

STAPLETON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd FEBRUARY 2018 AT 8.50 PM

Present: Mr P. Segrott (PS) Chairman
Mrs C. Scatcherd (CS) Vice-Chairman
Mrs M. Edwards (ME)
Mr S. Weaver (SW)
Mr.P.Lewington (PL) Clerk

Apologies: Mrs M. Chilman
Mr H.Price

Minute

Action

PS opened the meeting by confirming that the meeting had been called to discuss the current situation relating to the hedge cutting at Combe Moor. No other matters would be discussed as these would be addressed at the next parish council meeting on 5th March 2018.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor M. Chilman and Councillor H.Price

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

3 HEDGE CUTTING AT COMBE MOOR

Following a detailed discussion it was resolved that:-

- a) The quotation received from Bicknell & Sons to cut back overhanging branches, small trees, hedge line, all the mature trees on the roadside, with all materials to be chipped on site totalling £3,570 plus vat be accepted. In addition to this traffic lights would need to be hired at a cost of £480 plus vat which was also accepted by the parish council. The total cost of these works would be £4,860 including vat.
SW would confirm the parish council's acceptance of this quotation to Bicknell & Sons. SW
- b) Before any works commenced the land owner (Mr. D. Beaumont) would be required to pay Bicknell & Sons £1,650 plus vat thereon of £330; a total of £1,980.
SW would advise Bicknell & Sons of this at the same time as confirming the parish council's acceptance of the quotation. SW
- c) The clerk would write to Mr. Beaumont confirming that £1,980 would need to be paid by him to Bicknell & Sons before any work commenced and requesting his written permission for said works to be undertaken and for access to his land. This letter would be hand delivered by SW who would also address any questions raised by Mr.Beaumont. PL/SW
- d) The parish council would pay the balance of £2,400 plus vat of £480 to Bicknell & Sons upon satisfactory completion of said works. This would be funded by the £1,100 specifically provided for in the lengthsmen budget for the financial year commencing 1st April 2018. As vat is recoverable by the parish council it was further resolved that the shortfall of £1,300 would also be funded from the lengthsmen budget as the parish council believes this work would address some of its concerns around road safety on this stretch of the B4362. Consequently this a priority issue to be resolved to the benefit of all the residents of the parish. The remaining lengthsmen budget for the financial year 2018/2019 would now stand at £1,100 and PL was requested to amend the Annual maintenance Plan to reflect this position. Upon completion of this task PL was requested to provide the lengthsmen with a copy of the updated plan and advise him that he should discuss any planned works with PL to seek the parish council's agreement before

undertaking any work.

PL

- e) PL would write to Mr.J.Lewis providing him with advance notice of these works being undertaken and requesting that during the period of said works no vehicles should be Parked on the pavement opposite the works.

PL

4 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 5th March 2018 at 8.00 pm.at Kinsham Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm