

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAVINGTON-CUM-GRESTY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 11 MARCH 2020 IN SHAVINGTON VILLAGE HALL, SHAVINGTON, CREWE**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor K Gibbs	In the Chair
	Councillor V Adams	Councillor G McIntyre
	Councillor L Buchanan	Councillor R Hancock
	Councillor M Ferguson	Councillor R Moore
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Councillors B Gibbs, N Cooper and J Hassall	

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**222 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members were invited to declare any (a) disclosable pecuniary interest; (b) personal interest; or (c) prejudicial interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests and prejudicial interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

There were no declarations of interest.

**223 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

At its meeting held on 4 March 2020, the Parish Council approved a revised specification for the grounds maintenance contract with Northwich Town Council. This had been issued to the Town Council for pricing and its draft Service Level Agreement was now submitted for approval.

It was noted that the overall price for the contract was £11,875, as presented.

In addition to the proposed Service Level Agreement, the Parish Council was asked to approve an additional quotation provided by Northwich Town Council, as follows:

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➤ Remove two concrete planters and re-position remaining.	444.00
➤ Remove ivy from fence adjacent to rose beds.	294.00
➤ Hedge-cut Piccadilly when requested by the Parish Council	<u>294.00</u>
➤ Total	<b><u>1,032.00</u></b>

This would bring the total net contract amount to £12,907.00. The budget for the financial year 2020-2021 was £12,500.

**RESOLVED:** (a) That the Service Level Agreement prepared by Northwich Town Council be approved, subject to the following:

- Village Hall: Maintenance of the roses around the war memorial be reduced from 12 visits a year to six visits. Other maintenance work in the grounds to be carried out 12 times a year.
- Sugar Loaf Corner: That Northwich Town Council be asked to confirm the cost of £98.00 for the once a year leaf-removal around the bus stop. Members considered this to be relatively high amount for the work involved.
- Corner of Barons Road/Crewe Road: Grass cutting around the flower bed to be reduced from 12 visits to eight.
- Vine Tree Footpath: Reduce from 18 visits a year to twice a year.

- (b) That the contract date be agreed as 1 April 2020;
- (c) That the additional quoted items amounting to a total of £1,032.00 be approved and included in the contract;
- (d) That Northwich Town Council be asked to advise savings by applying 'economies of scale' principles, particularly in respect of the Vine Tree footpath and Vine Tree play area; and
- (e) That in due course, Cheshire East Council be informed of the details of the Parish Council's schedule of grounds maintenance.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and concluded at 7.05 pm