

Date: 27 November 2019

New Shipping Container – Carrington Recreation Ground

Executive Summary

To consider three quotes for the purchase of a new shipping container, including associated ground works, to provide storage provision at Carrington Recreation Ground.

Recommendation to Council (9 December 2019)

That Members agree:

- i) the quote from Cleveland Containers to purchase a new 40ft shipping container for Carrington Recreation Ground at a cost of £9,940 + £1,988 VAT = £11,928;**
- ii) the associated ground works at a cost of £1,000 + £200 VAT = £1,200, and**
- iii) to submit a planning application as required.**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider three quotes and agree the purchase of a new shipping container, including associated ground works, to provide storage provision at Carrington Recreation Ground.

2. Background

- 2.1 Ash Parish Council use an area of Carrington Recreation Ground as a storage compound and at the Council meeting on 9 September 2019 (Minute 61), Members agreed to the removal of the three old shipping containers and portacabins at the site that have reached the end of their useful life and are beyond economic repair.
- 2.2 At the 28 October 2019 AFA Committee (Minute 77), Members considered the style of future storage provision for Carrington Recreation Ground and agreed that detailed quotes for 40 foot ex-shipping containers, with side access bi-fold doors and the associated groundworks, be presented to a future meeting for approval.
- 2.3 This report sets out three quotes for the replacement 40 foot shipping container and two quotes for the necessary ground works. One quote is just for wet-pour cement and does not include the preparation of the ground. The other includes both.

3. Quotations

- 3.1 Quotes for replacement shipping containers are set out in Table 1 below. The size of the containers quoted are 40 foot x 8 foot x 9 foot high = 320 ft sq, (or 12.2m x 2.4m x 2.75m high = 29.28m sq).

Table 1 – Quotes for Forty Foot Shipping Container With Side Access

Company	Net	Total Net + VAT	Total
Cleveland Containers (Bi-Fold Doors)	Container £8,495 Lights and Power Sockets £995 Delivery £400 Padlock £50	£9,940 + £1,988	£11,928
Lion Containers Ltd.	Container £8795 Lighting and Power Sockets £1,200 (to exclude heating option) Delivery £395	£10,390 + £2,078	£12,468
S Jones Containers	Container £10,315 Lighting and Sockets £900 Locking System £120	£11,335 £2,267	£13,602

Ground Works

- 3.2 Shipping containers direct all of their weight through the four corners and therefore only the corners require level hard standing. It is therefore proposed that the groundworks consist of four 1m² corners of concrete, plus a 1m wide strip along the front opening (12m). The price quoted by Fairway paving is £1,000.
- 3.3 Pricing for wet-pour cement is per cubic metre, so with a depth of 5cm, this creates a mass of approx. 1.6 m³ at a cost of £99.50 per cubic metre i.e. £159.20 + VAT. The ground would need to be prepared and finished off by Council staff.

Electrical Connections

- 3.4 The cost of de-connecting the old electricity supplies and re-connecting the supply to the new container has been quoted as £520.00.

Planning Permission

- 3.5 Guildford Borough Council's Planning Officers have indicated that the removal of the old shipping container and portacabins do not require planning permission but the replacement containers will. The Clerk will submit the appropriate application once this action has been approved. The fee is expected to be in the region of £117 (includes a 50% reduction for parish councils).

4. Options

- 4.1 Members are asked to:

- a) Agree the Clerk's recommendation or
- b) Agree an alternative course of action.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 Ash Parish Council has budgeted £15,000 net expenditure for this project in this financial year and £6,000 grant income. The cost of the removal of the old container and portacabins agreed at the 9 September Council meeting is £5,800 net and the new container is £9,940 net making a total of £15,740. The electrical connections, ground works and planning application fee can therefore be met from the Council's existing revenue budget.
- 5.2 In 2017/18 the Council was awarded a concurrent function grant from Guildford Borough Council of £6,000 towards a total scheme of £15,000. If the £6,000 grant is not spent/claimed by 31 March 2020, it will be lost.

6. Implications on Crime and Disorder

- 6.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Section 17) requires a parish council to consider the crime and disorder implications of any decision. There are no direct implications arising from this report although our recreation grounds are subject to anti-social behaviour and vandalism from time to time. A closed-circuit TV camera is in position at Carrington Recreation Ground Play Area and it may be necessary to request a further camera to cover the storage compound in future (approx. £2,700). New secure fencing for the storage compound can also be considered in future when budgets allow (approx. £7,000).

7. Implications on Biodiversity

- 7.1 The Natural Environment and Communications Act 2006 (Section 40) requires parish councils to consider the impact any decisions will have on biodiversity. There are no direct biodiversity implications arising from this report.

8. Background Papers

- 8.1 Council Minute 49, 12 September 2016 - Concurrent Function Grant Aid 2017/2018.
Council Minute 61, 9 September 2019 - Storage Provision Carrington Depot
AFA Minute 77, 28 October 2019 - Carrington New Storage Provision

9. Appendices

None.