

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL (TPC)

Virtual meetings have been permitted according to the regulations that came into force on 4th April 2020 The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 20

A meeting of the Parish Council was held by Zoom teleconferencing, Monday 7th April 2021. Those present were Cllr R Lock (Chair) Cllr K England (Vice Chair), Cllr C Smedley, Cllr P Steadman, Cllr T Spencer Smith, Cllr M Upton, Cllr W Crossley, Late Arrival Cllr L Anderson.

04XM/21 1.0 APOLOGIES.

Cllr F Crossley and Cllr L Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest in Tutbury Charities and did not attend.

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04XM/21. 2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

1.1 Non-Pecuniary interests were declared in association with the following community groups. Dispensation have previously been granted for voting on this matter by the clerk.

- Cllr P Steadman is a member of TOSCA (Tutbury Old School Association) and Scouts.
- Cllr T Spencer Smith is a member of TOSCA.
- Cllr K England St Marys Church
- Cllr M Upton Tutbury Parish Charities and St Mary's Church committee member
- Cllr Smedley Tutbury Parish Charities and St Marys Church.

1.2 The chair is a member of the ESBC funding committee and would therefore would not chair or participate in voting on items 7.

04XM/21. 4.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present.

04XM/21 5. TO INVITE TUTBURY PARISH CHARITY TRUSTEES TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON CORNMILL LANE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS.

The clerk had received an email from Tutbury Charities clerk declining to attend the meeting.

A member explained that Tutbury Charities Trustees had not met to discuss the agenda item. They were three members short and would be requesting nominations from the Parish Council to replace them. Members that were parish councillors and also Charity Trustees have been asked not to participate in meetings related to proposed improvements at Cornmill Lane.

Parish Council members speculated on the constitution procedures around the decision making within the Charity committee. However, with no formal representation from Tutbury Charities, the clerk will request an update from the Charities clerk following the Charities' Meeting due to take place on Saturday April 10th.

04XM/21 6.0 TO APPOINT A COUNCILLOR TO COMPILE AND SUBMIT A FUNDING BID FOR CORNMILL LANE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING A NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING AT CORNMILL LANE.

6.1 Members were hesitant to nominate a Cllr to submit a bid with no confirmation from the landowner (Tutbury Charities) that improvements could be made, However, Cllr Steadman agreed to write the bid if permission was granted to improve the facilities at Cornmill lane. Cllr England agreed to support Cllr Steadman in the process.

If applicable ,the grant bid would be ratified at a future council meeting.

Resolution

If the parish council resolved to submit a bid for the £250k Tutbury Fund. Cllrs voted in favour to nominate Cllr Steadman to write a bid on behalf of the Parish Council.

04XM/21 7.0 TO APPROVE A BUDGET ALLOCATION OF £500 FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR CORNMILL LANE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING A NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING AT CORNMILL LANE.

The Vice chair chaired this agenda item 7 due to the chair sitting on the ESBC funding committee.

7.1. Members of the working party explained that they had met with an architect who could produce initial plans and drawings for a new community building and improvements for the existing facilities. The initial cost would be £500 and if the bid was submitted to pre application process. Further professional fees would be in incurred once the funding had been secured.

A member questioned if three alternate quotes were sought. The clerk confirmed that other quotes had been requested but only one submission was received. One architect has submitted a quote for the initial plans of £500. If work was required after the initial feasibility work. This would be sent out to tender, and three quotes received. It was suggested that the proposal did not require a vote due to the amount being within the financial limit of the chair in the standing orders. However, due to the chair not participating in the process due to sitting on the funding committee the clerk called a meeting to ensure transparency of the work that the working party were doing, and to seek approval of the council to allocate the budget to the project.

A Members questioned if there was evidence of need for a new community building and who would use it. Working party Members clarified that without plans and a concept to offer the community to gauge interest in use was difficult, However, the architect had recommended a sports England

approved building that would cater for a variety of community groups and would also be suitable for securing additional funding to the Tutbury community fund. Engagement with community groups would be carried out along with a list of other criteria that would be required to secure funding.

Previous parish council meetings with parishioners had confirmed a request for a community building to be built. Members proposed that a building would provide a legacy from the £250k Community Fund. The clerk suggested that there were many potential improvements that could be made to the existing facilities that had not been updated for twenty years, and by having professional plans for the scope of the project could be utilised in future funding projects.

Once a decision has been made by Tutbury Charities (Landowner) it would be possible to produce a project specification for three further tenders and adherence to other regulations and engagement requirements.

The proposal was to allocate a budget of £500 for professional fees for the feasibility plans of a building and other improvements at Cornmill Lane. This was said to require technical expertise outside of the council in a short deadline. However, a member suggested that if the plans were produced, they could be used in the future. The clerk reiterated that the plans could be used for future projects outside of the current funding bid as there was a need for a plan to improve for the existing facilities as well.

A member proposed that a £500 budget should be allocated by the full council or professional fees to submit a grant application for Cornmill Lane improvements including a community building.

Resolution

Eligible Cllrs voted in favour to allocate the £500 budget to support a funding bid.