


STOKE MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL		
MEETING DATE	16 th November 2021	
PRESENTER	Graham Stewart	
SUBJECT	Burial ground	
PURPOSE	For discussion and agreement	

This is by way of an update on the burial ground.

(1)

Councillors will recall that we have engaged CDS to help us manage this project. When we shared the original designs submitted for planning purposes, they came up with an alternative plan, which is slightly cheaper, more visually attractive, and more readily meets the biodiversity requirements in our planning conditions.

I circulated this to all councillors (and those on the working group) for comment and have had no adverse comments back. It is CDS's opinion that the changes will not require further planning work to be undertaken by Buckinghamshire Council.

Are councillors happy that this is the design we should take forward?

(2)

We have had several discussions over the last few weeks with HS2 and CDS about costs. While nothing has been finalised, we are moving towards a position where CDS are telling us the likely costs and Andrew Harris is accepting them. We understand that he will soon be presenting a report to HS2 detailing the costs and my reading of his emails is that he thinks he has enough information for those to be agreed in principle.

I think the financial position is as follows:

COST items	Amount	Comments
Construction	161,000	Assuming new design
CDS	50,000	
Overheads	35,000	What CDS describe as 'contractors prelims and OHP'
Contents of HS2 area	n/a	HS2 to pay
Re-burials	n/a	HS2 to pay
Total	246,000	
INCOME items		
New homes bonus	135,000	
HS2 for burial plots	113,000	73 plots @ £1,550 each. If 90 plots end up being used (whole top of site), this figure rises to £140,000
HS2 for 20% share of construction costs	32,000	
HS2 for 20% share of CDS costs	10,000	
Total	290,000	

HS2 for future maintenance costs	89,000	Based on £880 pa for 100 years. Although received now, I haven't included this in the above total as we need to keep it in reserve for the future
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This looks like quite a healthy position to be in, but I want to make the following remarks:

- The costs do not yet include any allowance for items such as rates and insurance
- The costs do not yet include any allowance for contingencies (e.g., the site is contaminated, harder to work than expected, materials are more costly)
- There may be other costs we haven't yet identified
- We need to ensure we have enough cash at the right times

- The income does not yet include any HS2 share of any allowance for items such as rates and insurance
- The income does not yet include any HS2 share of any allowance for contingencies
- We had an email from Andrew Harris which we interpreted as meaning that his report would ask HS2 to pay the entire costs of the hardstanding (as HS2 would benefit from this in order to park their vehicles and reach their part of the site). This would mean the £32,000 figure above would become £121,000

Do councillors wish to hold reserves to cover contingencies / cashflow, and if so, how much?

(3)

We have had an email from Buckinghamshire Council on behalf of Florence Nightingale Hospice. The latter are looking to establish an 'In Memory Garden' for the relatives of those treated by the hospice. They were considering placing this on the proposed Gardenway (for various reasons they cannot site it next to FNH) but wondered instead whether we had any green space in the parish which might be suitable.

Given we are developing a new burial ground, which will not be full for many years, we thought there might be scope to situate their garden on the site. This would have the twin benefits of making the site more attractive and increasing public awareness of it.

Are councillors happy for us to talk to FNH to see if we can produce a plan which benefits both parties?

Graham Stewart

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