

Date: 1st February 2018

Title: Report Item 5 – The Mowing Contract

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on the tenders received from potential contractors

Recommendations: a) To note the report
b) To choose a contractor for the period 2018, 2019, 2020

In the autumn of 2017 the parish council reviewed and agreed the content, terms, and conditions of the tender documents to be issued to potential mowing contractors for the next three year period, covering the seasons 2018, 2019, and 2020 [see minutes from 5 October 2017 paragraph C.445g; 2 November 2017 paragraph 459f; and 7 December 2017 paragraph 475a]. The tender document package has been re-circulated to councillors to accompany this report.

The Gilbert Estate and the Residents Association (as agents for the Greensward Company) have both confirmed that they would like the village greens which are owned by them to continue to be included in the contract.

East Sussex County Council needs to approve the choice of contractor, insofar as verge cutting on the highway forms part of the contract, and their approval needs to be sought each year, even though financial contributions from ESCC are expected to cease after 2018. The parish council agreed in December 2017 to continue with verge cutting despite ESCC's withdrawal of finance.

Tenders have now been received from four contractors, whose identities have been made known to councillors, though they are not revealed in this report for reasons of commercial sensitivity. A table of comparative figures is shown below.

Further documentation regarding qualifications and previous experience has been received from three of the contractors in support of their quotations, and has been circulated separately. The fourth contractor has already worked for the council and the information is already known.

Contractor	A	B - Year 1 & 2	B - Year 3	C	D
SECTION A					
Village Green	1,820.00	666.40	686.40	612.00	630.00
Recreation ground	6,300.00	1,150.00	1,185.00	1,632.00	980.00
Greensward	6,300.00	952.00	980.00	1,734.00	1,400.00
Friston Pond	920.00	280.00	288.00	408.00	630.00
LowerSt/Went Way	225.00	22.50	23.00	62.00	50.00
Micheldene Road	40.00	50.00	51.50	50.00	40.00
SECTION B					
9 Footpaths	450.00	695.00	716.00	510.00	462.00
SECTION C					
Downlands precinct	500.00	250.00	258.00	204.00	200.00
Sub-total	16,555.00	4,065.90	4,187.90	5,212.00	4,392.00
ESCC					
Verges	4,500.00	2,325.00	2,395.00	1,422.00	950.00
The Fridays	200.00	643.60	663.00	510.00	315.00
Sub-total	4,700.00	2,968.60	3,058.00	1,932.00	1,265.00
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>21,255.00</u>	<u>7,034.50</u>	<u>7,245.90</u>	<u>7,144.00</u>	<u>5,657.00</u>