

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

Full Council

Date: 29 July 2021

Item: PC062 21a) Stonebond open space

Dear all

Thanks for responding to this email proposal.

There is a clear majority in favour of the proposal - therefore:

It is:

RESOLVED to approve a counter offer to be made to Stonebond for 10 year commuted sum to be paid for ongoing maintenance of the open spaces on the Orchard Gardens development.

IN FAVOUR: Cllrs Travis, Clark, Barnes, Cowley, Kilmurray, Davey, Hart, Wilson.

Many thanks

Claire

Claire Littlewood

Parish Clerk

From: Parish Clerk

Sent: 28 July 2021 10:38

To: councillors@melbournparishcouncil.co.uk

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Subject: EMAIL DECISION REQUIRED : Transfer of open spaces - Orchard Gardens, The Moor

Importance: High

Dear all

At the Parish Council meeting on 26 June, there was discussion with regard to transfer of the open spaces on the Orchard Gardens development on The Moor. Councillors indicated that they are in favour of taking on responsibility for maintenance of the open spaces. Stonebond, the developer, has offered £2,005 as an annual sum to be paid for 10 years. On inspection of the site, a number of concerns were raised and we asked our grounds maintenance contractor to provide an independent quote for ongoing maintenance. He has now done this in the sum of £4,500 per annum.

Please see attached:

- Our letter to Stonebond with concerns raised at the full Council meeting on 28 June 2021;
- Note setting out current position;
- DRAFT letter to Stonebond with our counter offer.

At the meeting in June, it was agreed that Cllrs Kilmurray, Travis and Clark should consider this matter and make a recommendation to Council on how to proceed:

PC045/21 Planning Matters:

- a) To consider Stonebond's offer to transfer the open spaces on the Orchard Gardens development

Recent site inspection was noted. Local grounds maintenance contractor has submitted a quote for ongoing maintenance of LAP and LEAP. Concern was noted with regard to drainage of the LAP. Also noted that 50% of maintenance costs submitted by developers contractor relating to insurance and equipment replacement. A member noted that replacement of play equipment on LEAP should be considered in 10 year commuted sum.

ACTIONS:

- Clerk to contact our grounds maintenance contractor to revisit quote.
- Clerk to seek further comparative quotes. Cllr Wilson to provide contact details of contractors.
- Clerk to write to Stonebond to advise that their offer of £2,005 per annum is insufficient and to advise that we are seeking comparative quotes.

Subject to above, Cllrs Kilmurray, Clark and Travis to reconsider and make recommendation to full Council for consideration and email decision.

You will see from the attached note that we are fast approaching the deadline for our response. Cllrs Kilmurray, Travis and Clark have indicated that they are happy to recommend the proposal below to full Council for email approval.

In the circumstances, can I please ask councillors to consider the attached and to vote on the proposal below:

PROPOSAL: To consider approving a counter offer to be made to Stonebond for 10 year commuted sum to be paid for ongoing maintenance of the open spaces on the Orchard Gardens development.

IN FAVOUR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

I would appreciate councillors responding to this email decision by return - I would like to get the letter out to Stonebond today if possible.

Many thanks

Claire