

Easebourne Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th August 2019
held in the Refectory, Easebourne**

Councillors Present:

A Keeling (AK), I Milne (IM), M Noble (MN), D Pack (DP), C Sanderson (CS)

In attendance:

Parish Clerk S Hurr (SH)

1 Public Question Time: None

2 Apologies and Reasons for Absence: J Galego, C Cantlon, and T Baker due to family commitments. A Thomas did not send an apology.

3 Declarations of Interest: None

4 Easebourne Park Bandstand/Shelter Update and Discussion:

IM provided a printed report for Councillors, a summary of which can be found at appendix one. IM explained that several designs had been considered and Artizans of Wood (Midhurst) had provided the most favoured design which would complement other structures in the park, have a minimum impact on the environment, and include an attractive low-maintenance sedum roof with a central opening which could be filled with various materials, including metal or glass. The shelter would be wired for sound and light, and be wheelchair accessible. Seats could also be set in the bank around the location of the shelter.

The design, dimensions and roof which is formed by a Fibonacci style spiral, have been devised in collaboration with a structural engineer. The height of the structure is above permitted development and reducing the height would require further costly input from a structural engineer and potentially the need for steel to be used to support the roof. Therefore, the most appropriate way forward in terms of both limiting cost and for the integrity of the design, is to apply for planning permission at the cost of £693 (including a 50% Parish Council discount).

The full cost of the shelter is approximately £39,000. Cowdray Estate have also offered to supply all the wood required which would amount to a considerable saving. £10,000 has already been secured from the Big Lottery Fund and a further New Homes Bonus application has been submitted.

IM proposed that the Parish Council submit a planning application with the associated cost detailed above for the shelter, which was seconded by MN, agreed by all present and therefore **Resolved** to fund and submit a planning application.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed..... Date.....
C Sanderson
Vice-Chairman

Easebourne Park Covered Multi-Use Community Shelter

Background:

- Need confirmed as a result of the last Easebourne Park survey.
- Design by local company Artizans of Wood (Midhurst).
 - Have experience of these sorts of shelters in the past.
 - Minimum impact on the environment.
 - Sedum grass roof.
 - Attractive ceiling design.
 - Wired for sound and light?
- Cowdray Estate has promised to supply all the sweet chestnut wood, thus considerably reducing the Artizans of Wood cost.
 - Yet to be recalculated post the structural engineer's work – cost circa £1125 + VAT
- Size of the design requires planning permission. Initial discussions with CDC planners indicate that this will be forthcoming.
 - Cost to PC £693 (50% discount).
- Community Lottery grant of £10K awarded in July 2019.
- NHB application for £19K submitted – expect result mid-September 2019. Two other quotes obtained.

EPC Decision required:

To be able to proceed, the PC needs to complete the planning application and hence needs to spend £695 now.

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