

MINUTES OF THE SEVERN HAM COMMITTEE HELD ON
THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2017 AT 9AM

Present: Councillors P Aldridge (Chairman), K Brennan and P Clatworthy

Independent Members: Mr J Lucas and Mr T Perry

Also Present: Ms. C Corsie (Advisor to the Committee)

1. Apologies

- i. Mr Alan Purkiss
- ii. Ms A Swanson
- iii. Ms C Beeching

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Dispensations

None

4. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017

The minutes of the meeting on 7th March 2017 were agreed as a true record.

5. To receive a copy of the Budget

The committee received a copy of the budget. There were two changes to budget cost centre titles as follows:

'Hay Project' to be replaced by 'Hay Sowing Project' and 'Hay Auction' to be replaced by 'Mowing Auction'.

6. To confirm the services of Carver Knowles as the new Auctioneer.

Cllr Brennan proposed that the Committee accept the quote by Carver Knowles for auctioneering services of £500 for this year. This will be reviewed next year. Also agreed that Carver Knowles can act on behalf of the council to get compensation for the council. There will be no cost to the council for this. The Members also agreed a fixed fee of £200 for the Grazing Agreement preparation by Carver Knowles, which they will take from the income when the grazing rights have been sold. Cllr Aldridge seconded.

7. To evaluate the tenders received for the Severn Ham footpath upgrade

Committee Members opened and reviewed the tenders. A copy of the Specification document was given to each member for comparison.

Six tenders were received:

OHL £10,343.40 + VAT

Hartell £16,163.00 + VAT – over budget

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Ground Control	£39,671.34 – over budget
Carter	£26,951.31 – over budget
3 Counties	£39,380.00 – over budget
Wild Services	£8,947.00

The Chairman read out the details of the quotes from OHL and Wild Services, both are within the budget.

OHL – can start in 1 to 2 weeks after placement of an order. National company.

Wild Services – are a local company. They have done other work locally.

Following a review of the quotations received the Chairman recommended that the Committee accept the quotation of Wild Services.

The Committee agreed.

The work is to be checked on completion as per the tender forms by the Clerk and M. Cluley from Carver Knowles.

The Clerk must request a dispensation from Natural England (Alicia Swanson) to commence the bund work.

8. To receive an update from the Chairman on Environment Agency and Severn Trent works

Cllr Aldridge gave an update on the delay of work by Severn Trent due to an accident on the river involving a Kayaker. This caused a 5 week delay. Projected completion date is now June/July 2017.

The Clerk read out an email from Dalcour McLaren updating the Committee on the leaks. The Chairman signed a Severn Trent document confirming the Committee agree access as per the map provided. The Clerk is to ask Mike Cluley from Carver Knowles to monitor the work by Severn Trent/ Dalcour McLaren once it starts.

9. To receive an update from Caroline Corsie, Conservation Advisor

The Clerk is to send a Schedule of Meetings to Caroline Corsie.

- i) Caroline asked the Clerk to sign the HLS claim form.
- ii) The conditions of mowing have been sent to Mike Cluley for information. The Hay must be off by 12th July but this may be delayed by the curlew. If this happens the mowers will be given details and will mow around or wait until they leave.
- iii) A drain near the Abbey Mill (Plot 15) needs attention. Plots 1 and 3 are to be kept out of the auction as part of the Hay project to be managed by Mr. Perry.
- iv) Grazing – there may be a requirement in the future to hire a grazing manager as options for the Ham are considered. The option to graze cattle should be considered soon. There is a 'Difficult Site Supplement' to fund this.
- v) There is a workshop project currently centred on Tewkesbury which Natural England and Caroline Corsie are working on. The aim is to create a 'Green Tewkesbury'. The council agreed to op-erate with

this project to share ideas. The Town Hall is available as a venue for meetings. The Chairman signed a cheque in payment to Caroline Corsie.

10. To discuss the design and position of Tewkesbury Borough Council/Regeneration Partnership information boards

The Chairman is waiting for information from Tewkesbury Borough Council on the placement of signs and confirmation from Natural England of their approval. Designs were not discussed as there were no copies available. The Clerk to request images from Andy Noble and Andy Saunders for the next meeting.

11.To consider new noticeboards and sign posts for the Severn Ham

This work cannot be progressed until Severn Trent have completed the repair works. There may be an offer by Severn Trent to fund new notice boards when they are finished.

12. To receive an update on the Eel Pass Project at Upper Lode Weir

Eel pass plans look acceptable to the Committee

13. To discuss the long term legacy of the Severn Ham

This item will continue onto the next Agenda.

The Meeting ended at 10:35am