

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

LAND & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 7 MARCH 2019 AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr B Armer in the Chair
Cllrs P Brook, R Burton, J Cowan, P Cunnington, R Franks, J Paxton, J Roebuck and M Sykes.
Officer in attendance: Mrs A Royle

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Beresford and D Hardcastle.

**LP44 Apologies and
Declarations of
Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

No members of the public wished to address the Committee.

**LP45 Public
Participation**

Resolved: To hold the discussion on the contracts at Kirkheaton Churchyard and Grange Moor Allotments in private as they would divulge confidential information.

**LP46 Admission of the
Public**

Members considered the quotes received for the contract to cut the grass at Kirkheaton Churchyard, which was to run each year from April to September starting in April 2019 until September 2019 inclusive. Members considered which quotes offered the best value for the Council within the budget available.

**LP47 Kirkheaton
Churchyard**

Recommendation: To appoint Four Seasons to complete the contract in accordance with the specification on the terms and conditions notified.

Members noted the quote received for providing 25 number signs in accordance with the specification agreed at the last Committee meeting.

**LP48 Grange Moor
Allotments
a) Number Signs**

Recommendation: Not to accept the quote.

Members noted the quote received for cutting back the shrubs and controlling the weeds alongside the trench running from approx Plot 10A to Plot 13A, and to spray Plot 17B, which had been abandoned. The Clerk reported that the cost of the work on Plot 17B would be covered by the deposit, which could not be repaid to the tenant due to the condition in which the plot was left.

**LP49 b) Clearance
Work by the
Trench and on
Plot 17B**

Recommendation: To appoint Complete Weed Control to carry out the work described above on the terms and conditions notified, with the cost of the work on Plot 17B to be funded by the deposit.

Members noted the Inspection Report dated 26 February 2019.

LP50 Plot 1C

It was noted that the tenant on Plot 1C had given notice. Members compared the photographs taken at the start and end of the tenancy and considered whether it was appropriate to repay the deposit.

Recommendation: That the deposit is repaid.

Members considered the poor condition of Plot 5.

LP51 Plot 5

Recommendation: To make an initial contact with the tenant.

It was noted that Plot 10 had been vacant for some time, although it had been offered to a number of people on the waiting list. The issue of having a joint waiting list with Shepley was discussed.

LP52 Plot 10

Recommendation: To continue to offer the plot to the people on the waiting list in the order in which they had contacted the Council.

Members noted that conifers and hedging plants had been introduced on the plot, and that this would cause problems in the future, particularly if the allotment gardens were to be reconfigured. It was further noted that the Council had a policy of not permitting such plants to be planted on the allotments.

LP53 Plot 12

Recommendation: To contact the tenant requesting that the conifers and hedging plants are moved forthwith.

Members noted that although the tenant had felled the tree as he had been permission to do, a large part of the trunk still remained on the plot. A discussion took place as to whether or not the tenant should be required to remove it from the site.

LP54 Plot 18B

Recommendation: That the tenant is permitted to keep the trunk on the plot, as it seems the tenant may be planning to make a good use of it.

Members noted that a large piece of glass had been left on the main path adjacent to Plots 20 and 21, which is posing a health and safety hazard.

LP55 Glass on Main Path

Recommendation: To contact all the tenants asking that the person who left it there, remove it as soon as possible. If no response is received, ask the contractor who is about to clear Plots 19 and 21, if he can remove it for the Council.

It was noted that the tenant has installed tall stakes, which are higher than the permitted maximum and on the wrong side of the path. If left, they would cause problems to the new tenants accessing the plots to be formed on Plot 20.

LP56 Stakes between Plots 20 & 21

Recommendation: To contact the tenant and request he removes them within 28 days of the notification.

The Clerk notified the members that she had received a request for a polytunnel after the agenda had been issued. She was therefore consulting them, as there was a possibility the issue could be dealt with under delegated authority, if members were agreeable.

LP57 Plot 13A

Members noted that the request was for a polytunnel larger than the maximum permitted size.

It was agreed that the Clerk could respond under delegated authority, notifying the tenant that the tenant was able to install a polytunnel in accordance with the Conditions of Use, subject to payment of a refundable deposit.

It was agreed that the Committee Chairman and the Clerk would liaise on the date of the next meeting.

LP58 Next Meeting

The meeting then closed.