

Crondall Parish Council Grounds Committee: meeting held on 2nd February 2009

In attendance were Councillors Behagg(AB), Bredin (GB), Hebbbron (CH) and Passmore (MP).
Actions shown in bold.

1. Apologies for absence

All were present.

2. Minutes of meeting of 5th January

The supplementary meeting had not proven possible, so the notes which had been circulated were the record of January meeting and were accepted as a true record and signed.

3. Matters arising from meeting of 5th January

These would be handled under agenda items.

4. Trees on western boundary of closed churchyard

AB had negotiated, with Cedardale, a price for the work using a cherry picker, at £260; **agreed to order the work under delegated authority and to inform Council accordingly.**

5. Interment of ashes in existing grave

Following further discussion, the committee **confirmed** the decision taken in January; a review of the rules **would be held at a suitable time.**

6. Quotes for internal refurbishment of the Pavilion

AB did not have the details with him, but the committee discussed the meeting which had been held with Painting Direct. Not only was their bid the most economically advantageous, but also their link with the Club meant that they were rather more likely to maintain to Pavilion in good condition. **AB would circulate details by email and the item would be requested on next Council agenda with committee recommendation.**

7. Burial ground paths

MP explained that he had been told by Aldreds (the preferred contractor), last September, that their quoted price had increased by 10%; however he believed that, in the current economic climate, this might be negotiated downwards. He was reluctant to go back until Council had agreed in principle with the committee recommendation. This was on the agenda for the following (Planning) meeting that evening; **the recommendation would be put.**

[Footnote: The item was deferred until 16th Feb., such the Councillors could be reminded what the project entailed.]

8. Facilities for toddlers in Ewshot play area

GB was continuing to pursue this item; the Chair passed him a brochure of possible equipment.

9. Replacement for Toro mower

MP recommended a Kubota diesel ride on mower as being sufficiently rugged for the job, which had turned out to far more demanding than anticipated when the Toro was purchased. The cost was £6.5K, but the mower should last ten years. **It was agreed to recommend this to Council.**

10. Floodlights for football pitch

It was agreed to defer this item.

11. Five Year spending plan

For the most part, existing estimates still held good, although funds might be moved between items to accommodate changed priorities. The refurbishment of Ewshot Village Hall car park might need to be put into the plan; also a hedge trimmer.

14. Any other business

AB raised the question of line managing the Groundsman; this item would be considered offline, initially.

Grounds Committee, 9th February 2009

Signed as a true record: