

**Notes from an interim Meeting of Little Coxwell Parish Council
Held by video conference on Tuesday 29th September 2020**

1. Present: G Yarwood (Chairman), F Woodd , A Whiteford, Nick Mattingley, Dave New (Councillors), C Weston (Clerk)
2. Declarations of interest. As Dave New will be quoting to carry out some of the work discussed during the meeting he will be excluded from the voting.
3. **Overgrown tress/shrubs outside Glenmorag.** Whilst some cutting back has taken place recently this has not resolved the issue and more cutting back is needed including the evergreen shrubs and sycamore saplings which have self seeded on the bank. It was agreed that a working party will be organised to clear the area with the cut down waste being taken away by Nick/Fra. Glen/Caroline to arrange a date for this work.

Action: Glen/Caroline
4. **Matting and reseeding on West Green.** There is a bare strip exposing the matting on West Green where vehicles drive on the green due to the narrowness of the road. It was agreed to leave the area as is since vehicles will continue to drive on the Green and previously the council wouldn't allow the area to be changed such as adding a gravel strip instead of grass.

Action: None
5. **Overgrown shrubs in ditch by A420/Fernham Road junction obscuring view.** This issue has been raised with Highways and we are waiting for a response. It was agreed the clearance work needs to take place before the Spring when the overgrowth will be even larger. A village working party could be convened to undertake the clearance work but there will be a significant amount of waste to dispose of and working alongside the A420 has its risks. It may be possible to pass the waste into the adjacent field and clear it up from there instead. It is thought the field, while owned by Mr Crossley Cooke is managed by Matt Eyre Brook. Glen could discuss with Matt to see if use of the field in this way is possible. It was agreed to chase Highways for a response and wait a couple of weeks before organising our own working party.

Action: Glen/Caroline
6. **Footpath behind the Church to Fernham Road.** Dave New has estimated the work to improve the footpath again by adding membrane and gravel along its length. All costs are approximate.

Equipment Hire, e.g. dumper truck etc	£400 - £500
Membrane	£240
Labour 3-4 days	£360 - £480
Stone/Gravel 24-30 m ³	£800
Total	<hr/> £1800 - £2020

When this work was being discussed previously Grundons had offered to provide the stone/gravel free of charge. Nick to check if Grundons are still willing to do this and if not what they would charge. The logistics of delivering/fetching the stone/gravel from Grundons still needs to be resolved.

Action: Nick

The fence alongside the footpath is in need of repair however it was agreed this is the responsibility of the landowner and not the Parish Council.

There is still £872 remaining from the previous footpath grant and overall the PC accounts have just in excess of £11,000. This years budget has £250 allocated for Village Running Costs such as maintenance/fencing/signage etc, none of which has been spent. Some of the existing grant (estimate £100-£200) is earmarked for work on the gulleys as discussed previously. It was agreed that if Grundons are still willing to provide the stone/gravel FOC then the cost of the work will be covered from PC funds/grant. If not then a grant application will be submitted to Judith Heathcoat's Councillor Priority fund. Judith has already indicated she would support such an application.

All 4 councillors (omitting Dave New) agreed that Dave should start the footpath and gulleys work now independently of the stone/gravel funding question as the PC has sufficient funds to cover the work.

Action: Dave

7. **Government Planning Changes.** It was considered not appropriate for the PC to respond to the CPRE email re concerns on the Governments Planning Process changes. Caroline to circulate the CPRE email on the Round Robin so individuals can respond if concerned.

Action: Caroline