Horndean Parish Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

A MEETING OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 12 November 2018 AT 7.00pm in JUBILEE HALL.

Members of the Committee Cllr Mrs E Tickell (Chairman), Cllr N Wren (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Burridge, Cllr Mrs D Denston, Cllr D Alexander, Cllr R Sowden, Cllr Mrs L Evans, are summoned to attend.

06 November 2018

Carla Baverstock-Jones
Chief Officer

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. Declaration of interest: Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.
3. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on Monday 17 September 2018.
4. To open the meeting to members of the public to enable them to address questions to Parish Councillors**.** *The period of time which is designated for public participation shall not exceed 20 minutes. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. A question asked by a member of public during public participation session at a meeting shall not require a response or debate.*
5. To receive and consider the quotations in respect of the clearance of trees infected with Chalara ash dieback.
6. To receive and consider the request from the Horndean Twinning Association to plant a commemorative tree at Jubilee field.
7. To consider the future use of the funds received (£4k) in respect the transference of land at Wagtail Road.
8. To consider future projects in respect of the South Downs National Park (SDNP), Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 2018/19 funding.

HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON MONDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs E Tickell (Chairman), D Alexander, Mrs D Denston, Mrs L Evans, N Wren

IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Baverstock-Jones, Chief Officer, Cheree Garvey, Office Manager (Minute Taker)

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Mrs Carolyn Tait

G 011/18/19 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Mrs Z I Pearson and Councillor M Burridge. No apologies were received from Cllr R Sowden.

G 012/18/19 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

G 013/18/19 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 02 JULY 2018**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting held on 02 July 2018 be duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs L Evans and seconded by Cllr D Alexander.

G 014/18/19 **TO OPEN THE MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was duly opened to the public.

G 015/18/19 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND ADJACENT TO A PRIVATE DWELLING**

The initial application was made in August 2015 prior to the Land Disposal Policy that came into effect in November 2016. The application had to be reconsidered. The resident provided measurements of proposed land at 3.5m from the edge of the existing driveway which will reduce the open space area.

Cllr Mrs E Tickell raised a number of objections to the proposed purchase.

It was **RESOLVED** to not recommend to Council to consider this purchase of land.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs E Tickell and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Evans.

G 016/18/19 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND, FOR THE PROVISION OF SITES FOR ELECTRICAL VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS.**

The requested land is known as Dell Piece West which is a public nature reserve. Land sale will not be allowed.

It was **RESOLVED** to not recommend to Council to consider this purchase of land.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs E Tickell and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Denston.

G 017/18/19 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND CONSIDER THE PLANTING WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE WITHIN WAGTAIL ROAD**

It was **RESOLVED** to reply to the resident as follows:

- The planting works are undertaken at resident's own risk and by Consent of the Parish Council
- The kerb stones which demarcate the Service area are to remain in place being the property of Hampshire County Council
- It is the belief of Members that the fencing to which the resident referred, is within the ownership of the residents of Victory Gardens, as are the overhanging trees.

G 018/18/19 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE YEOLLS COPSE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Information was circulated and the following points were highlighted and discussed:

- **Access from Residents adjacent to the land via a back fence gate**
  To check the number of back fence gates leading onto the property and for the committee to consider the same with a view to stopping this practice. Currently access to Yeolls Copse via these back gates are creating individual footpaths and disturbing the natural habitat.

- **The pond at Yeolls Copse**
  It was noted that the pond in Yeolls Copse is not within the HPC boundary and therefore not our land. However, the fenced boundary incorporates the pond. It is further noted that HPC has been maintaining the area pond and surrounding area for some time.

  It was recommended that an application should be made for a Public Index Map search to ascertain ownership. Further, enquiries should also be made of the Biodiversity Action Group.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that the Yeolls Copse Management Plan be accepted and adopted following proposed amendments.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs E Tickell and seconded by Cllr N Wren.

The meeting closed at 7:37PM

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Chairman

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Dated

HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Grounds Meeting **Date: 12th November 2018**

AGENDA ITEM 5

SUBJECT TITLE: Chalara die back of Ash.

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To discuss works and quotes.

BACKGROUND:

Last year a number of Ash trees at Catherington Lith were suffering quite seriously from Chalara die back. This is a disease of Ash trees caused by a fungus called *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus.* In the last 12 months, more trees suffering from the disease have been identified.

Chalara causes leaf loss, crown dieback and bark lesions in infected trees. Experience in mainland Europe suggests that the majority of ash trees in woodlands infected with the disease will decline and die within 10-15 years.

Public safety is the main concern and infected trees are likely to have considerable amounts of dead wood in the crown. There is growing evidence suggesting that once Ash has the disease, the tree can become susceptible to secondary pathogens such as honey fungus. If this happens there is serious risk of the tree suffering from butt/root rot. This make trees prone to falling.

It was agreed at council in November 2017 to carry out a series of works to remove the worst infected trees posing a risk to public safety. The Grounds Team have started a programme of removing infected trees but due to the size and scale of the remaining Ash, a professional arborist is required. It is estimated we would be looking to fell around 40 Ash trees across the Lith this year. Please see map.

Due to the nature of Ash die back, and more trees each year showing signs of the condition, the operation of removing Ash may be ongoing for some years as current advice from the Forestry Commission is to only remove Ash that are showing signs of Die back and causing a risk to public health.

