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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on
Monday 3 March 2025 at 2pm.**

Present: Cllrs: J Bennett (Chair), J Easterbrook, A Gordon, N Matravers, A Pidgeon, L Pike, I Sherwood

In attendance: Mrs A Dallaway (Clerk/RFO)

2025/32 Apologies and reasons for absence: Cllr S Ripley (personal reasons), Cllr B Vance (personal reasons).

2025/33 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest at this stage of the meeting.

2025/34 Items to be dealt with after the public, including the press have been excluded: Agenda item 5/minute ref: 2025/36 will be held in closed session as the Council will be discussing the terms of a contract.

2025/35 Public Participation: There were no members of the public in attendance,

COUNCIL RESOLVED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR AGENDA ITEM 5/MINUTE REF: 2025/36 AS THE ITEM RELATES TO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSED BY JB; SECONDED BY AG. ALL IN FAVOUR

2025/36 Grass cutting contract – to receive an update and to approve the next stage of contract negotiation

Contract term: 2024/25

Council reviewed the outstanding works for completion by 31 March 2025 and noted that it may not be possible for the contractor to complete some of the works already paid for due to the weather and ground conditions. Council approved one additional cut at the Rec Field (excluding the football pitch) to be paid for out of the unallocated surplus within the Addendum. The Clerk will liaise with the contractor regarding the outstanding works.

Contract term: 2025-27

- i) The contractor had proposed a revised version of the contract. Council agreed that no consideration would be given to this version of the contract.
- ii) The contract for 2024/25, as amended by the terms of the Addendum of July 2024, expires 31 March 2025. The Council resolved that there will be no further Addendum proposals but that the original contract will continue in force, as of 1 April 2025 until 31 March 2027.

COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER ADDENDUM PROPOSALS BUT THAT THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT WILL CONTINUE IN FORCE, AS OF 1 APRIL 2025 TO 31 MARCH 2027. PROPOSED BY AP; SECONDED BY AG. ALL IN FAVOUR

The Clerk will write to the contractor to advise that there will be no further Addendum proposals and the original contract will continue in force 2025-27. The Council resolved that the letter to the contractor should draw attention to Appendix A point 6 (Weedkilling - hard surfaces) and Appendix B Area 1 requirements (perimeter drainage ditch clearance) within the original contract and confirm that it is the Council's expectation that these works will be carried out in accordance with the terms of the original signed contract.

COUNCIL RESOLVED TO HIGHLIGHT THE CONTRACT CLAUSES AS DETAILED ABOVE AND CONFIRM THAT THESE WORKS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED CONTRACT

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PROPOSED BY AG; SECONDED BY AP. MAJORITY VOTE IN FAVOUR. 7 VOTES IN FAVOUR; 2 VOTES AGAINST

iii) The contractor has given notice of an annual price increase for the contract for 2025/26, in line with CPI at 3% (clause 17 b).
Cllr Bennett proposed to approve the price increase for 2025/26 and this was seconded by Cllr Pike. However, the resolution was not carried (3 votes in favour; 4 votes against)
The Clerk will write to the contractor to request justification for the price increase.

The meeting closed at 3.05pm

Date of next meeting:

Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 11 March 2025 at 6.30pm at Merryfield Hall

Signed

Date

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