

Minutes of the Maintenance Committee meeting of 19 January 1998 at 7.30pm held in the Milton Community Centre.

Present: HM Smith (chair) SJ Snaith LC Twinn RLE Waters RJ Farrington and the clerk SJ Daniels.

1. Apologies received from EY Wakeling.

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2. Grasscutting and Maintenance Contract 1998/99

The clerk reported that Mr Newitt would not increase his contract price in line with inflation 1998/99 in lieu of the reduction in weed spraying 1997 (this comes to £255 at 3.6%).

Agreed to recommend amending contract thus:

Verges and Open Spaces - Wording as per original contract.

Recreation Grounds - Include weed spraying of recreation grounds not "spot weed spraying..."

A quotation of £1200 for two applications of fertiliser for both recreation grounds was discussed. Agreed to ask at Joint Meeting if MCC would be prepared to pay.

Weed Spraying - To include shrub borders at Humphries Way and Froment Way open spaces, all bark areas under play equipment, young trees at Landbeach Road/Humphries Way junction, a metre width around the perimeter of the Sycamores recreation ground, shrub areas in front of the Community Centre and the new hawthorn/blackthorn shrubs on the bund alongside the field adjacent to the A14.

Mr Newitt to be asked to weed spray the bund when necessary.

Allotments - Agreed to ask Mr Newitt to strim and weed spray in the spring, to weed spray in the middle of the season and to strim and weed spray at the end of the season.

There were concerns that little work had been done on the allotments in 1997 and that Council would expect an improvement in 1998.

Additional Areas - Wording as per original contract.

General Maintenance - Agreed to recommend that Council accept Mr Newitt's quotation of £1000 per year for both summer and winter general pruning of shrubs throughout the village.

The clerk would ask Mr Newitt to cut back the brambles between the Post Office and the War Memorial.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Signed Hazel M. Swift Chairman 2nd Feb. 98 Date