

Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

Report for Meeting on 27th March 2024

Subject: Village Green Maintenance/Development

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to appoint a new contractor to undertake the maintenance of the Village Green.
- 1.2 To circulate the Play Inspection Report, and outline a proposal to bring a report to the next meeting of the Parish Council, on the process of considering the development of the Village Green

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The maintenance of the Village Green is currently undertaken by Eddie Kingdom, and include 10 cuts of the Green from March to October, and the weed kill of the cobbled path, twice per year, and a trim of the beach hedge. The quote for this year is a total of £585, to include a 5% increase on last year's price.
- 2.2 A quote for the same list of works has been received from Trevor Davey who currently cuts the grass on the Green on behalf of the Village Hall. The quote for all works is a fixed price of £400.

A reference from the Village Hall has been obtained, and is satisfactory, the chair has seen an example of his work is also satisfied with the standard. A copy of his public liability certificate has been received, and is all in order.

- 2.3 A recent Play Inspection Report has been received by the Parish Council, and this has been circulated to all Cllrs. It is proposed that the Clerk undertakes a site visit, and brings a report back to the May Parish Council meeting, setting out a list of priority works for the Play Area, and the likely costs implications.

In addition, it is proposed to include an item of the Annual Parish Meeting to invite Parishioner's to discuss ideas for the longer-term development of the Play Area. Making it clear that currently there is no budgetary provision, and funding opportunities will need to be explored.

3. FINACIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The budget for 2024/25 provision for the work is £550.
- 3.2 The approval of the new contractor will provide a saving of £150.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 That the Parish Council appoint Trevor Davey to undertake the required works on the Village Green for 2024/25, at a cost of £400.

4.2 That the Parish Clerk bring a report to the May meeting, outlining required works at the Play Area, and the likely financial implication's of any works. In addition, and item be placed on the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss ideas for the development of the Play Area.