

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2020 AT 12PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Carl Powling (Mayor)
Julie Baker
Peter Banks
David Bragg
Robert Jenkins
Sylvia Wargent

20/050 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillors Akker, Weaver and Wood.

20/051 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

20/052 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public in attendance.

20/053 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE REPAIRS TO THE FOOTPATH BEHIND THE TENNIS CLUB AT THE GLEBE AT A COST OF £2570

Following discussion it was agreed to repair the footpath behind the tennis club at the Glebe at a cost of £2570. The pathway will be laid using 8" of road plainings along the length between the existing paths. Spoil will be disposed of, as agreed.

Proposed: Councillor Bragg, Seconded: Councillor Wargent. ALL IN FAVOUR.

20/054 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE GROUNDWORKS TO THE GLEBE CAR PARK TO CREATE ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES AT A COST OF £200

Following discussion it was agreed to create additional car parking spaces in the Glebe car park, adjacent to the horticultural shed, at a cost of £200. The area will be cleared, and existing road plainings laid.

Proposed: Councillor Banks, Seconded: Councillor Baker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

20/055 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE WORKS FOR FOOTPATHS 10, 17, 20, 23, 24 AND THE NON-DEFINITIVE FOOTPATH BETWEEN MILL ROAD AND WINDSOR ROAD AT A COST OF UP TO £2500 FROM THE DEVOLUTION BUDGET

Following discussion it was agreed to accept the quote from Island Arb & Groundworks Ltd at a cost of £1050. This will come from the Devolution budget.

All footpaths as listed above; strim and clear, cut back hedges, remove dead trees as necessary.

Councillor Powling mentioned a site audit programme which prepares a PDF report.

Before and after photos are required for each job.

Inform Jason Botelho, Essex County Council Definitive Footpath Officer, of works to be carried out.

Proposed: Councillor Baker, Seconded: Councillor Bragg. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Further footpath discussion followed.

Footpath 10; Councillor Banks has assessed the footpath and there are grass snakes, slow worms, frogs and newts that live along the side of the path. Councillor Powling said that road plainings will cost in the region of £3500 to cover the path. Councillor Banks suggested permeable drainage as areas are wet from a neighbouring pond, also not all the path needs to be done.

Footpath 23; too expensive to repair the path where the tree root has lifted the tarmac. Essex County Council do not allow existing tree roots to be touched.

Footpath 20; Essex County Council have received quotes for resurfacing the footpath and they are in the region of £14000, this is a capital expenditure not devolution.

Councillor Powling suggested that a vote was taken to spend the remaining Devolution budget on maintenance as required and within Devolution guidelines.

Proposed: Councillor Banks, Seconded: Councillor Baker. ALL IN FAVOUR.

There being no other business, the public meeting closed at 12.28pm.