

WINTERBORNE ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Staff appraisal and Budget meeting

Thursday 11th Nov 2021-2pm

Agenda

1. **Clerks' appraisal**- completed AD to report
2. **To consider the statement of assurance**- updated and agreed
3. **To consider the financial risk register**- updated and agreed
4. **To consider the Asset register**- updated, waste bins to be removed, garage to be revalued for insurance purposes and title deeds to be updated. Also, the Bus shelter deeds to be updated.
5. **To consider the current budget 2021-22**- budget group reviewed existing expenditure, the VH will be contacted re the hall hire charges.
6. **To consider the budget and precept request 2022-23** budget suggestions for consideration by full council in attached reports and details for consideration below:

1. **Request for funds for the V & V**- The PC had received a grant form and the suggested donation was £300 the fee for a whole page for a year is £350, PC to consider a donation based on a full page and request what other funding has been given and that all parishes are contributing.

2. Report supplied by MU-Highways Costs (For consideration)

I believe we already have £2500 in this year's budget. With this amount we could do the Dragons Teeth and Slow underlining. VAT needs to be added but can be reclaimed.

As for next year's items I would propose that we incrementalise the Red anti-skid paint and just do one ie. Mallards Green gateway-

I am sorry I cannot give you the cost of new signs but all they did was trot out the old ones sent to KD earlier in the year. I have asked for new yellow backed roundels with 30mph and the village name. Not sure when I'm going to get these, can we put in a nominal £1500 for one, once again probably Mallards green?

I am conscious that there is nothing for the West end.

Two reasons for this:

- 1) *we don't know if the development is to go ahead,*
- 2) *there may be a movement of the 30mph boundary. If we are to pay for the above measures, we want them in the right place. This of course will need discussion at the next meeting.*

The B3159 and C51 are due to be resurfaced in 21/22. This could be early on or much later. I prefer to get the paint down and they will replace it when resurfacing takes place.

From the DC email:

Item 3) – Dragon's Teeth. The cost to supply and lay 20 number Dragon's Teeth on each of the three gateway approaches including all traffic management and control would be £ 2,314.00 only excluding vat. – recommended by the budget group in 2021-22

*Item 4) – Red Anti-skid surfacing. The cost to supply and lay a cold applied epoxy resin High friction surfacing approximately 16m long x the various widths with one 30mph speed roundel on each of the three gateway approaches including all traffic management and control would be £ 12,314.00 only excluding vat- **not recommended but to be considered by Full Council***

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Item 5) – Underline / overline SLOW. The cost to lay a single bar line above and below the existing SLOW marking including all traffic management and control would be £ 118.00/slow only excluding vat as and when the lining gang are working in the local area- **recommended by the budget group in 2021-22**

The prices will remain firm until the end of March 2022 after which time we would have to resubmit our costs. As the highways officer mentioned the roads are in the programme to be resurfacing in the future. Any road markings laid before then, unless deemed redundant would be replaced however we would only resurface up to the High friction surfacing area but not replace it. As mentioned before Dorset Highways has gone away from using this type of material due to its durability and high cost of maintenance.

3. Report supplied by KD

1. Organise a clearance of stream silt banks every two years, estimate £2000 every 2-3 years, rather than annual removal of debris- **no contract in place to be decided by full Council (more information to be requested from GM and DWT on this item)**
2. Permanent Christmas Tree on the Village Green £250-land owner to be approached but a Christmas tree to be supplied by National Grid VIP for 2021- to be decided by full Council, (it was noted that of the 128 responses to the survey only 38 supported this and 90 didn't support it)
3. Locate village boundary signs in sight of the village with planting and mown verge. Capital £3000 for new signs, £1000 for planting bed construction beneath signs, annual expenditure £210 for regular grass cutting around signs- **this would result in an increase to the precept and is not recommended by the budget group- to be decided by full Council**
4. Cut the village southern verge shorter to give a sense of place and make stream gully trip hazards visible. 4 cuts pa £160 pa- **against DC policy as per Countryside Ranger, therefore not recommended by the budget group.**
5. Add Blagdon close regular grass cut to village green contract (as per the requirements of lease) £140 pa- **currently 2 cuts per year, so to be decided by full Council- GM to be approached on the intentions for this piece of land.**
6. Repair post and rail fence plus hedges at Blagdon Close (as per the requirements of lease) £500- £1000 one-off- **not part of the lease, AD to speak to vicar**
7. Add two extra north verge cuts to village green contract £100 pa- **against DC policy as per Countryside Ranger -therefore this is not recommended by the budget group**
8. Ask DC to provide two extra chargeable bridleway cuts per year £300 pa-**advice given to PC was to report all the issues to Dorset RoW for action**
9. If sufficient volunteers formally commit to fund CSW equipment £400- **agreed in 2021-22 TB organising**
10. Put aside £1000 for possible additions to highway resurfacing- **not recommended but to be decided by full Council**

4. Recommendations from the budget group not to increase the precept for 2022-23 based on the current budget