

Minutes of the **GENERAL PURPOSES SUB-COMMITTEE** of Buckland Monachorum Parish Council held remotely on **18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs S Challiss (SC), S Woollacott (SW) and K Cornthwaite (KC).

**In Attendance:** Mrs K Griffiths (Parish Clerk)

**178/20** **Apologies** G Baird (GB), M Fowler (MF) and L Larkin (LL).

**179/20** **Declaration of interests:** None were declared.

**180/20** **CEMETERY**

**Update on the ground's maintenance contract following a site visit, and to discuss if any further action is required.**

A few councillors and the clerk have met with the contractors, during the last few months they have had a number of issues with equipment and there have been issues with childcare due to Covid -19.

They have had difficulty getting back on top of things.

Cllr Cornthwaite has produced a schedule of work for the cemetery.

After a discussion a **recommendation** will be put to full council to send a "Letter of Dissatisfaction" giving a reasonable time frame for the work to be brought up to date.

**181/20** **To discuss the cemetery hedge removal and replanting with Yews.**

Options for the hedge removal and planting of the Yews were considered. Due to the size of the job and the time scale for the planting of the Yews a suggestion was made that the work was carried out by one contractor. Cllr Woollacott suggested putting an advert in the Tavy Times, the clerk will get some prices.

A discussion was had around the size of the trees and it was suggested that about 100cm high and a reasonable density was required.

The clerk will contact a few people and provide quotes at the September full council meeting.

**Recommendation** to full council that one contractor is used for the work and that an advert is put in the Tavy Times at a cost of no more than £60.

**182/20** **GROUND MAINTENANCE YELVERTON**

**To discuss the complaints received and provide an update following a site visit.**

A discussion was had around the points raised on the letters received.

The matters concerning the Yelverton ground maintenance contract are being addressed and a site meeting has been held to look at some of the points raised. As a result, the contractor will be contacted to address the areas of concern.

With regard to the other matters raised these were discussed and the comments are below.

- Issues with litter, there are three bins provided that are emptied by WDBC on a regular basis.
- Parking issues and signage are dealt with by DCC and these issues have been raised with them previously.
- The noticeboard does not belong to the PC but the information will be passed onto DNPA.
- The trees on the roundabout are the responsibility of DCC and have been assessed as acceptable by the highways officer.

- 183/20**     **To consider the draft letter to be sent to the contractor.**  
The letter was considered, and a few amendments made, the letter will be sent and the situation reviewed at the beginning of September.
- 184/20**     **PLAY PARKS**  
**Update on the fencing around Buckland playpark**  
The fence will now be replaced in September when the children have returned to school.
- 185/20**     **GENERAL**  
**Update on the cycle racks at Yelverton.**  
Cllr Fowler is obtaining some prices for the fitting of the new bike racks.  
The issue of where they have rusted through is being looked at by DCC. In the meantime, Cllr Woollacott will put some tape on them.
- 186/20**     **To consider the three quotes for the tree works to the rear of 21 Seaton**  
The three quotes were considered. After a discussion it was decided to accept the quote to crown lift the tree at a cost of £360.  
Further information will be provided to WDBC with regard to the planning application to get the work carried out.
- 187/20**     **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**  
Tender for next BM Ground Maintenance contract
- 188/20**     **DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 7pm  
(Location or Remote meeting TBC)

The meeting closed at 20.32.