

Halls and Green Spaces Committee

Date: 11th November 2019

Title: West Witney Bowls Green Footpath Re-Surfacing

Contact Officer: Operations and Estates Officer John Hickman

Background

This report has been prepared in order to inform the Councillors of the current position regarding West Witney Bowls Greens footpath resurfacing.

Action Taken

The Operations and Estates Officer sent out requests for quotes for these works to resurface this footpath only two companies responded G & I Ayres and G Hill & Sons.

Current Position

Both companies have quoted to resurface the path using temporary edging that will be removed as soon as the path is re-surfaced. WTC works team will need to address the edges of the path by raising the ground level with top soil one side and shingle to the bowls green side.

There is an issue in that the new cabling installed when West Witney had their irrigation repair works and re-cabling carried out appears to have been buried shallow and un-protected. The Operations and Estates Officer has emailed the club previously about this and received no response, he will also raise this with the club at the up coming Bowls Service users meeting which update councillors verbally at this meeting.

Given the current position of the irrigation cabling the Operations and Estates Officer would suggest that these works are not carried out until these cables are buried deeper or the clubs given an undertaking that in the future WTC the grounds contractors or any other contractor appointed by WTC will not be held liable for any damages to these cables for any reason. Also any requirement for works to be carried out to these cables in the future that causes damage to the footpath or surrounds will be the responsibility of the clubs to repair. Quotes for associated Tarmacking works are attached for information.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

Financial implications

These are contained in the information attached.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following

1. The requirement for the associated irrigation cabling to be either sheathed or buried deeper in order to protect the cable from damages, a written undertaking that WTC or any of its contractors will not be held responsible for any damages to the irrigation cabling in the future if it is not sheathed or buried deeper 18”;
2. Consider which contractor to appoint to undertake the footpath works.