

Minutes of the Meeting of Hartshill Parish Council
Extraordinary Meeting Friday 19th February 2021 – 10am Online remote meeting

Councillors: Chairman Councillor Roberts, Vice-Chairperson Councillor Pearson, Sharp, Lees, Parker

In attendance: Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Wood (Work Commitments), Thomason (Family Commitments)

1)- Welcome and apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2) Procedural items

Councillors are reminded that they must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person, or act to gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend or close associate – Noted.

3) Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, s81 and the Parish Councils (Model code of Conduct) Order 2001, members are asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting as well as any gifts or hospitality received. This requirement applies to elected members and co-opted members – Noted.

4) Chairman's Announcement

In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillors and members of the public are reminded that the law permits any person to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of a meeting of the Council or its Committees when they are open to the public. This does not extend to live verbal commentary. Filming and photography will only be permitted from the area designated. No flash photography or additional lighting should be used without prior consent. Anyone wishing to report on the meeting should notify the Clerk or Chairman so that they can be afforded reasonable facilities. People under the age of 18 or other members of the public not wishing to be filmed or photographed should notify the Clerk or Chairman and should sit in the area designated for this purpose. Improper conduct or any disruptive behaviour could result in expulsion from the meeting – Noted.

5) Grange Road Recreation Ground

Councillor Roberts has met with Katherine Webster, NWBC's Green Space officer to view the site and discuss the Parish Councils plans to rejuvenate the play space. Katherine has since provided an estimate for the costings which will be approximately £33,275 without VAT.

This cost includes:

- Circular tarmac path for bikes. Walkers and wheelchair users to surround the edges of the field.
- 2 Bins
- 2 Benches
- And various play boulders in different sizes.

The Council discussed and voted that they would prefer picnic style benches in a composite material less likely to suffer damage through vandalism. Aware that the cost of these will be higher.

The Council discussed that the entrance gate will need to be widened with a disabled access key and the entrance by the gate smoothed and levelled.

Further suggestions for the future were to add signage to mark meters for those wishing to measure the length of their walks/fitness challenges.

Proposed by Councillors Roberts, Seconded by Councillor Parker that the Council are committed to spending at least £33,275.00 on the rejuvenation of Grange Road Recreation ground.

Resolved

6) Steps to the Hollows (Hartshill Hayes)

Chairperson Councillor Roberts has been meeting with a number of Contractors to discuss the repair/replacement of the steps leading to the area of Hartshill Hayes known as the Hollows.

Three contractors were asked to provide quotes for both the repair and replacement of the steps.

- **Contractor 1 – Quote £15480.00 for repair only.**

It was noted that they did not include drainage in the quote.

- **Contractor 2 – Quote £15480.00 for repair only. £26500.00 for full replacement.**

Quote had no mention of resurfacing the entry way after the work was carried out. No concrete walkway over stream mentioned and no drainage.

- **Contractor 3 – Quote £5350.00 for repair only.**

Quote included everything asked for including items not covered in above two quotes. Contractor did not believe the steps needed a full replacement and repair work would make them safe again. Quote included the installation of 7 additional steps to compensate for the current large rise between steps. Installation of drainage pipe and fit to storm drain. Replace washed away stone, and the replacement of wooden fencing posts, rails and mesh.

When work is completed the Parish Council will need confirmation in writing that North Warwickshire Borough Council are liable for any accidents/incidents that should take place on the steps.

Proposed by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor Sharp and resolved by the Council to offer the contract to Contractor 3 R. Kiteley for the sum of £5350.00

Resolved.

- End of Meeting – 11.30am

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