

## Withington Village Green Committee meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Minutes and outcomes.

#### Present:

W.Thomas, A.Williams, B.Marshall, D.Pye, P.Heath, J.Scutt. A.Lewis, D.Jones

**Apologies :** M.Timmis (work) L.Gray( e mail error)

We discussed the advantages and disadvantages of keeping our existing mower and buying a new one. We used a table produced by WT to compare them. After a long discussion it was decided that:

1. We need to replace the old mower.
2. A new rotary mower would be the preferred option.

However, before go ahead and purchase one we decided to do the following;

1. WT to investigate if Shropshire Council have any second hand rotary mowers we could purchase. **Outcome:** They contract out their mowing and there was no chance of one being available.
2. DJ to ask Steve Knowles who provided the old mower if there were any second hand rotary mowers available. **Outcome:** No response.
3. AL to ask Brookside GMC if a larger rotary mower was available with extras and its cost.

**Outcome:** Brookside quote: Ariens Zenith 60 inch, side discharge with mulch kit £7999.00 inc of VAT.(£6400) A lifting kit and a beacon light would cost £200.00 incl VAT. Servicing would cost £200 labour and parts inc VAT.(£160)

4. PH to investigate local farmers had anywhere we could store the new mower. **Outcome:** Both have open Barns available.
5. Everyone to report back to WT by Monday 23 January.

Having received back answers from people I propose:

1. We buy the new mower, pay a deposit of £1000. They cannot deliver until the end of February. We could ask them to hold onto it until we resolve the storage issue. The deal is too good to lose and we can sell it in 3 years. We can use money from the Solar Farm to buy a larger version.
2. The storage issue needs to be investigated further. Do we buy or rent a storage unit or Shed? Where do we place it? Farmers Barn or Village Green? Or? We could discuss this at another meeting.

Do you agree?

I have sent a copy to every Parish Councillor. Please reply by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Other issues:

WT and AW have picked up the hedge and oak saplings. We hope to plant then this Friday morning.

Andrew Lewis and Vicky Timmis have expressed an interest in joining the committee.

Wayne Thomas 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023