I have been in discussion with the Forestry Commission (FC) and East Hants Tree Officers. The FC have informed me there are no plant health requirements regarding the felling on ash trees and no restrictions on the use of timber products, or moving it off site. A felling licence is required to carry out this operation (*if felling more than 5 cubic meters a quarter*) but we are fortunate that one was granted with our approved woodland management plan.

EHDC may require us to replant where we have felled Ash, (an additional cost) but our woodland management plan states that the woodland needs thinning so it may be an option in some areas not to replant, but let in natural light and to leave the area to natural regeneration.

3 quotes have been provided to carry out the works:

All quotes exclude Vat

Quote 1: £6,500 – chipping brash and stacking logs on site.

Quote 2: £4,750 – this company will extract timber from site for firewood.

Quote 3: £9,500 – chipping brash and stacking of logs on site.

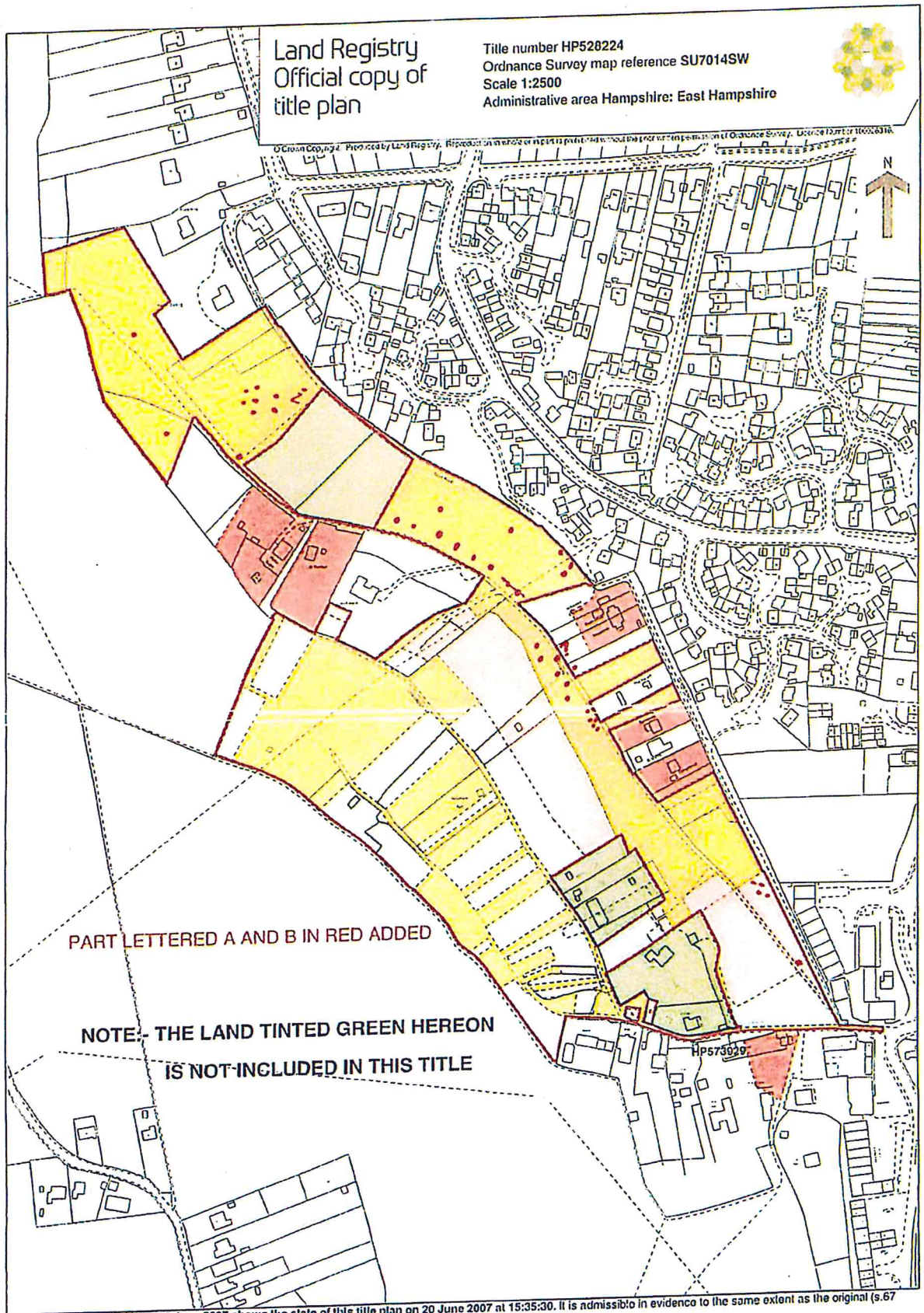
Recommendation:

I would suggest using quote 2. Their quote is a little cheaper as they are looking to remove some of the Ash for firewood.

I feel having timber removed is a benefit. Not only does it mean we can avoid having large timber stacks dotted around the Lith, which in my experience requires signage and monitoring to stop people climbing on them (Health and Safety), but removing the larger timber should also make it less attractive to people coming on site with their own chainsaws to take wood away for personal use.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Matthew Madill



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