

Proposal to Repair Bertha Lane FP 7106a using as an alternative to SGS funding the Lengthsman Scheme funding

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Today, 17:32 You; Cllr. Clare Kinnear (clare45@tiscali.co.uk); Karin Jardine-Brown

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Dear Cllrs,

Alternative Approach to Funding Berthas Lane Repair: Request to Cllrs for agreement to achieve the repairs by adopting the alternative funding approach.

Chris kindly reminded me today, that you all may not be aware of my alternative approach to funding the repair of Berthas Lane in lieu of our application being 'rejected' by the Small Grants Scheme on the grounds that the '*farmer who uses the track should fund the repair*'. My apologies, I was somewhat busy with exchanges of emails and other parish council activities.

My proposal involves the use of the Lengthsmans Scheme funds and the £1,000 HPC SGS reserve to cover the costs of preparing and filling in the holes with hard core to provide a reasonable level flood free surface for use by the community. This approach uses the recommended materials that had been proposed in our HCC SGS Application.

I have verified and confirmed with the Head of HCC Highways (North), the Head of the HCC Countryside Services (North) and with the Pamber Parish Clerk that my proposal to use the Lengthsman Scheme funds for the Berthas Lane repair work is appropriate, and that it does not contradict the 'spirit' of the Lengthsman agreement. In fact, the Countryside Services Manager was delighted that we were going to use the Lengthsman Scheme funds to repair Berthas Lane. He Chaired the SGS Committee that rejected our SGS Application against his recommendation.

The Pamber Parish Clerk has confirmed to me that small amounts of the allocated Lengthsman funds can be carried over to the following year for specific works. Otherwise, any remaining large amounts of unused funds are returned to the HCC. We currently have access to £1,000 of Lengthsman funds for this financial year, i.e. to end March.

The 'updated' detailed cost estimates came to me from the Lengthsman over the weekend, which take into account machinery hire which was not the case when we put forward the SGS Application. As the Countryside team had agreed to take this 'significant hit' on equipment hire costs, i.e. to hire the equipment and provide the labour to drive the equipment to help us complete the work.

However, the Lengthsman has confirmed to me *that laying in the hard core after the mud clearance work and rolling it in will give our parishioners a useable surface without the floodwater.*

The cost breakdown provided to me by the Lengthsman is as follows,

Repair to a level surface

Digger Hire	2 x days at £350 per day including labour - Scrape away the mud to side of	£750
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Digger Hire	2 x days at £350 per day including labour - Lay in crushed concrete in potholes	£750
Dumper & Roller Hire	To load crushed concrete and transport to site and roll	£250
Labour	2 x days at £180 per day – for manning the dumper & roller	£360
Crushed Concrete	80 tonnes 6F2 Crushed hard core 74mm down to dust 15cm x 4 loads	£820
Total ex VAT:		£2,930

The approach to administer invoice tranches, so that we can take full advantage of the Lengthsman scheme as agreed by the Pamber PC Clerk, is in two stages,

Stage 1. *Site repair preparation*, in this financial year 2016/17 in March – Two days of Digger Hire & Labour £750 + Crushed Concrete Order £820, **totalling £1,570** directly invoiced to Pamber PC by the Lengthsman. Pamber PC to then Invoice Hannington PC for the **Lengthsman budget 'Overage' of £570**.

Stage 2. *Laying in hard core*, post end of financial year i.e. 2017/18 say in April/May – 2 days Digger hire £750 + Dumper & Roller Hire £250 + 2 days labour £360, **totalling £1,360** directly invoiced to Pamber PC by the Lengthsman. Pamber PC to then Invoice Hannington PC for the **Lengthsman budget 'overage' of £360**.

Please note that the logistics of achieving this repair work relies totally on the involvement and continued support by Kingsclere Estates.

The total cost of repair work to Hannington Parish is £930 excl. VAT i.e. within the £1,000 SGS reserve.

I suspect that there are a host of questions which I am happy to address before or during our meeting tomorrow.

Kind regards . . . Jan

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