

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 14th MARCH 2014 AT 1.15 P.M. IN THE PERKINS ROOM TAPLOW VILLAGE CENTRE HIGH STREET TAPLOW

Present

Cllr. George Sandy (Chairman) Cllr. Rachel Gainey-Corcoran
Cllr. Euan Felton Cllr. Iris Midlane
Mrs. Hilda Holder –Clerk
One member of the public, Mr. Alistair Forsyth.
The Chairman declared the meeting open at 1.15pm.

PC/16/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr. Marina Grazier, Cllr. Elizabeth Forsyth and Cllr. John Bamberg.

PC/17/14 To agree which tree surgeon's quotation to accept regarding works identified in the recent tree survey

17.1 Cllr. Sandy explained that the meeting had been called to decide which of the two contractors (who had provided a quote) to engage to undertake the tree work identified in the tree survey. Cllr. Felton noted that Landmark had not provided a breakdown of their costs but was reassured by the Clerk that both contractors had been asked to quote against an identical list of works.

17.2 Mr. Forsyth wished to complain that he had not been kept advised on the situation relating to the Old Priory Garden (OPG). He had had some information unofficially via the Clerk and via his wife, Cllr. Liz Forsyth, but he did not feel he had had any official feedback and would have liked the opportunity to have contributed. He advised that two working parties had recently undertaken a great deal of work including felling trees and it made much of the tree survey report he had seen relating to the OPG out of date. He added that the working group were keen to replant the hedge on the footpath.

17.3 Cllr. Sandy confirmed that the Council was only concerned - in order to comply with the requirements of its insurers - with one tree identified as T8 within the OPG and the Clerk confirmed she had advised Mr. Forsyth of this but accepted she had not followed up officially on this. Cllr. Sandy added that the Council was keen to be able to hand over the lease officially to THRGA as soon as possible and the importance of two way communication was mentioned. **It was agreed** that only the works identified in relation to the Village Green trees and T8 in the OPG should be undertaken.

17.4 Cllr. Felton calculated that R. Watts' quote was fractionally cheaper at a total cost of £2405 plus VAT. **It was agreed unanimously** that the Council accept the quote provided by R. Watts and that they be instructed to proceed as soon as possible. **It was agreed** that this would need doing regardless of school term time dates but that the contractor be asked to ensure everything was done to ensure there was no risk to children - for example by putting up barriers and not undertaking work at school opening and closing times and that the school be notified when work was due to take place.

PC/18/14 Any other business

There was none. The meeting ended at 1.45pm.

The next meeting will be on 20th May 2014 at 6.30 pm in the Perkins Room Taplow Village Centre High Street Taplow.