

12. HORSE CHESTNUT TREE AT RECREATION FIELD

(See Minutes MM 11/2012 Item 10E) The Footpaths & Trees Group had met and inspected the tree, which is suffering from severe damage to the union joints due to bleeding canker and they wished to recommend that the tree should be felled for safety reasons due to its close proximity to neighbouring buildings and being in a public open space. The Tree Officer had also inspected the tree and agreed that this was the best course of action. Three quotes had been obtained for the work and it was agreed to award the order to Conway Tree Specialists to fell the tree and grind out the stump, without poisoning, at a cost of £480.00. Once the Clerk has received confirmation to carry out these works, as the tree is in a conservation area, she will issue an order to Conway Trees. Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Haigh seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

(LGA 1894 s8(1)(i))

It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to Zurich Insurance and advise that the tree will be felled in the near future due to safety reasons. Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr P Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

13. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Fairchild proposed and Cllr Haigh seconded that metal posts and letters should be purchased at an approximate cost of £360 to mark and number all allotment plots due to the original marker posts having been broken or lost over the years. Motion carried unanimously.

(LGA 1894 s8(1)(i))

14. RECREATION FIELD CONTRACT

(See Minutes MM 11/2012 Item 18) Cllr Lyon proposed and Cllr P Wilson seconded that the Recreation Field Contract with K Ferguson's Ltd, which is due to end on 31st March, should be extended for a further 2 years from 1st April to bring the renewal date to 31st March 2015, in line with the Groundsman Contract. The current rates will remain the same for the life of the contract.

Cllr Norman proposed an amendment that the Council should go out to tender for the contract instead. Cllr Smith seconded. Motion defeated by a show of 2 hands for, 9 against and 1 abstention.

A vote was then taken on Cllr Lyon's proposal and a show of 10 hands for and 2 against carried the motion.

15. HADDENHAM WEBSITE

Two items were raised; links to other village organisations websites and the member's only section but due to Cllr Bush being unable to attend the meeting these will be discussed more fully at the next meeting.

16. QEII DEED OF DEDICATION

(See Minutes MM 10/2012 Item 14) All members had received a copy of the draft Deed of Dedication for consideration. Cllr Lyon proposed and Cllr P Wilson seconded that it should be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

17. STATUTORY DECLARATION FOR QEII DEED OF DEDICATION

The Clerk advised that the information she had provided to prove the Council's ownership of the Recreation Field had not been sufficient and she had been unable to locate any other documents to back up the application, however, Fields In Trust would accept a Statutory Declaration signed by the two longest serving councillors, Cllrs Fairchild and Norman. Cllr Tindall proposed and Cllr Lyon seconded that this should be progressed with Christine Battersby to allow the Deed of Dedication to be finalised. Motion carried unanimously.

(LGA 1972 s111)

