



Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council Highways and Amenities meeting on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 6.30pm in the Parish Room

In attendance: Cllr Marshall, Cllr Davenport, Cllr Brown, 3 Parishioners (Cllrs Brooker, Halliday and Peel) and Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies received from Cllr Sales who is unavailable.

2. Declarations of interest – none

3. Budget Setting

To discuss proposed items and activities to be included in the budget 2020/21

a. Pavilion Broadband provision

£135 connection fee plus £40 per month (£480 per year)

RD felt that this wasn't a priority. JP felt that it was the way of the world and how things are going. AB felt that we have managed so far without it, but time has moved on. HE would be reluctant to spend the money but feels it may be a good idea.

b. Pavilion Car Park entrance

Two tier block edging each side up to gate & Tarmac (Estimate £1500 Simon Brown quote: £7800)

TM has suggested that a block edging is laid and then a tarmac in between. AR: Quotes for re-tarmac of the front including the bricks. – Re-estimate of £5000 but all councillors agreed that it needs to be done.

c. Pavilion/Play area Picnic Tables: 6 off £550.00 each less any sponsorship (one so far)

RD highlighted his confusion as to what benches were being kept or left. TB felt that the Pavilion was built for sport and not for cafes and to have tables all round. TM wants to provide an amenity for the village. JP highlighted that cricket only happens once a week in part of the summer. TB did not agree. He felt that the recreation ground should be used for sporting activity. TM explained his vision. CH felt it was a good idea to have benches and picnic tables at the far side of the park by the play area but not near the Pavilion. She felt that The Pavilion wasn't a good place for a coffee morning, especially in the winter as its too far for the elderly to walk. TM would be happy to go and get sponsorship. RD suggested to remove it from the proposals, not recommend to the budget and move with sponsorship which was agreed.

- d. Pavilion Patio: Replacement and enlargement & repair of drain manhole area. Estimate £5000.00.

Cllrs were not in approval with the enlargement of the patio but felt that the current patio needed refurbishment to avoid trip hazard. Recommended that an estimate of £1500 be included in the budget.

- e. Annual Halstead Festival & Fun Day: Estimate £2000.00

AB asked what this meant. SDC provide a free fun day for the children which has an associated cost. Councillors would like to see an increased attendance but felt that a full festival was too much this year. Recommended an additional £500 in the budget to improve the fun day.

- f. Pavilion Office Shelving: Adjustable book cases 2 off. £179.00 each

Councillors recommended that this figure be included in the budget.

- g. Pavilion Side Door: Replacement Estimate £1000

Cllr agreed that this was required for safety of the equipment and recommended that this figure be included in the budget.

- h. Parish Room: Side entrance provision. Estimate £150

Cllrs agreed that this is required and recommended for inclusion in the budget.

- i. Parish Room: Verge clearance. Estimate £600.00.

Cllrs agreed this is required and recommended for inclusion in the budget.

- j. Halstead Signpost/Finger post: At crossroads by Bus stop repainting. Estimate £150.00.

Cllrs agreed that this was necessary. They also agreed that the signs on Church Road and Station Road. RD said he was happy to do the painting. It is recommended that this figure be included in the budget.