

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
5 MARCH 2014**

Present: Cllrs D Staton, Fretwell, Hardwick, Payne, P Staton, Watson

1. Apologies:

None

2. Grounds Maintenance Contracts

2.1 Summer Bedding

The Clerk had met with three contractors regarding this, with a view to visiting the sites. Following initial meetings, only one contractor had priced for the summer bedding contract.

New Leaf landscapes at £8975.00 inc. v.a.t, plus plants.

2.2 Barrier Baskets & Hanging Baskets

The three contractors had priced for both the barrier and hanging baskets in one price,

Plantscape £3678 inc. v.a.t

New Leaf landscapes £3655 inc v.a.t.

Premier 1 £3594 plus v.a.t.

RESOLVED:

To award to New Leaf landscapes the summer bedding contract, and the hanging basket and barrier basket contracts.

3. Christmas Lights

Christmas Lights were discussed in detail and what the scope of the contract might be. It is difficult to seek tenders when the contract is still to be finalised, given that around six lamp columns in the centre of the village cannot be used.

The clerk has written to DCC about replacing these, but a reply has not been received. DCC removed the power supplies from their columns to the uplighters in the Churchyard.

Somercotes Christmas lights have been very impressive for the last couple of years. Some Council's also have lights strung from column to column(festoons).

RESOLVED:

To contact Somercotes Parish Council to gain information regarding their contract and contractor.

To chase DCC up for a response on replacing the columns, and to find out what weight the lamp columns will take.

To find out the cost of festoon lighting, and to find out if businesses would have designs on their buildings rather than columns.

To find out if the Church would allow uplighters to be powered from their supply.

4. Garden on The Green

The lighting was discussed in the Garden on The Green, given the recent damage caused to the columns. The sculpture is yet to be installed in the Garden, this could have a bearing on what the future lighting might be. The clerk has contact AVBC regarding the overhanging trees, and there are no TPOs' on them, so this will not be a problem. The contractor would complete the work at the next school holiday.

RESOLVED:

To contact St Andrew's Church regarding their vandal proof lighting.

The Chairman also raised the matter of:

The Seat outside the Post Office, the condition is not good, it is well used, she wished to replace this, and the boarding on the seat opposite the Post Office needs treating.

Cllr Payne asked that more colourful plants are installed in the Well, and that the Ivy is cut back to save damage to the stonework.

The Chairman also asked that some colourful plants be put in the Garden On The Green, when the overhanging trees have been removed, she also asked that the planters at the Garden On The Green be moved to the end of Broadway.

RESOLVED:

To replace the seat outside of the Post Office, and to carry out maintenance on the seat opposite the Post Office, to improve the well site, and to put in some more colourful plants in the garden, and remove the planters to Broadway.

Meeting Closed at 7.00pm