

LENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 8.50pm WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2020
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE GROOM WAY LENHAM.

PRESENT Cllr. R Greenwood Chairman presiding.
Cllrs. M Ballard, J Britt, M Cockett & N Osborne.
Cllrs. K Hammond & A Ratcliffe were also present. M McFarlane. (Clerk & RFO)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. A Walmsley.

2. **DISCLOSURES AND CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No disclosures of confidential items on the agenda.

3. **LANDSCAPE, MAINTENANCE WORKS AND PROJECT UPDATES**

A meeting with MBC will be rescheduled for Monday 9th March at 9am to discuss the WCs and car park. Quotes for the Open Spaces maintenance contract are being organised for 2020-2021.

A meeting with MBC parking services will be organised during March to discuss parking issues.

Streetlights have provided an agreement for maintenance services to the council for the streetlights under the parish control. The contract also offers an energy supply agreement, the Clerk will ask for more details about the energy supply costs.

A temporary repair to the light on Faversham Road has been undertaken, full repair/replacement will cost £407.50 (including SL8 LED lantern).

The tree report from Duramen Consulting Ltd. highlights several trees in need of attention. Three quotes will be sought for the recommended works in order of priority.

The quote from Down to Earth for hedge cutting at Groom Way for the sum of £700 will be recommended to full council on 4th March.

The new lights have been installed at William Pitt Field, fitted by Cyber-eye as per the quote £300.

The overgrown hedge in the churchyard has been cut back and the footpath cleared.

Cllr. M Ballard has secured 420 trees which will be delivered in November. Sites will need to be identified for planting. Royton Avenue and the cemetery will be planted, other areas to be agreed.

Cllr. A Ratcliffe proposed that the Officers and men of REME 133 Recovery Company are awarded the Freedom of the Parish of Lenham in recognition of their association with the village and parish of Lenham, particularly through the events of 24th June 1945 with the sad loss of so many Craftsmen preparing to embark on the second wave of D-Day landings. It was agreed at the next council meeting on the 4th March a special meeting at the beginning of the evening, before public participation, will discuss the proposal, the meeting will be closed and a full agenda item will discuss the proposition during the full council meeting.

Cllr. R Greenwood will contact a tree sculptor for a quote to work on the tree stump in the south east corner of the cemetery, sponsorship will be sought for the works.

4. **ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL REPORTS/REVIEWS AND TENDERS**

Cllr. J Britt reported subject to final confirmation at the full council a new RFO will work with the Clerk and Cllr. M Ballard to secure S106 and CIL monies for future projects. Mr J Bate will provide full financial maintenance of accounts, HMRC & VAT and will report to full council monthly.

£750 has been received from Cllr. T Sams members community grant for the Platts Heath project

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For information)**

The documents on deposit have been received from KCC concerning the extension of the 30mph at Platts Heath the documents are available for inspection until Monday 16th March.

Cllr. J Britt reported Forestry England hope to attend the Annual Assembly on the 30th April.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

