



## **MINUTES**

**of the 'virtual' meeting of the DPVA Committee and Aster on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 10.30am.**

**Present for DPVA: Simon Evans, Peter Benns, Lisa Penington, Carol Holmes and Norma Humphreys.**

**Apologies: Neil Geraghty.**

**Present for Aster: Lisa Childs, Imogen Nicoll and Hannah Enderby**

### **1. Remedial Painting and Next Redecoration round**

- a. **IN** informed the Group that Aster had reports back that indicated poor workmanship in areas. **SE** asked about remedying defective paintwork. **IN** said that end of life is a factor in some instances but that she has a list of work where remedial work will be picked up including some absent landlords' properties. Aster will pick up the survey costs prior to the next cyclical decorations. Work will be done when the situation allows.

**PB** made a point of railings not prepared and painted properly also which needs to be assessed. **LP** states particularly the corroded top bars particularly require attention. **IN** states that Bells will not be used in the next round of paintworks.

**HP** confirmed that LTQA company Novas may not get the contract for Drews Park and may tender out to bespoke companies instead. **SE** asked when the works will occur. **HP** states that Savills are to go out first and only once restrictions lifted. **HP** to have a meeting later this week with Emma Towler about the situation. No possible timetable until restrictions lifted. Residents would be informed and an appointment made for each inspection.

2. **Replacement of bulbs with LED lights** - **SE** confirmed that the broken light in Thurnham had been repaired and that the four lights that were out in Wyatt (for the second time in six weeks) had also been switched back on. (A

Maintenance man, while switching the lights back on, suggested they should give a price to Aster for a padlock for the Wyatt Bin Store where the switch is situated.)

It was understood that all the lights have been changed to LED now.

3. **Audits for 16/17, 17/18 and 18/19 - HE** confirmed that these were complete and she would enquire about getting them to us. **LP** offered to send pro-forma of the way they used to be presented for the first 16 years which gives a simple 'cash in – cash out' explanation.
4. **Order Number for Plant replacement - LC** said that this had been discussed and she would make enquiries. One order number would suffice for the year for a total of £500.
5. **Maintenance for Stonework – SE** asked if the estimate was ready. The Team was informed that the survey had been carried out and that they were working on a specification. This would go out to tender under a Section 20 later in May for start during August. **SE** mentioned the size of the Sinking Fund (Possibly up to £300,000 by the end of 2020/21). **IN** informed the group that the thirty-year plan would be revised by Nigel Waring and the Stock Condition Team.
6. **Garden Maintenance Tender – HE** said that there would be a Wiltshire wide tender for services to take effect next year. She said that DPVA would be able to check the specification which would be designed with Drews Park in mind. It was hoped that there would be cost savings following the Tender.
7. **Any Other Business –** The erecting of beach windbreakers in some parts of Drews Park where there were children was discussed and it was felt that it would not be wise to relax the rules as it would be difficult to revert to normal when conditions had improved. It was suggested a note to the effect could be put into the Drews News.

**SE** mentioned that he had received a telephone call from a prospective purchaser of a house here which complimented the Association on its relationship with Aster.

***As there was no more business the meeting closed at 11.30am.***