

cost analysis showed that this process had resulted in the P.C. saving considerably on the previous arrangements, with the added benefit of not having to use our equipment.

MOTION: To agree to recommended Buckland Landscapes Ltd. to full council for the Grounds Maintenance Contract – PROPOSED by Cllr Hoinville, SECONDED by Cllr Wallis and AGREED.

Cllr Winterbottom asked how the cutting of grass for the car park and Park View would be addressed and it was confirmed that this would come under ad hoc arrangements with the contractor. He also questioned how the P.C.'s equipment would be sold. Cllr Wallis reported that he had completed an inventory of the compound but this matter would be an item for the next meeting. Alan Mooney and Cllr Colin Read were thanked for their help in showing contractors around.

Update on footpath restitution project: It was agreed that the new contractor would be approached to quote on this extra specification.

Update on implementation of litter picking: Cllr Hoinville reported that the Explorers were reviewing their insurance situation and would liaise with the Clerk.

15.031 Sports and Recreation

Review of interim catering facility: Although this had been popular with park users, Carlito's Coffee Stop had indicated they were not willing to continue.

Football: Cllr Wallis would continue to liaise with the Colts to find a time for a meeting. Cllr Winterbottom stated the need to restore the meadow pitch and apply for S106 funding to do this once the new culvert had been completed. Cllr Wallis underlined the importance of getting a long-term agreement out of both football clubs before committing expenditure. Cllr Savigar felt there was a need for an expert evaluation of the work. Mrs. Cozens reminded the committee of the possibility of F.A. funding to do this assessment.

15.032 Pavilion

Update on legal situation: The Clerk reported that our lawyer is concerned that regarding goods within the property, we are involuntary bailees as these are not items which are owned by the P.C. Re. the perishables, he thinks those should be collected by Mr Brennan/The Hub and are not ours to give away. It was decided to set a date for the handing over of items and Mr Mooney offered to help the clerk with the paperwork. The clerk would liaise with Premier Catering as to how much time they will need to remove their items. It was also discussed whether or not to engage bailiffs for the handing over day and the clerk agreed to find out if there were local companies who may be cheaper than G.E.S.

Options for way forward: Cllr Savigar reported that the Pavilion building and the Youth Club are in a state of some disrepair and undertaking large renovation work could be throwing good money after bad. She questioned whether the Pavilion was still fit for purpose and proposed that now would be the time to apply for S106 money, new Homes Bonus etc. for a new, purpose-built Community Centre. The public had stated in their responses to the Pavilion Survey that they wanted a community venue and many had mentioned the desirability of a new facility. The village is also set to grow considerably over the next few decades. Cllr Winterbottom advised that it could take at least 3 years to raise the funding and start building and there was a need to move quickly in the immediate future to provide a service for the village. Cllr Savigar proposed starting a charity with a management committee and run by trustees. There would be a trading arm in the form of a coffee shop with all profits being ploughed back into the funding. It was suggested and after some discussion, decided that a short term lease (e.g. 6 months) be awarded to run all or part of the building and this would go out to tender. All those who have submitted expressions of interest would be invited to tender. It was felt that forming a charity gave too much involvement to the P.C. and that it would be clumsy and unworkable for the P.C. to get involved to this extent. It was agreed to put out the entire function of the building to tender and invite proposals. Cllr Savigar felt there may need to be minimal expenditure to facilitate any catering operation. Both Cllr Winterbottom and Wallis felt the P.C. should not

spend any money on fitting out the building. Cllr Plowman pointed out that money had been set aside in the precept for reparations. The following MOTIONS were therefore put forward: -

MOTION: To agree to secure funding to undertake Feasibility Study for new Community Centre and for this to go to full council for approval.

MOTION: To prepare a tender specification, detailing what we want and what is available, to go out to interested parties for a short-term operation (6 months rolling contract)

MOTION: To form a charity with trustees to manage the building

MOTIONS were proposed by Cllr Wallis, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hoinville and **AGREED**. Mr. Savigar offered to prepare the tender specification.

15.033 Any Other Urgent Business

Tree planting: The W.I. had asked permission to plant a tree in the park to commemorate their centenary year. This was discussed and agreed subject to Council approving the location.

Graveyard: Cllr Winterbottom had been asked to bring up the matter of a concrete slab in the churchyard, the purpose of which is unclear. The Clerk offered to discuss the matter with John Watson.

15.034 Matters for Next Meeting

Caravan Club permits

15.035 Date, time and venue of next meeting.

Wednesday 8th April at 7.30 on the Parish meeting room.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....