

Ordinary Meeting of Harberton Parish Council
Tuesday 13th June 2023

Harbertonford Playpark extension of lease

From: Graham Davies
Sent: Mon, 22 May, 15:02
To: Harberton Parish Clerk
Subject: Re: Land adjacent to Harbertonford School

Dear Cat,

I confirm the relevant diocesan committee considered your request for the longer term lease and were content in principle to help minimise costs over time. Indeed, to this end, they were also open to exploring further the freehold sale should this be of interest.

For either option to be progressed, it will be necessary for a Charities Act Report to be obtained so that we can receive independent advice on the value. Our standard practice is to require the initiating party, i.e. the Parish Council in this case, to underwrite the cost of the Report. The Report is likely to cost in the region of £600 (+/- £100) plus VAT.

Please can you confirm:

1. if the freehold sale is of interest
2. what length of lease is desired
3. that the Parish Council is able to provide the fee undertaking to the Charities Act Surveyor.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Graham

On Wed, 3 May 2023 at 11:48, Graham Davies wrote:

Dear Cat

Thank you for your email. I need to take the request for a longer duration of lease to the appropriate committee - they are meeting at the end of the month and it is on the agenda.

I will then be able to confirm what is possible.

Kind regards,

Graham

From: Harberton Parish Clerk
Sent: 03 May 2023 11:25
To: Graham Davies
Subject: Re: Land adjacent to Harbertonford School

Morning Graham,

I approached the Diocese at the turn of the new year to note that the current lease between Harberton Parish Council and the Diocese was due to come to an end in August 2024.

I spoke with someone on the phone then - I'm afraid I can't find a record of a name - but I understood that this was in hand and someone would come back to the Parish Council.

I hoped that someone would be able to provide an update?

The Parish Council had hoped that the Diocese would be willing to enter into a longer agreement or enter into a rolling tenancy, as the 5 years between each lease roll on quite swiftly.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Best wishes,

Cat Radford
Clerk to Harberton Parish Council