

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council Meeting 24/06/2021

The Street Footway Widening

Agenda item 21/041 9: To RESOLVE to:

- a. proceed with Phase 1 as recommended by West Berkshire Council.**
- b. set up The Street Footway Working Party of Cllr. Dennett and Morsley and Mr. P. Wingfield to oversee the project moving forward.**

BACKGROUND

After discussions back in January WBC undertook to do this project with financial contribution from SMPC. The estimate we had quoted in the CIL consultation was £35k (obtained from a consultant) although this was always considered rather optimistic. We obtained another £35k match funding from WBC as a result of our application to their additional CIL fund.

WBC undertook a feasibility study (which didn't include any estimates) and then a detailed design in May. This came with an estimate of just under £300k. Examination of the design showed why – it generated a 2m wide pavement which included moving several utility poles, demolishing the decorative wall outside Mortimer Hill and building a substantial retaining brick wall for the full length. This is dramatically more than we asked for which was to achieve 1.8m wherever possible, accepting the occasional very short pinch points around poles etc

After a site visit the designer has understood the brief correctly and revised the proposal.

Phase 1 consists of clearance of vegetation and soil to 2m from the kerb edge. In most places this can be achieved totally on highway land. For a portion of the boundary with Abbey Croft this will require some cutting back into their land. A letter has been sent to Mr and Mrs Butcher explaining this and requesting a meeting.

Phase 2 would look at where the pavement needs widening and resurfacing. It is thought that any retaining work can be done by leaning paving slabs rather than building brick walls. An estimate for this will be produced after Phase 1.

WBC have stated they will apply the additional £35k CIL money before coming to us for contribution. WBC have produced an estimate of £106 434.06 for Phase 1 based on the Bill of Quantities below.

Mortimer Bill of Quantities

Series No.	Series Name	Series Information	Cost (£)
100	Preliminaries	Contractor offices and messes for works over 5 days & advanced information boards.	£1,899.45
150	Traffic Management	Temporary traffic control: 2-way & 3-way temporary traffic lights.	£15,504.15
200	Site Clearance	Removal of vegetation, trees, hedges and other obstructions.	£45,153.94
600	Earthworks	Excavation & disposal of materials and completion of formation.	£43,876.51

ESTIMATED Total: £106,434.06

The completion of formation includes a slight re-profile of the embankment to prevent the soil overgrowing the footpath again.

As it is still the bird nesting season work would commence in 10-12 weeks time but the time scale also depends on the Parish Council gaining the agreement of the land owners, prior to the work being carried out.

The BOQ does not include any legal fees that may arise in the agreements with land owners.