



Minutes of Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council's Winter & Emergency Plan Committee Meeting held on 24th September 2024 7.30pm

Attendance: Parish Councillors: Andrew Woolf (Chair); Jane Price and Sophie Capsey. Jane Bromley, Clerk.

WEP/24/010 Apologies for absence: Parish Councillors Paul Jordan and Rick Robinson. Non Councillor Member Jon Pearce.

WEP/24/011 Disclosure of interests: None.

WEP/24/012 Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Winter & Emergency Plan Committee meeting held on [9th July 2024](#) and to authorise the Chair to sign via Secured Signing in accordance with Standing Order 12(g).

WEP/24/013 Public participation: None.

WEP/24/014 Matters arising from the previous meeting

Recommendation: - To receive updates regarding actions specified at the meeting on 9th July 2024 and resolve further action if necessary

a. Snowing Clearing agreement.

Following correspondence with WSCC Active Communities it has been established that all routes in Plaistow and Ifold are covered by the WSCC gritting regime but fall outside any snow clearing regime in the event of heavy snow. The Clerk has investigated contractors for this and the following quotes have been received.

- Sussex Manures: £350 plus VAT for call out and up to 2hrs (£100 call out and £75 per hr minimum 2 hrs).
- Ansell Ground Maintenance: To be confirmed.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Winter & Emergency Plan Committee Resolve to recommend to the Parish Council one of the above contractors be engaged via the WSCC contract for snow clearance for reactive snow clearance. This means the contractor would not operate without the go ahead from WSCC as per their contract **APPENDIX 1:**

“To upon receipt of email notification from the Council (‘the Notification’) operate the Equipment and provide a skilled operator for the purpose of cleaning snow on the County roads referred to in the Schedule(the “Highways”) when snow has fallen and has reached a depth of two inches unless in the Contractor’s opinion either further falls of snow are unlikely

and the snow is not likely to drift or it is likely that a rapid thaw will set in in such a period of time so as to make the use of the Equipment unnecessary the Contractor shall before operating the Equipment or as soon as possible thereafter notify the Engineer of his action.”

The contractor would then charge per call out, WSCC would pay £35 and the PC the balance via a separate contract. The PC would be informed at the same time as the contractor.

RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council to approve the quote from Ansell's to act as emergency snow clearance contractor and to recommend an additional Ear Marked Reserve for the event snow clearance was required at the out of working ours rate for three clearances being a total amount less WSCC contribution of £1200.

b. Emergency Useful Numbers.

RECOMMENDATION: To discuss **APPENDIX 2**. The following emergency numbers table has been produced by Councillor Price and the Committee to discuss the use and distribution of this table and it what to recommend to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED to recommend to the Full Council to have the numbers available on the website and to include in the Newsletter sent around twice yearly.

WEP/24/015 Salt Audit 24-25.

RECOMMENDATION: to note the audit is complete with no additional salt being needed.

RESOLVED as noted.

WEP/24/016 Date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting to be agreed. (March 2025)

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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