

## Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

### 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Agenda Item 10 - Annual Grounds Maintenance 2019/20

Two quotes have been provided to cut the KGV and Dean Rise fields for the financial year 2019/20.

Historically, **Test Valley** has provided a competitive quote, and if extreme weather conditions have meant that the quoted number of cuts are not carried out (as in 2018 when the dry weather meant that the grass did not require cutting as often), it has only charged for what work has been done.

This year, the Borough has provided a quote for 15 cuts (one less than last year), with a small 0.5% increase in cost, but has stated that irrespective of the number of cuts, the accepted quotation will be required to be paid in full. Any extra cuts required will be charged on top of this quote.

The PC was approached by **Scofell Ltd**, who will be providing the grounds maintenance contract for the coming year for St Mary Bourne Parish Council. After a site visit to HBT, a quote was provided to cut the KGV and Dean Rise fields on a Wednesday, at whatever frequency is requested. A midweek cut is desirable for the HTCC and other weekend events, as it means the grass cuttings have time to dry and be blown away. TVBC cannot guarantee what day of the week the fields are cut, and generally cut on a Friday.

#### TVBC

Grass cutting - **15 occasions** @ £57.26 per visit (+ VAT) = **£1,030.68**

Weed spraying - 1 occasion @ £57.10 (+ VAT) = £68.52

#### Scofell Ltd

Grass cutting - as required @ £50 per visit (+ VAT) = £60 per visit (**15 cuts = £900**)

Strimming around bollards and - as required @ £30 per visit (+ VAT) = £36 per visit

Based on the same frequency as TVBC, the Parish Council would save £130 to use Scofell for the grass cutting.

The clerk would be responsible for arranging with Scofell when the fields require cutting and any other works deemed necessary.