

## Information for the Parish Council Meeting on 25 November 2019

### 3 Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda - for information only)

#### 3.1 Update on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Group has prepared a summary of the comments made at each of the recent workshops. A copy of these summaries will be forwarded to councillors separately.

#### 3.2 Update on the BCC Community Boards consultation

Mr. Milne attended a Special Meeting of SBALC on 14 November 2019 convened to discuss a collective response to BCC regarding its proposals for Community Boards. Mr. Milne will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

### 4 Open Spaces:

#### 4.1 To consider awarding maintenance contract to Amersham Town Council

Amersham Town Council has agreed to carry out the maintenance of open spaces along the A355, the clearance of footpaths and BCC devolved services such as weed killing along all footways adjacent to adopted roads and grass cutting. The contract would be from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2022 at a cost of £35,100 plus VAT for the first year. Included in the contract would be a provision for an annual increase in price to take inflationary movement into consideration as measured by the CPI.

In addition, Amersham Town Council has also agreed to carry out the ground maintenance in St Mary's Churchyard at a cost of £7,200 plus VAT for the first year. The duration and annual increase would be as above.

#### 4.2 To consider options and a vehicle for seeking residents views for phase one of the Kingsway Green Project

At the last Parish Council meeting it was agreed that various options would be costed for consideration at the November 2019 meeting. The options suggested, so far, and their estimated cost based on quotes received from Capability Landscapes Ltd are detailed below:

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| a. | Doric Bollards Only<br>Supply & install of 12 bollards (900x180mm)  | £2,300 plus VAT                                   |
| b. | White Posts with White Chains<br>Supply & install 12 posts (900x100x100mm) and decorative chains  | £1,450 plus VAT                                   |
| c. | White Posts with Black Chains<br>Supply & install 12 posts (900x100x100mm) and decorative chains  | £1,450 plus VAT                                   |
| d. | Burnham Beeches Tree Stumps<br>Install 12 tree stumps (1200mm height & diameter of 150-200mm<br>supplied by Burnham Beeches free of charge)                                     | £600 plus VAT                                     |
| e. | Planters with Doric Bollards/Posts<br>Supply & install 2 planters (2400x700x600mm)<br>Supply & install 3 doric bollards (900x180mm)<br>Supply & install 3 posts (900x100x100mm) | £1,860 plus VAT<br>£850 plus VAT<br>£480 plus VAT |

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| f. | Wooden Posts<br>Supply & install 12 posts (900x100x100mm)                                      | £1,200 plus VAT |
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| g. | White Concrete Bollards<br><br>Supply & install 12 bollards (915mm height & diameter of 230mm) | £1,680 plus VAT |

It has been suggested that the Parish Council should seek the views of residents on any options it feels are viable by conducting a survey on Survey Monkey. A suggested format for the survey will be forwarded to councillors separately together with images of each option.

The removal of the flower beds has also been discussed previously and quotes of £2,500 plus VAT and £1,320 plus VAT have been received from Windowflowers Limited and Capability Landscapes Ltd respectively. During a recent meeting with a resident experienced in landscaping, she volunteered to work to clear and reinstate the flower beds and suggested that Farnham Common Nurseries may agree to donate many of the plants required.

#### 4.3 To consider the wild flower verge proposal

At the September 2019 Parish Council meeting it was agreed that a resident, Anna Grey, would develop a proposal for a pilot scheme. The proposal has now been prepared and will be forwarded to councillors separately.

#### 4.4 To consider repairs to two benches

During a recent bench inspection, Progress Services identified two benches that require repairs. The relevant benches are bench No. 4 (The Foresters facing left) and bench No. 7 (Kingsway Green facing south). The Clerk is advised that the bench slats need realigning, missing spacers need to be replaced and then bolts (where missing) need to be inserted from the front to the back of the benches. Photographs will be forwarded to councillors separately.

#### 4.5 To consider advice received on the Council's rights of way concerning Boundary Copse and Ingrams Copse

The Parish Council previously instructed BP Collins to provide advice regarding the above issues. This advice, which will be sent to councillors separately, has now been received.

#### 4.6 To consider proposal to apply for the Community Payback group to clean footpath 4 (Barn Close to Egypt Lane)

Mr. Robinson, based on a discussion at a previous Open Spaces Working Group meeting, has prepared an application for assistance in removing the build up of mud and rotting leaves on this tarmac path. A copy of the application will be forwarded to councillors separately.

#### 4.7 To consider fee proposal for this year's arboricultural reports

The Clerk has received Pyramid Consulting's fee proposal for this year's arboricultural reports. The cost is £1,048.47 and will include Farnham Common Sports Club, Jubilee Copse, Temple Dell and St. Mary's Churchyard. A copy of the proposal will be forwarded to councillors separately.

## 5 **Finance:**

### 5.1 To approve payments and note receipts, as per the cashbook

The cashbook has been reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and will be forwarded to councillors separately.

## 6 **Planning:**

### 6.1 To ratify comments submitted on recent applications

The schedule of comments submitted to the planning authority following recommendation by the Planning Working Group will be forwarded to councillors separately.

### 6.2 To note recent planning decisions

The schedule of planning authority decisions will be forwarded to councillors separately.