



KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the EOM of the Council

Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 16:00

Present:

Cllr Paul Chatley (Chair); Cllr Davina Martin; Cllr Gina Pearson; Cllr Val McWilliams; Cllr Steve Reeves; 1 Members of the Public; Steph Woods (Clerk)

1. Chairmans opening remarks, Apologies and approval of absences:

Cllr Chatley welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending.

Apologies were received from Cllr Stribbling and Cllr Spencer.

2. Declarations of interest:

None received.

3. Public Forum:

No questions or statements were raised.

4. Embankment Trees:

Following the discussion at the last ordinary meeting on 3rd April 2023, a further quotation for removal of another tree had been received. In order to keep the costs reasonable the contractor priced to do this tree and the other two trees on the embankment at the same time. As this is urgent it was felt that it couldn't wait until the next scheduled meeting. The quotation for the removal of one multi-stem Ash tree for £1,500 + VAT was proposed by Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Martin. All councillors present were in favour of proceeding with the quotation. The contractor will now be instructed to go ahead with the works.

Cllr Reeves also raised that there was no quotation for the chipping of the removed trees, just placement of them on the embankment. It was agreed that this would impact the future planting projects and make it look untidy. A further quotation was received to chip all small waste and make the area tidy for £540 + VAT which was proposed by Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Reeves. All councillor present were in favour of proceeding with the quotation. The contractor will be instructed to go ahead with the works.

5. Tree numbering and protective guards

A project to identify all trees, condition score and map them was also discussed at the last ordinary meeting. Cllr Chatley had now found prices for the numbers and protective guards and confirmed that the best price for the numbers was £61 for 200 tree numbers and £13 for 8 tree guards with 16 need to start with. It was proposed to go ahead with ordering these by Cllr Reeves and seconded by Cllr Pearson. All councillors present were in favour of proceeding with the purchase of the two items. Items to be ordered by Clerk after this meeting.

6. Date of next meeting: 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm in The Barn, Kinston

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.20pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Date