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MINUTES of HILLAM PARISH COUNCIL EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING held Wednesday 15th June 2016 At the site of the ring tree and after, at Manor Court 7.30pm

01.Present and apologies

Councillors Sadler (Chair), Collinson, Little, Mitchell, Robertson, Tuddenham and Wright were present. In attendance: Juvina Janik (Clerk).

Attendees:

Susan Walker, Charles Vickers, Karen Merry and Mick Merry

02. Declarations of Interest

None declared

03. Ring Tree Matters

a) An informal discussion took place at the site of the ring tree and suggestions were made for possible improvements to the area including uplighting, levelling out of the area, further planting and bollards to prevent large vehicles cutting the corner and damaging the grass.

After discussion in the meeting it was resolved that: Uplighting and the possibility of bollards to be looked into further. Levelling out was decided to be more work than necessary. Further flower beds, it was agreed, would detract from the tree itself and planting bulbs means grass has to be left untidy for a long time before it is cut and therefore not practical.

- b) Resolved: Quote received by ESTrees for the further work of removing the metal ring for £240 was accepted. Clerk to formally accept the quote (after council approval of the letter) and specify the following work is to be done:
 - Remove metal ring
 - Remove all existing soil from the inner perimeter to 3ft or bedrock depth
 - Fill hole with new soil
 - Flag stone path is not to be disturbed
 - Small metal brackets to be removed intact and kept for re use on the reinstated bench
- c) Resolved: Quotes to be sought for all three tree options, including delivery and planting if possible, from: Priory Roses at Hillam, Wykeham Mature Plants at Scarborough and Deepdale Trees for tree size at least 20-25cm girth.
- d) Resolved: Quotes to be sought for removal of existing grass and re turfing of the area after the tree has been planted from: SGParkin, T&M Contractors at Peckfield Bar, Fenturf at Church Fenton.
- e) Resolved: Councillor Wright to request a job specification for 3 LED uplighters, a sunken/flush to floor junction box, separate switches for the Christmas Lights and the uplighters, light sensor and timer facilities from Nigel

Spofforth. Quotes to be obtained for the given job specification from Nigel Spofforth, Morton Electrical at Monk Fryston and JJ Electrical.

- f) Resolved: Clerk to contact Highways for information about placing bollards on the corner of the green to prevent large vehicles cutting the corner and damaging the grass.
- g) Burying a time capsule with the new tree was suggested as an idea to get the local children involved. It was agreed to look into the costs of time capsules, sizes and the possible contents to be included.
- h) Resolved: The council will look into placing a small retaining barrier to hold the soil back from the path.
- i) Resolved: The stone flags will be cleaned up if all still intact after soil removal has taken place.

04. Planning:

- a) 2016/0632/HPA Two Storey extension to form lounge, bedrooms and entrance hall and single storey extension for a swimming pool. (previous permission has lapsed) – Paddock House, 4 Hillam Hall Lane NO OBSERVATIONS
- b) 2016/0626/HPA Replacement of a boundary fence with wall 2 Hillam Hall View PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE ANY CONVENANTS IMPOSED ON THIS DEVELOPMENT BY ARNCLIFFE HOMES WILL NOT BE BROKEN WITH THE ERECTION OF THIS WALL.

05. Matters to report

- a) The council is made aware that it has been reported to the police for contravening The Hedgerows Regulations 1997. Contractor has severely cut back hedges that were overgrowing across public right of way. Resolved: Clerk to find out if NYCC Public Rights of Way department can be informed regarding pathway issues in the future rather than the parish council intervening.
- b) Cllr Sadler to draft a letter regarding the issue to concerned resident and an article for Hillam News and the Website
- c) Clarification to be sought on Hedges owners, NYCC path cutting schedule and parish council cutting schedule for future planning and avoidance of similar issues

06. Meeting closed 9.30pm

SIGNED:	DATE:	6 th July 2016