

APPROVE CONTRACTORS 2024/25

A request for tenders was advertised in The Parish Magazine and on The Parish Council Website and on The Parish noticeboards in December 2023

The following recommendations are made for approval:

THE LEES CAR PARK AND PICNIC AREA

Yalding Parish Council is looking for a person/business to manage the area for the 2024 season 1 April to 30 September. No one came forward for this position. April 2024 J L Buttigieg appointed.

Grounds Maintenance

Three Counties Contracting to be reappointed, they provided a competitive quote and managed the contract well in 2023.

Gatekeeper

No appointment will be made until the management of the area is resolved.

Litter Picking

No quotes were received. No appointment will be made until the management of the area is resolved

The Lees Toilets

Cleaning – Two quotes were received, Element Cleaning to be reappointed they provided a much more competitive quote they have the experience and require no supervision.

Cesspit – Several quotes were obtained. Kent Waste to be reappointed as they again provided the most competitive quote, they also have the experience and are very flexible in terms of frequency of emptying.

ROUTINE CONTRACTS

PLAY AREA SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

Safeplay appointed in July 2024.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Quotes were requested from six contractors but were only received from five contractors.

PLAYING FIELDS/PLAY AREAS:

The Kintons (including the hedges either side of the track)

Landscape services (KCC) to be reappointed they provided a competitive quote and they have the equipment and expertise to cut the playing field.

Jubilee Field, Laddingford

The playing field - continues to be cut by KCC at no charge to the Parish in return for its use by Laddingford School.

The play area, borders and ditch - Landscape services (KCC) to be reappointed they provided the most competitive quote and already cut the playing field.

OPEN SPACES

Yalding and Laddingford Verges, Windmill Path, Yalding Village Green and Fowle Hall Green

Three Counties contracting to be reappointed, they provided a competitive quote and they managed the contract well in 2023.

The Lees – including CALPAC field

Sanders Farming to be reappointed to cut the edges and to take the hay, as per the arrangement that hire of the baler will be funded by YPC but the labour will be free.

Dog and play Area Litter Bins

Quotes were only sought from MBC there is no increase on last year and the service provided at substantially below market value.

Gatekeeper

Mrs Martin was the only quote received for the daily opening and closing of The Kintons gate at £150 per month, with no increase on last year.

STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE

Streetlights Limited to be re-appointed with no price increase. No other quotes were received.

NON-ROUTINE WORK

Odd Jobs – Community Payback

Parish Maintenance - This contract is still available as no quotes were received.

Approved Parish electrician - Conshae Construction was the only contractor to quote at £180 per day and £80 per day for an electrical mate. This has not increased from last year.

VOLUNTEERS

Litter pickers