

## Clerk report to Bourn parish Council 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015

Where I have information to support the agenda this is detailed below.

4.1 (4.2) Dead Elm tree at corner of Riddy Lane and Church Street and oak tree in Riddy Lane <sup>(NB)</sup>

- Cost of removal of tree?
- Survey of houses around Riddy Lane to see if tree should be removed or left?
- Consider whether we would want to take action (do we have powers to pay for tree removal on someone else's property?)

4.4 (8.1) Local Green Space designation – Camping Close <sup>(NB)</sup>

- Local Green Space - Camping Close
  - Mark Proud has sent us maps with his preferred boundary to the field. Do we want to discuss this or should we wait until we hear from SCDC?
  - Update on actions from previous meeting

6.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills – attached.

6.2 Play inspection report and to consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety

- Playground reports (Frank)
  - Instruct Frank not to replace timber log.
  - Removal of Gym rings frame

6.3 Annual review of electricity prices  
Standing charge  
Current 26.27 per day (13.08+13.19)  
Letter 27p  
Tel offer 27p

Normal units  
Current 11.46  
Letter 12.67  
Tel offer 13.18

Rht units  
Current 7.31p  
Letter 7.59  
Tel offer 7.95

SSE  
Standing charge 31 per day (13p + 18p)  
Normal 6.785p (6.447+0.338)

Rht units 10.337 day 6.315 night

6.5 To review budget FY 2015 – attached

6.7 To consider and approve a budget for FY2016 – attached

6.8 Internal auditor appointment

[Canalbs (Jaquie Wilson) I trust that the Parish Council have been satisfied with the level of service we have provided and that they will consider appointing Canalbs Ltd to undertake the Independent Internal Audit for the next financial year. Our charge has been held at £35 per hour for a number of years but due to rising costs it will be necessary to increase our charge to £37.50 for the next financial year, and in line with Inland Revenue our mileage rate will remain at 45p per mile.

Gerry Whitfield

Moore Stephens]

7.1 Update report on EIP and Parish Council's submission - attached

7.1 Proposal to issue a contract to transport consultant to work on the EIP hearings for up to 4 days <sup>(SJ)</sup>

I would like to propose that we issue a contract to Karl Von Weber (our transport consultant) to work with us on the EIP hearings for up to 4 days (over and above what he has already done).

The terms of reference would be to:

- review our Statement on Matter 7A (Strategic transport issues) and advise us on any other points we should make at the hearing (1 day);
- participate in the EIP hearing on Matter 7A with us on 18<sup>th</sup> February (1 day);
- support us in preparing for the Bourn Airfield session (this will probably in April or May) and participate with us at the hearing (up to 2 days).

7.5 Grit spreader <sup>(LR)</sup>

I've had a request from Rob Ansell to see if we can do anything about the grit spreader which has been stuck in one of his garden sheds for quite some time now. It is too big and heavy for general use, in fact I don't think it's ever been used, and, especially as he is no longer a parish councillor, he'd like his shed space back. At the other end of the village a much smaller and more lightweight version is in use and he suggests that a couple of these would be of much more use, in so much as most residents would be able to use them.

We both assume that the machine is still the property of CCC, rather than the PC. I've spoken to CCC Highways who seem to think it would/could be possible to sort something out. Even if we can't get a swap made we still need to get rid of this machine. However they would like the request in writing/email so that it can be dealt with by the correct department.

7.6 Bourn to Run – offer of donation for bench <sup>(NB)</sup>

The school contacted me to say that the Bourn to Run fund would like to donate some money to the Parish Council as they did last year which we put towards the Broadway play area. This year the amount would be smaller, and they have suggested the donation be used to locate a bench with a plaque somewhere in the village. Christine Page (Head Teacher) asked if the Council would like this or would prefer something else? If we did opt for the bench, where would be the best place to put it?

Consider offer to pay for bench, if so where? Consider alternative use of donation

8.2 Resident - complaint about the width of the footpath in Chapel Hill

8.3 NALC - Quality Councils and new Local Council Award Scheme - attached