

MINUTES OF THEALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Theale Parish Council held remotely on Monday 22nd March 2021

Members present: Cllrs A Clark, P Clifford, S Coker, L Cox, Z Fenwick, R Gallop, K Gash, I Hopcroft, S Price & J Richardson (chairman)

Clerk: P Manley

Administration Officer: J Crisp

Meeting started at 7:35pm

154/20/21 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies received from Cllr Rolfe.

No declarations of interest received.

155/20/21 To award the grounds maintenance contract, subject to business checks and references

Members discussed the three shortlisted tenders (152/20/21/MAR). Following a discussion about using volunteers to maintain the bund on North Street Playing Fields, the council thought this would present too great a risk of the council being held liable for any resulting injuries, so favoured including the maintenance in the contract decision.

After a vote of nine for and none against, with one abstention, it was

RESOLVED to award the ground maintenance contract to Pro Landscapes MDX Ltd, on the condition that the company submit its most recent accounts (year ending September 2020).

It was decided that the Cllrs Fenwick and Price and the clerk peruse these accounts, once received.

156/20/21 To approve the sowing of wildflowers on the bund at North Street Playing Fields at a cost of £890.40, as per budget allocation

The council expressed a desire for more than one quote to do the work. It was suggested the clerk ask Pro Landscapes MDX and Kennet Landscaping, Theale for additional quotes.

As the time for this work to happen was running out, it was

RESOLVED to delegate further decisions and the booking of the work to the clerk, in consultation with Cllrs Hopcroft and Richardson.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:26pm.

Signed _____ Dated _____