

Parish Council Meeting 21st February 2023

Item 7 - Marsh Lane Burial Ground Latest Update

a) Contaminated Land

Following the demise of Ensafe Ltd I have been working with Socotec on preparing a specification for the removal of contaminated soil. However, the quality of the information supplied and the lack of any Management and Remediation Plans meant that Socotec could not produce a specification that would satisfy industry regulations.

They have produced a report and quotation for carrying out their own soil investigation work, testing and reporting. The cost of which is £9,796 (ex-vat). The quotation does indicate their rates for producing various reports. These have not been included in the quotation as they will not know which reports will be required until they have the results of the soil investigations.

This means that the £9,796¹ is not the final cost and that there will be further expenditure, maybe as much as £10,000, to sort the problem.

b) Planning Conditions 8a & b– Drainage Related

CDS have been continuing to work on discharging the planning conditions but for conditions 8a & b (drainage related) the LLFA (Lead Local Flood Authority) has objected to the proposed plans.

CDS are working on amending the drainage plans on the site but one of the objections related to the ditches and culverts that run along the grass verges on either side of the Marsh Lane.

Last week arrangements were made to dredge the ditch and cut back the hedgerow on the parish council side of the road and, after contacting the landowner, on the other side he arranged for his ditch to be dredged.

This means that CDS can now carry out investigation work using CCTV to examine the condition of the culverts so that they are sufficient to allow surface water to run into the brook.

The cost of the work is £4,315¹. Cllrs Field and Wood have both authorised the acceptance of quote to avoid any further delays to the project.

Note 1 - Both the cost of the soil investigation work and the CCTV work will be met from the New Homes Bonus grant.