

WHPC Meeting 4th June 2024

Agenda Item: 24/200

Title: Village Hall Pedestrian Path Update

Purpose:

To advise the Parish Council of the progress of the project and to request the Council to consider:-

1. The updated quotations for the construction of the pedestrian path and to decide whether to appoint one of the contractors subject to agreement of the lease.
2. The quote from JRC Engineers and decide whether to appoint them to liaise with Highways concerning the S278 agreement and for post construct sign-off subject to agreement of the lease.
3. The quote from Richard Green Ecology and decide whether to appoint them to act as an Ecological Clerk of Works during the work on the hedge banks subject to agreement of the lease.

Background:

At the meeting of the Council held on 7th May it was agreed to appoint Tozers Solicitors to negotiate lease terms for the footpath for approval by the Council. Tozers have therefore been appointed and have commenced work on the negotiation. The proposals for the lease will be brought to a future meeting.

It was further agreed at the meeting on 7th May to request updated quotes from the potential contractors to be considered by the Council. Quotes have been received from 3 contractors and the Council is now requested to consider these quotes with a view to appointing one of the contractors subject to agreement of the lease.

It was also agreed at the meeting on 7th May to request a quote from Richard Green Ecology to act as an Ecological Clerk of Works during the work on the Hedgebanks and from JRC Engineers to liaise with Highways on the S278 agreement and for post construction sign-off of the project. Quotes have been received from both companies for the Council to consider

For Consideration and Decision:

Updated quotes for the construct of the footpath have been received from the following contractors:-

Devon Tarmasters
JTT Contracting
Glendinning Ltd

The detail of each quote is commercially sensitive and will be discussed by the Council in a Confidential session. The quotes range from £21,035 + VAT to £41,485.18 + VAT and the lead times to start work vary from 4 weeks to 3 months, subject to DCC Highways Licences.

The Council is invited in the Confidential session to decide whether to accept one of the quotes subject to future agreement of the lease. In making the decision the Council will consider all elements of the quote including, but not exclusively, the price and lead time (as per WHPC Financial Regulations).

JRC Engineers have quoted for the S278 work and for the construction phase support for the Project for a total of £4,200.00 + VAT. The Council is invited to decide whether to accept this quote subject to future agreement of the lease.

Richard Green Ecology has quoted £150.00 +vat for the pre-work survey and £480+vat to act as Environmental Clerk of Works during the construction (a planning condition). The Council has previously approved the pre-work survey and is now invited to consider whether to accept the quote for the Environmental Clerk of Works activity subject to future agreement of the lease.

Next Steps:

When the negotiations about the lease are concluded the final proposal will be brought to the Council for discussion and consideration. If the Council agrees with the proposed lease terms a meeting of the joint Council and Village Hall Group will be called to agree a timetable for the work which will be dependent on the result of the ecological pre work survey and DCC Highways licences.

Village Hall Path Working Group
29th May 2024