

5. Report on Playground equipment.

The bidding for this began back in October, once Abi & I decided upon Norfolk Games & Frames as the supplier. 3 bids were made initially: £10,000 to Veolia, £30,000 to the Norfolk Community Construction Fund and £10,000 to the Awards for All, the small arm of the Big Lottery. The bids were made through the Parish Council to circumvent the VAT problem; the PC pledged £2,200 and the Committee pledged £1,000 towards the cost, to show willing. The Veolia bid needed underwriting by £5,000. The Council refused to do this, and the bid only survived by the kind intervention of an anonymous donor, who underwrote the bid. Once the bid from Veolia was secured, the Awards for All added to it by £4,255. This, along with £1,600 from the Council, was enough to purchase and install the Infants' equipment, which is now on the field.

£10,000 has been awarded from The Big Society with the assistance of Trevor Ivory. A further £1,000 has been secured from the Paul Bassham Trust, for which Abi Rudd played a major part. We still have £900 from the Committee and £600 from the Council to add to this fund. We need only a further £2,000 and we have enough for the main part of the Junior project. There is one outstanding bid, made to the Victory Housing Trust Fund, which pronounces at the end of this month.