

Extra item from 17.9.20 – on JPF Trust

The clerk noted that there was a Trust item that needed discussion – the Fort structure.

Mr Sadler began with it being unfortunate that Cllr Moyle had just left the meeting. He had sent out an email previously quoting £555 for cut/sanded/ treated Douglas fir. The way forward now was to advertise for someone to do works.

Cllr Marsden thought that Cllr Sadler had already arranged contractors and was just waiting on a quote?

Cllr Sadler explained that he had undertaken a site visit with Penroses who felt that the fort could be repaired and were slightly interested in the project. On further consideration they felt that this was not the type of job they did and did not want to take on as they were very busy at present.

He understood that the majority of costs that would now come in were labour charges. Douglas Fir will last 25 years of more if looked after and this repair project is something that should be continued but how this was done was up to the Trust to decide.

What was now needed was a well worded advertisement for the job to go out. It would be up to trust to decide how this went out and what it said.

Cllr Marsden said then that in reality this has been kicked down the road for a while now; members had not grasped this in reality and pushed the project forward for some time but we are now at a point that we need to make a decision.

He asked that if it goes out to advertisement will it draw in suitable people to tender for this work? We are not in the position to leave an unending period to get people in to tender or complete the works.

The clerk noted out at this point that she didn't have the specialist skills or knowledge to draft up a specification for this level of works. She was also unsure if average builder would be able to complete works to a specialist piece of equipment. Cllr Toland reiterated her point that any works need to take in the H&S aspect for future users – it must meet required use standards (H&S & BS standards).

Cllr Sadler then commented that any likely tradesman all have insurances and are very skilled. When works are complete they will be inspected by an independent play inspector and if passes the structure would be fit to use for children. The possibility of it not passing and how this would fit into the specification was not mentioned.

Cllr Marsden then stated that in order to take this forward over next 2-3 weeks invitations to contractors to take a look at would be made with a view to accepting tenders for it asap with a meeting to review them at a Trust meeting in October for a final decision.

Cllr Sadler said that he would try to get couple of tradesman up to get wording for specification of what needs to be done and how it needs to be done in a week or so and give this to the clerk so she know what needs to be done and what to advertise. Cllr Nash agree that a specification needs to be drawn up – once done and we know what is required then we can go out to tender. It was also felt that the specification and the following works would need to be rigorously managed at all stages.

Cllr Marsden finished up with the need to keep this project going, so the need for the specification coming back was essential, as was a Trust meeting to discuss it. At that point we would have an idea of what is required so we can put it out to builders etc and go from there. This meant that we had to stick to the review in next 2-3 weeks.

Meeting finished at 8.50pm