

Harperbury Bowls Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 1st March 2022, 2.00pm

ATTENDEES: Dave Trollope, Debbie Trollope, Keith Williams, Sheila Roberts, Peter Carvin, Gillian Carvin, Tim Anstey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RECEIVED FROM: Aaron Langley, Nigel Dickinson

Patio Quotes & Next Steps

Two quotes received

Trinity Drives & Patio @£12,500 block paving, £15,000 for new slabs - Trinity Drives & Patio quote negotiated reduction to £10,000

Marshall K Pavings @ £15,250

The outcome of the survey of the members was in support of the patio extension with no negative comments received

Development plan had an estimate of £10k from the sheds to the flower beds with the further patio from the flower beds to the Downs flower bed was deferred to next year

Both contractors advised it would be more cost effective to complete the whole area in one go and further advised that block paving would be a lower cost as whilst block paving is more expensive the labour costs are lower The current slabs could not be matched due to their age

Depth would be approximately 6-7 meters from the clubhouse

Area would be excavated and levelled with a membrane installed for weed control and an aggregate laid and then sand laid to bed in the block paving

Drainage would be away from the green, sloping towards the sheds with a drain running in front of the sheds into a soak away

Works guaranteed for 5 years and moving of block paving not expected

A main drain is believed to be already present under the patio and if in a good condition may be used

Aaron had communicated that he was in favour of the patio extension but would prefer paving slabs to block paving

Experience of contractors, both accredited by Marshalls

Trinity Drives & Patio – Found on check a trade, appeared professional and knowledgeable

Marshall K Pavings – Used by Gillian & Peter for home patio

Tarmac discounted as can crack, moves and goes pliable in hot sunny days

Discussion regarding timelines, if cannot be completed prior to the season starting then needs to be deferred to end of season

Both contractors had confirmed that completion would be before season start with block paving being approx. 1 week with slabs being 2 weeks

Keith advised that he had a flyer that had a different contractor name at the same address as Trinity Drives & Patio

Gillian & Peter have experience of Marshall K Pavings who complete the job with different teams for different activities i.e. digging out, levelling and aggregate, laying and pointing

Committee reviewed club finances,

- Currently £4,700 down as no subs collected to date, usual for this time of year
- Cash in hand £31,680
- £1,200 ring fenced for utilities
- £200 refund for hedge cutting as all visits not completed
- £4,000 expected from subs

Broadly speaking after the patio extension there will be approximately £20k remaining and whilst reducing the cash in hand a substantial amount of money reams whilst improving the facilities for members

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Committee unanimously supported to extend the patio
Full width and approximately 6-7 meters depth 4 for/2 against/1 undecided
The following benefits,

- Current patio uneven and has cracked slabs
- Insufficient space causing congestion on current patio
- £9k remaining from St Albans grants
- Level surface reducing tripping hazards and slopes on grass area
- Social distancing with members and visiting clubs
- Larger viewing area of the green

To endorse the decision, Gillian to arrange an "photo shop" picture of new patio

Committee preferred to use a contractor that we have knowledge and experience of and agreed to move forward with Marshall K Pavings with the following actions

- Confirm membrane and drainage included in quotation, location of drainage channels
- Confirm works can be completed before season starts
- Negotiate price reduction

Keith agreed to oversee works assisted by Dave, sample of colours to be obtained

Post meeting note:

Bloors: *Thank you for your email and checking regarding the extended patio – This would not be an issue, feel free to proceed at the clubs cost.*

Marshall K Pavings Cost reduced to £14,000

Platinum Jubilee Event(s)

Committee discussed holding something to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (2/6 – 5/6) however several committee members are not available that weekend

Keith agreed to organise something on Sunday 5th June afternoon

As part of the Jubilee celebrations there is an initiative The Queens Green Canopy. The committee discussed and agreed to plant a tree with the associated plaque. The tree planting was agreed to be on the afternoon of the President V Captain fixture and would be in the front of the clubhouse and preference for a cherry tree was agreed

The quiz night on 18/6/22 would be used to fund the tree

Attempts to have the event in the local press would be made

AOB

Peter advised Nethercott will be providing score cards again this year

Sheila advised a book to record activities to get the club house ready for the season was in the kitchen area, Deb to notify members by newsletter

Meeting Closed at 15.10