



NORTHLEACH WITH EASTINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Northleach with Eastington Town Council on Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Platts (Chair), Cllr Alan Wellman (Vice Chair), Cllr Hewer, Cllr Hulcup, Cllr Brady, Cllr Andrew Wellman, Cllr Rigby, Cllr Morley-Blackwell and Mrs Cat Crompton (Clerk). There were no members of the public.

Minutes

1.	Apologies were received from Cllr Lerner and Cllr Sanders
2.	No interests were declared
3.	There were no Public Questions
4.	The Councillors reviewed the tender documents received and considered the unnamed comparison chart for the Grounds Maintenance Contract.
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that a great deal of work has gone into the process. The 4 suppliers have contributed a lot of information to enable the Council to come to a methodical conclusion
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Rigby proposed, Cllr Morley-Blackwell seconded and it was RESOLVED by a majority to award the chosen contractor a three-year contract running from April 2020 to March 2023
Resolution	
5.	The Councillors reviewed the tender documents received and considered the unnamed comparison chart for the Grounds Maintenance Contract.
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bids have been analysed against the weighting's detailed on the tender documentation published on Contracts Finder.
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bids were evaluated on price, health and safety, environmental sustainability, technical capacity, expertise and experience and references.
5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Morley-Blackwell proposed, Cllr Andrew Wellman seconded and it was RESOLVED by a majority to award the contract to Company A at a cost of £39,963 plus vat for three years.
Resolution	
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to inform all the companies who submitted bids and thank them for all the information provided.
5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At this point the chosen supplier was announced as McCracken and Son Ltd
6.	The Councillors considered the proposed Budget 2020 – 2021 and variations based on the Council's priorities.
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The priority list has been drawn up based on the Strategy Meeting, input from all the Committees input and resident feedback.
6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The list includes items totalling £60K which have been prioritised into 3 areas: legal and Health and Safety; business improvement projects and desirable or requested projects.
6.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Councillors discussed some of the identified projects:
6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding the Ward Road play area there are some earmarked funds

<p>6.5</p> <p>6.6</p> <p>6.7</p> <p>6.8</p> <p>6.9</p> <p>6.10</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>from the Section 106 money and we can look at applying for match funding. It was agreed to utilise £5K of the earmarked funds for this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new path on the KGV Playing Field has been well received and there has been a number of requests to extend it up to the field. Additional cost is estimated at £1K and could be funded by the KGV Playing Field Trust. • There are a number of Highways issues across Town that could be improved. These include better signage, clearer lining, speed restrictions, marked passing places, dropped kerbs and pedestrian schemes. • The most efficient way to achieve this is with a Town wide road safety scheme. It was recognised that this can take several years to achieve as it involves a lot of consultation and legal checks. • It was agreed that the Council could earmark £5k from reserves to start creating a road traffic plan with Highways. The plan may not cost anything in the first year but if we start to put the funds aside now, further input could be requested next year. • A further hearing loop in the Westwoods Centre was agreed to be a priority to enable more people to enjoy the activities available. Councillors agreed to try and fund this through grants support • In summary the budget remains as it was this year with the inclusion of the Panto at £500. Forward planning will now begin on some major projects that will benefit a wide demographic of the parish • Cllr Brady proposed, Cllr Platts seconded, and it was RESOLVED by a majority to accept the proposed budget • Clerk to load the budget figures onto Scribe at the start of April
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>The Councillors considered the various uplift amounts presented and was pleased to be able to agree not to increase the Precept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Rigby proposed, Cllr Brady seconded and it was RESOLVED by a majority that the Precept amount to be requested from Cotswold District Council (CDC) for 2020 – 2021 will be £77,369. • This is a zero increase on the amount paid by a Band D property (the average). The annual charge will remain the same as 2019 – 2020 at £96.59 or £1.86 a week. • Clerk to submit the paperwork to CDC by 31st January

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.