

PARISH COUNCIL OF NUNBURNHOLME WITH KILNWICK PERCY

Minutes of an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th June 2022 at 19:00 in Nunburnholme Church.

Present: Cllr Phillips, Atkinson, Halkon, C Bird and R Bird, Richardson (part) and four members of the public were also in attendance.

OPEN FORUM

Mr West commented that he would be in support of pro-active measures from the PC to resolve the problem relating to the identified cases of Ash Dieback in Jubilee Wood.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (started at 19:05 hrs)

1. Welcome and Apologies – all members of the PC were present.
2. Declarations of Interest - None
3. Ash Die Back Quote – approval of works

Cllr Phillips provided a brief description of the problem as follows: -

Following the initial identification of Ash Dieback in Jubilee Wood, the Parish Council had sought expert advice regarding the extent of the problem. Matthew Coe (Jackdaw) had inspected the wood and confirmed that in his opinion 2 trees were suffering from the disease and the infected branches should be removed. In addition, there was also 1 dead Elm tree which again should be removed. The price from Jackdaw for removing the Elm and removing the affected branches of the 2 Ash trees was £700. This would include “cutting down, cutting into lengths and chipping”. For the purposes of due diligence, 2 further quotes were obtained covering the same scope of work, with prices as follows: -

Vale - £850

Canopy Care - £1,080

Cllr Phillips went onto explain that as the Jubilee Wood is designated as Parish land, then the PC would be liable if any individual was injured / killed because of any of the identified trees falling. Now that the PC are aware of the problem, then a failure to act could potentially lead to the PC being liable for Corporate Manslaughter if an accident were to happen.

Other options were as follows: -

- (a) Remove the trees affected as described in the contractor quotes.
- (b) Cut back only the dangerous wood.

A vote was held, and it was unanimously agreed to follow the contractor advice and go with option (a).

A second vote was held, and it was unanimously agreed to ask Jackdaw to carry out the work, based on them being a local firm, having a good reputation, and being the cheapest quote.

Actions

- Cllr R. Bird to contact Jackdaw to both offer the contract and confirm when the work can be carried out.
- Cllr Bird to also get confirmation from Jackdaw that they have got public liability insurance and also that in the case of any road closures being required, they would liaise directly with East Riding Council.

The question of whether the wood requires additional thinning out was also discussed and although recommended by Jackdaw, it was agreed to discuss further as an agenda item at the next PC meeting on Thurs 7th July. ACTION: Clerk to agenda this for the next meeting. ACTION: Clerk to agenda ‘ongoing maintenance of woods.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:25 hrs.

Signed as a true and correct record _____ Date _____