

## TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### Open Spaces Committee meeting minutes.

**Charity House, Duke Street, Tutbury on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm.**

Present – Chris Dodds- chair, Francis Crossley, Lydia Crossley, Dave Morris.

(Tutbury Tigers representative – Simon Daykin).

**09/24/OS/01- Apologies** – Dave Bull, Pete Steadman, Mary Upton.

**09/24/OS/02 - Declarations of Interest.**-Resolved to receive declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests). – None declared.

**09/24/OS/03 - Public Participation.** - None.

**09/24/OS/04 – To consider and approve a quote for grant application submission to upgrade the Cornmill Lane driveway to the playing fields through the Ward Enhancement programme** - Three quotes have been obtained by FC and the Parish Council clerk. The quotes were both with and without kerb edgings. It was decided that we consider the quotes with the kerbs only. FC read through the quote descriptions to those present without revealing the Contractors names. It was decided that quote 3 would be the ideal option because it read as a better and more fully described version of the work. The chosen quote total amounts to £29,998.00p plus VAT.

**09/24/OS/05 - To consider and approve a quote for the planting of trees for Cornmill Lane playing area and erection of a plaque on the changing rooms-** A quote supplied by a local contractor was considered for the planting of 4 trees with rabbit guards and the plaque to be sited above the changing room doors. DM suggested that vandal proof guards be added to protect the young trees. DM will look for suppliers and feed back to FC as soon as possible. If a supplier cannot be found the committee agreed to accept the quote and seek dates from the contractor to carry out the work.

**09/24/OS/06 - To review requirements to repair St Marys church wall-** FC provided feedback based on a survey carried out by Phil Norris. The survey suggests six areas to be considered and that with it being like for like replacement of dry stone walling a Diocesan faculty will not be required. He does however suggest that consultation with the Diocesan Architect will be necessary. He has also supplied a specification for simple retaining walls plus three dry stone wall contractors. Our next action will be to obtain three quotes to repair the worst of the sections.

**09/24/OS/07 – To review and approve the Electricity contract-** The options were reviewed and it was decided that the best option is to stay with Octopus and with the 24 month fixed term option.

**09/24/OS/08 – To discuss plans and budget requirements for the playing fields and open spaces including the Churchyard, Castle Street Triangle and playing fields for the financial year 2025-2026-** After consideration it was decided that we roll over all quotes for grass cutting and hedges etc as per contracts.

**09/24/OS/09 – Chairs report** – There has been a report that Holts Lane bus shelter has been pushed out of position. FC and DM to look at.

**09/24/OS/10 – Items for the next agenda-** The original access gate onto Cornmill lane top field, to look at improving the base and to remove part of the hedge next to the gate and fit a railing.

**09/24/OS/11 - Date of next meeting-** 8th October 2024.