

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF AN EXTRAORDINARY TAWSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON SITE AT TOWER VIEW RECREATION AREA ON TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 4.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillor Blackman (Chair)
Councillors Bowden, Knight and Needham.

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public – 0
Gavin Hendry – Grounds Maintenance Contractor

114. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Lines, Lofthouse, Norman, Steer and Ward

115. TOWER VIEW RECREATION AREA – MAINTENANCE OF CENTRAL BANK AND TREES IN THE TOP WILDLIFE AREA

The Chair reported that complaints had been received from residents regarding the appearance of the central bank in the Tower View Recreation Area.

Gavin Hendry outlined the issues that he had in cutting the area along the path side of the central bank. He suggested that in order to make cutting easier that the wire fence be either removed or taken back to the edge of the bank.

He also stated that in order to kill the bind weed the bank needed to be sprayed with herbicide. In order to protect the saplings, when the area was being sprayed, they could either be removed and replanted or covered up.

In answer to questions asked he stated that was the best time to herbicide the area would be weather dependent, no rain or wind and in the growing season. The park would either need to be closed or the bank fenced off for five day to protect dogs.

RESOLVED:

a) Central Bank

- i) That the whole of the central bank be sprayed where needed with herbicide to kill off the bind weed (convolvulus).
- ii) That a quote be sought to undertake the above work.
- iii) That the fence be moved back to the edge of the bank to enable the grass to be cut after the bank has been sprayed.
- iv) That a quote be sought to re-locate the fence.

b) Bottom Bank

- i) That no action be taken regarding the bottom bank but that the new grounds maintenance contract include its strimming 4 times a year.

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c) Top Wildlife Area – Trees

- i) That those trees as advised by the contractor as requiring attention be pruned in a very sympathetic manner to keep the trees in good condition and a quote sought to undertake the work.

The meeting ended at 5.23 p.m.