

## **Agenda item 17.97**

### **Repair and Renovation of North Cheriton Village Stocks**

#### **Introduction**

It is becoming a matter of some urgency that the cover structure to the Stocks is renovated before the ancient Stocks themselves deteriorate.

#### **Responsibility**

My understanding is as follows. When Miss Ethel Alice Gale died she left four plots of land to the Village. These are managed by two separate Trusts; the Ethel Alice Gale's Charity and the E. A. Gale's Parish Lands Charity. The former manages the funds which resulted from the sale of the School House and is operated by Trustees elected by the Village Meeting. The latter has responsibility for the Pound, the War Memorial and the Stocks. The Trustees of the E. A. Gale's Parish Lands Charity are the North Vale Parish Council. Note however that the Gale Trust/Charity is constrained by its constitution from applying monies to work which is the responsibility of the rate payer.

#### **Scope of Requirements**

The NVPC has obtained estimates for the repair of the Stocks and for this work to be carried out. A contractor now needs to be appointed and a price agreed. The questions that arise are which contractor to engage and which body should pay: either the Gale Trust, Lands Charity funds or from the Parish precept.

**Responsibility for costs incurred is unclear and need to be determined.**

#### **Tenders**

Four Contractors were invited to bid for the work. It was stipulated that materials should be 'like for like' and that we believed that the roofing structure and the supporting structure should be made of green oak.

On this basis, three tenders have been received to date and are summarised below:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Quotation</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Blackmore Vale Carpentry Ltd	£975 inc VAT	Gillingham firm; like-for-like solution
GMT Timber Frames Ltd	£1887 plus VAT	Templecombe firm; NOT a like –for- like solution
Dorset Wood	£675 inc VAT	Shaftesbury firm; like –for- like solution

### **Action Required**

- **Appoint preferred contractor**
- **Establish responsibility for costs incurred**