

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL**WINDMILL**

MINUTES of a meeting of the **WINDMILL SUB-COMMITTEE** held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 21 November 2018 in the Day Centre, Crafton Green, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

PRESENT: Cllr J O'Brien (Chairman), Cllrs M Caton, J Hudson, J Kavanagh and J Salmon. Mrs M Clark (co-trustee), Mr R Thomas and Mr T Owen

ATTENDING: Mrs R Clifford – Clerk
Mr T Lloyd- Assistant to the Clerk

281 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- Cllr P Jones

282 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none.

283 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2018

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

284 MATTERS ARISING

(525) Cllr O'Brien reported that he was still investigating a product for the path repair. A range of products is available but most are very expensive so it is important to get the right one for the job.

285 UPDATE FROM THE MILLERS ON MAINTENANCE:

A) RE-PAINTING AND RE-POINTING

RT reported that 2 sails need a second coat of paint. A volunteer had offered to do some interior painting of the window frames.

Three quotes had been received for pointing work. Cllr O'Brien felt that some contractors were not being honest about what they are promising and couldn't be trusted. The quote from Rob Wilkes for replacement of bricks equates to around £7 per brick – a total of £14,200 – plus £80 per square meter for re-pointing. Alternatively, a day rate could be paid. RT stressed that it is difficult to get an exact price because the bricks which require replacing are dotted all over the Mill. The areas for re-pointing are also not in precise square meters. It was agreed to delegate authority to the Millers to contact Rob Wilkes and see if a programme for phasing the work over a number of years could be arranged. Any areas of brick work which are in a particularly poor state should be prioritised and worked on in year one of the programme. Ideally, work should start as soon as the worst of the winter weather is over. Phasing the work over a number of years would prevent a big hit on reserves which could leave the Mill in a vulnerable position should an emergency arise.

The Clerk agreed to consult Historic England to establish whether their consent is required.

B) GENERAL

Keeping the stocks and sails in good order should be a rolling 5-10 year programme which can be budgeted for.

286 TO CONSIDER PAUL KEMP'S INSPECTION REPORT

Covered under the above.

287 UPDATE FROM THE MILLERS ON FUND-RAISING AND ACCOUNTS

RT reported on some successful fund-raising activities. The balance in the current account stands at £5288. £3000 has been transferred to the Parish Council mill fund.

It was agreed that it would be good practice for any Millers involved in school visits to the mill to have DBS checks done. The Clerk will advise on how to go about this.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

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