

# Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Kingscote Parish Council Held 2nd July 2020 via Zoom

Members present: - Cllrs S Cooper, G Nichols, T Wooldridge, R Gale  
Officer: -Clerk Fiona Thornton.

Members of the Public: Mr P Carpenter (parish tree warden)

## **20/166. Council to discuss trees at Bagpath Common**

### **a) Parish council responsibilities**

Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 gives local authorities the power to spend money on land they do not own. Limit for non-statutory spending such as this is approx. £1600 per annum

Senior Estates Officer at CDC, in discussions with Cllr T Wooldridge advised that sometimes the Commons Commissioners specify which local authority has responsibility but that this was not specified for Bagpath Common. Further legal advice is being sought about this, but she thinks it is possible that the District Council might share the responsibility.

### **b) Quotes for a survey**

- a) Charlton Abbots Forestry £480 plus VAT. Additional work £60 per hour plus VAT
- b) Tree Maintenance Ltd £ 765 plus VAT
- c) Cotswold Wildlife consultancy – no date for a visit/quote
- d) Treecreeper – no date for a visit/quote

One of the consultants had suggested July as a good month since the trees are in full leaf so it is easier to assess any dieback.

**Decision: Cllr T Wooldridge updated the meeting on his discussions with CDC and proposed this item be deferred pending definitive legal advice from CDC. Seconded by Cllr S Cooper and agreed by all.**

**A further meeting will be called once the information is available.**

Cllr G Nichols raised the matter of the burnt tree on the roadside which was fallen following a vehicle fire. This tree should be removed as part of the insurance claim of the incident as it is not due to any disease.

**Action: Cllr R Gale to establish details of incident and request removal of the burnt tree.**

Mr P Carpenter advised council he had conducted a survey of Bagpath Common to establish an estimate of the number of large trees. He concluded there are 400 on the main common and 100 on the detached area. The majority are multi trunk.

## **20/167.Council to discuss suggestion of 'SLOW' signs painted at Church Corner**

Cllr S Cooper outlined the area as being a dangerous, blind corner, where there have been several close shaves. He had been contacted by a parishioner to say she would support traffic calming measures in this area. She thinks that parking in the area is a major factor.

Cllr S Cooper advised council of their responsibility to minimise the risk.

**Decision: Proposed by Cllr S Cooper and seconded by Cllr T Wooldridge that council request Glos. CC Highways to paint 'slow' on the road surface from both directions.**

**Vote: 3 in favour, 1 against. Motion carried.**

**Clerk to contact Highways and Cllr S Hirst to request signage**

Cllr G Nichols asked for an update as to other ongoing signage. Cllr T Wooldridge will ask Gill Portlock for a site visit.

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