

Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton Parish Council held in the Jubilee meeting room at Belbroughton Recreation Centre on Monday 17th December 2012

Present: Cllrs K Green (Chair), J Bradley, I Dalziel, N Hartill, C Hine, A Hood, A Ince, A Mabbett, S MacDonald, D Roberts, C Scurrrell and P Shotton.

In attendance: Mrs C Limm. Mr J Symonds and five members of the public also attended.

371/12 Apologies : Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Kitson and Jones.

372/12 Declarations of Interest : No interests were declared.

373/12 Wall at Sylvesters Corner, Belbroughton

The Chairman welcomed Mr Symonds who had provided the structural survey of the wall. Cllr Roberts then chaired the discussion. He explained that the decisions for this meeting were to agree a contractor and the arrangements for the work to make the wall safe and to enable Queens Hill to be reopened. The Council would then be able to consider a permanent solution. This would require planning approval and would have to involve the District Council's conservation officer.

Following the tendering exercise, four quotes had been received ranging from £6,700 to £9,660. These covered the same work except for the quote from RS Taylor which apparently included taking over the provision of the traffic lights until the work commenced. It was agreed in principle that the Council should accept the lowest quote which was from Walsh. However, the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chair of Finance, was given delegated authority to make the final decision and to choose the quote from RS Taylor if after further enquiries this proved to be the least expensive. An early start date was essential and it was agreed that this should be a condition of accepting the quote - subject to agreement being reached with the County Council for an emergency road closure.

It was agreed that Headway should continue to provide the traffic lights unless the contractor for the work took these on.

Mr Symonds undertook to take the necessary photographs of the wall before the work commenced as requested by the District's conservation officer.

Cllr MacDonald said that the Recreation Centre Committee had agreed that the container for the reclaimed sandstone could be stored at the Rec. provided that the Council made good any damage caused. This was confirmed by the Council.

The Clerk had circulated a draft letter to residents to inform them about the situation and the work planned. It was agreed that this should be amended to include further details about the timescales and that Belbroughton Councillors would circulate it.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed.....Chairman