

Agenda Item: 3
Report to: Full Council
Date: Wednesday 23rd December 2020
Subject: Mower Offer
Summary: To consider selling mower.

Decision Required:

To consider selling the mower for £17,500+ VAT and funding the deficit from the capital projects budget to prevent further losses on the finance agreement.

1. Background

In September 2018 the Full Council approved the purchase of a mower on lease terms:

FC18/166. To receive request from Sports Park Committee to consider purchase of new Mower

A report was received from the Senior Groundsman regarding the mower at the Sports Park and it was **RESOLVED** to obtain a Baroness LM2400 on hire purchase at a cost of £36,450.00 over a 5 year period.

When the parish council decided to move the pitch care to an external contractor it advertised the mower for sale across a variety of grounds media. The mower has been advertised for sale since January 2020 and no offers have been received. The price has been reviewed throughout this period by the Amenities Committee.

2. Finance outstanding

The current value of outstanding finance is £21,041.27 and the parish council pays £506.00 per month excluding VAT.

3. Market Value

Mowers of this age and condition have been advertised between £15,000 - £18,000.

4. Offer

The parish council has received a cash offer of £17,500 + VAT for the mower.

This would leave an outstanding amount of £3,541.27 that would need to be funded by the parish council.

5. Options for funding the deficit

The capital projects budget for 2020/21 remains unspent at £72,989. The deficit could be allocated to this budget.

6. Disposal of Assets

Financial Regulation 14.2. states:

No tangible moveable property shall be purchased or otherwise acquired, sold, leased or otherwise disposed of, without the authority of the council, together with any other consents required by law, save where the estimated value of any one item of tangible movable property does not exceed £250.

Therefore, the council is asked to consider selling the mower for £17,500 + VAT and funding the deficit from the capital projects budget in order to prevent further losses on the finance agreement.

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Date: 18th December 2020