

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 20th March 2018

Present

Councillors: Askew (Chair), Boyce, Coleman, Gathercole, Hallett, Norman and Wilkinson.

1 member of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Long.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Speaking

Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking,

Prop: Cllr Gathercole 2nd: Cllr Boyce

Agreed

Meeting re-started.

4. Flooding of car park at the Playing Field site.

Work was needed to improve the drainage in order for the surface water to reach the dyke where it could drain away. Two quotations had been obtained and two other contractors had been contacted but had not provided a quotation. The quotations were discussed.

That the work needed to be done urgently and that the quotation from BJ Plant Hire Ltd for £2470 plus VAT should be accepted.

Prop: Cllr Norman 2nd: Cllr Gathercole

Agreed

A recorded vote was requested.

Votes in favour: Cllrs Askew, Boyce, Gathercole, Hallett, Norman and Wilkinson.

Votes against: Cllr Coleman.

A lengthy discussion took place on the reason for the flooding and whether the PC should seek advice on the cause or ask for assistance with paying the cost. Various views were expressed and suggestions made. Several proposals were put forward and then amended and finally the following proposal was agreed:

That the PC should write to MDCSC asking them to contact Swann Edwards for their professional opinion on why the car park was flooding.

Prop: Cllr Wilkinson 2nd: Cllr Hallett

Agreed

A recorded vote was requested.

Votes in favour: Cllrs Boyce, Coleman, Gathercole, Hallett, Norman and Wilkinson.

Abstaining: Cllr Askew.

The Chair thanked Mr John Askew and Cllr Gathercole for pumping out the water from the flooded car park before the weekend to enable the playing field site to be used.

5. Request from MDCSC for a Deed of Variance to the current lease

Item to be carried forward to next meeting as awaiting advice from solicitor.

6. Planning Matters

a Applications received since last meeting:

i **18/00415/F First floor extension to dwelling at 86 Smeeth Road.** The application was discussed and it was agreed by all to SUPPORT the application.

Meeting closed at 7.28pm