

MINUTES FROM EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST 2016 IN THE EVERSLEY PARK CENTRE AT 7PM.

Present; Councillors P. Doherty (Chairman), C. Lake (Vice Chairman), D. Buckle, Mrs B. Thwaite, Mrs J. Brown, M. Hobson and Mrs M. Gibson (Clerk)

Also present; 2 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Councillors B. Packham, M. Jordan, Mrs J. Prescott and L. Wake.

The Chairman reported that this meeting had been called, as promised, to discuss possibilities of what can be done to enhance the appearance of the Village Centre works.

Resident stated that the tarmac does not enhance the area, the paving stones which were removed were far nicer and easier to sweep and keep clean and tidy. Resident also asked when the benches are coming - Chairman reports that the stone has now been received and they should be installed in the near future. Resident stated that there is block paving under the tubs which cannot be seen. Chairman stated this was done for Health and Safety reasons. Councillor Hobson stated and resident agreed that this tarmac area would be very slippery in wet or icy conditions and the gradient made this even worse.

Residents also asked about trees which were unsuitable for the areas, too big for tubs and dying off. Chairman reports the contractors have to replace these within the 12 month period. Councillors are monitoring these trees carefully. Resident stated that a Horticulturist had told her these trees were far too big for the tubs and would not be hardy in the winter anyway. Councillors agreed we should make sure these are replaced with a suitable tree and monitor carefully that any replacements are under guarantee for 12 months also.

The Chairman handed out options which the Architect had come up with for this area, and also explained that at the present time there is only approx. £3500 left in the contingency fund and this could reduce if there are any unexpected costs involved in the benches and the sculpture.

Option 1

Was just to extend the paving from the tubs to properties to break up the area better this would cost £6,488.77

Option 2

This option was for more paving and bins at a cost of £15,303.58

Option 3

This would replace all the tarmac and total cost was £22,346.25

Chairman explained that being realistic the only possible option was No 1. **It was agreed that when we know what money is left in the pot the Finance committee look at possibility of getting Option 1 work done.**