken apart, to a stump, then dig down to remove concrete and timber. Removal costs are mainly for hire of digger and skips. Timber will be removed or Parish Council could be retained if they chose to find another use.

Creative Play works with many councils and schools and are experienced in their field. Holes will be reused where possible. All works meets BS and European standard, 1176 and 1177. Installation quotes to extend bark area, it would be reconfigured with new timber edging.

Creative Play do not provide a barking service, but the Parish Council advised this is something they can undertake. Barking would need to in line with BS and European standard 1177 in accordance with critical fall heights. It was noted that Standards have changed since the installation of the current play area equipment

Firemans pole – previous price quoted is £780, this can be reduced to £498, making it the cheapest component on the tower.

Ongoing maintenance and packages.

Package 2 was proposed as most suitable for the Parish Council and equipment.

- Annual inspection and service £370 + VAT to include: -
- Thorough operational inspection and service of Creative Play equipment. Renewal of worn moving parts and full report (includes quotation for chargeable works)
- Annual inspection of entire play area by an independent RPII inspector together with full report

Creative Play have offered to and train someone from Crudwell PC to carry out interim inspections and will advise on record keeping. The annual inspection is undertaken by independent registered playground inspector.

Timescale and installation

3 weeks' lead time to order the equipment, 2.5 weeks' installation period.

Installations are undertaken by employees of Creative Play who are DBS checked, not sub-contractors.

Progressing to installation, through to hand-over

1. Surveyor to check ground/site of installation 2. Risk assessment/health and safety checks undertaken. 3. Thereon, Creative Play manage the installation, through Team Leader and employees and further checks from surveyor. 4. When installation is complete, the surveyor will 'sign off' the installation and formally hand-over to the Parish Council.

Quotation (net of VAT) Creative Play reference 196/02

The quotation gives a total project fee exc VAT £22,280.00

The following discounts were offered:-

Discount offered to Firemans Post item	- £300.00
Further discount offered by Creative Play	- £1000.00*
Revised total	£ 20,980.00

* Should Crudwell Parish Council contract Creative Play, they would like to:-

- Use this project in promotional materials, to involve local press etc. as a showpiece installation.
 - It was hoped a formal opening of the new playground could be organised with the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council members were in agreement this was acceptable.

Re-siting of 1 x toddler play item

There is a need to move the site of a piece of toddler equipment closer to the entrance gate for spatial reasons and has been included in quotation to do this. **Q** Will the spacing around the re-sited equipment be adequate? **A** Creative Play would check this and would consider the gate opening inwards. Creative Play cannot guarantee the condition of this piece after removal, but problems are not anticipated, it is thought to be uncomplicated. The surface grass around this area would be made good, there is webbing and it was thought this can be reused.

Access

There is good access to the site, there was only a need for one or 2 skips at a time. Equipment would arrive on a flatbed lorry, assembly would be on site. The area will be fenced off for security reasons (it is a construction site.) The quotation provides for a contractors toilet and steel storage container.

Mrs Smith was in attendance from the Crudwell Village Hall management committee and the possible timing of installation was discussed. It was agreed that should installation go ahead, it would be prudent to not undertake the project over the summer months, not in June due to the Cycle Race and try to avoid the second Tuesday of the month (due to hall bookings). The Parish Council would take this into account to minimise disruption.

Questions

Q Are the poles galvanised? **A** Yes they are. Creative Play do not manufacture steel posts.

Q Can installation take place before the barking the new area? **A** Yes, Creative Play can provide dimensions to assist ordering the bark. **Q** What is the depth requirement? **A** Recommended depth is 300 mm, but this is not a legal requirement. In this area, there is grass underneath which is effectively a safety surface.

Mr Williams was thanked for presenting the project and left the meeting at 19.29.