

**CORPORATE PROPERTY
COMMITTEE**

21st January 2015

Present

*Councillor R Springett – Chairman

Cllr A C Carter
*Cllr D J Cawley
*Cllr R E Chilcott
*Cllr R W I Cooke – (Deputy Mayor)
*Cllr T de Galleani
Cllr A J C Fyson
*Cllr F J Hawke
*Cllr R M Lyon – (Town Mayor)

Observers: Cllr S Smith (*from 6.35 pm*)

*Denotes attendance

#Denotes apology for absence

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none.

2. D- DAY MEMORIAL, NORTH EMBANKMENT – REPAIRS.

An email had been received from Keith Rennells the Parks and Green Spaces Officer for South Hams District Council seeking the Town Council's assistance in finding who was responsible for the upkeep of the D-Day memorial on the South Embankment. A photo of the damage to the memorial had been circulated to members, it was noted that this must be repaired by 6th June 2015.

Proposed: Cllr F J Hawke

Seconded: Cllr R W I Cooke

Recommended: That the Town Council divide the cost for the repairs to the D-Day memorial with South Hams District Council.

3. BOATFLOAT KIOSKS REFURBISHMENT UPDATE.

Due to new information received on this item it would be taken in committee at the end of the meeting.

4. COUNCIL OFFICES – COMPLETION OF NEW CARPET.

The Chairman reported that the new carpeting in the Council offices had been completed. An informal meeting of Councillors and staff would be organised at the offices in the next few weeks.

5. PLANTING IN THE COMMUNITY ORCHARD BY DARTMOUTH GREEN PARTNERSHIPS – UPDATE.

A report from the Friends of Dartmouth Community Orchard had been laid round the table. Cllr de Galleani reported that the Friends Group would be planting approximately 200 of the hedging plants from the Woodland Trust at the Orchard on Saturday and Sunday 24th and 25th January 2015.

Cllr Hawke asked that the Clerk obtain a map of the Orchard to be marked up with possible items that could be considered in the future for public consultation and also for Longcross Cemetery.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to Dartmouth Green Partnerships and the Friends of Dartmouth Community Orchard, Cllr Chilcott added that the first meeting had been very positive and had laid the basis for the way forward.

Cllr de Galleani explained that in future Dartmouth would be in the “seaside towns” category for judging by the Royal Horticultural Society, as the “coastal towns” category had been removed. This would mean that Dartmouth would be up against very strong opposition; all members agreed that Dartmouth Green Partnerships work in the Town made it more attractive and improved the environment for everyone. Dartmouth Green Partnerships would be invited to make a presentation to Full Council after the May elections on the work involved in entering the national competition.

**6. GUILDHALL MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP UPDATE –
REPORT ON PROGRESS.**

A briefing paper on the timetable and approximate costs for the refurbishment of the Guildhall had been laid round the table. Cllr Cooke explained that the programme of works would start with the refurbishment of the first floor kitchen and the installation of a lift. Additional electrical work might be required but 3 phase electrics were already in place for the lift.

Cllr Hawke raised concerns that the total price for the refurbishment had dropped from a previous report by £75,000; he believed that the costs would be in excess of £300,000 and stressed the need to be clear about the total cost of the refurbishment from the outset. The Chairman commended the outstanding work undertaken by the working group.

Proposed: Cllr R W I Cooke

Seconded: Cllr R E Chilcott

Recommended: That the working group's outline plan for the refurbishment of the Guildhall be taken forward to Full Council with agreement to move forward and accept the costs into 2015.

Proposed: Cllr R W I Cooke

Seconded: Cllr T de Galleani

Resolved: That in view of the confidential nature of business about to be transacted, it was in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw.

7. QUOTATIONS FOR ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH PATH.

Details of 3 quotations for the tarmac resurfacing of St Saviour's Church path were laid round the table. The Chairman explained that the path was 60m long and approximately 1.5m wide

Proposed: Cllr F J Hawke

Seconded: Cllr D C Cawley

Recommended: That quotation 3 for £5,735 + vat be accepted, with the Town Council paying up to £3,000 dependent on St Saviours Church paying the balance of the costs of a tarmac path, unless the church wardens put forward an alternative solution.

8. BOATFLOAT KIOSKS REFURBISHMENT UPDATE.

The Clerk explained that she had that day received information from the contractor carrying out the refurbishment of the Boatfloat kiosks that the kiosk from the Royal Avenue Gardens side of the Boatfloat was completely un-repairable due to rot. The contractor had recommended that it be completely rebuilt using hard wood at an additional cost of £6,460 plus vat.

Members noted that due to the need for this work to be carried out in time for the lessee's trading season there was no opportunity to seek other quotes.

Proposed: Cllr D J Cawley

Seconded: Cllr T de Galleani

Recommended: That the new quotation for the refurbishment of the Royal Avenue Gardens Boatfloat kiosk be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr R W I Cooke

Seconded: Cllr T de Galleani

Resolved: That the meeting move out of committee.

Cllr Lyon arrived at 6.40 pm

9, DARTMOUTH WINE COMPANY - REFIT OF THEIR PREMISES AT 6 DUKE STREET, THE BUTTERWALK –

The Mayor reported that he had arranged for the listed buildings officer from South Hams District Council to meet with and give advice at no cost to the manager of the Dartmouth Wine Company, on the proposed refit of the 6 Duke Street commercial premises.