

parish clerk

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 May 2024 13:48
To: parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] Victoria Way, Melbourn. Proposal

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Dear Abi

my apologies for the late response, I was getting worried that I have not heard back from you and then realised the reply was still sitting in my outbox

We would be thankful if we could have a discussion at the earliest opportunity so we can take some action and work commence as soon as possible, our maintenance guy has sent us pictures of the front of the house and it is in very poor condition. It seems nothing has been done for a long time and the overgrown plants are blocking all natural light to the property. Not to mention the detrimental impact on the road and entrance to the cemetery because of the bad aesthetics.

when would a call work for you? for us 7-8 am USA time works (12:00-13:00), most days of the week. Preferably if we can have few days notice.
Would Zoom/Teams work for you?

Thanks a lot in advance

From: parish clerk <parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 April 2024 04:19
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Victoria Way, Melbourn. Proposal

Excellent, a call to discuss further would work well.

We can also involve Matt for quoting – this makes perfect sense. As the spend will need to go through council we will have to obtain a number of quotes but we are only obliged to take these as consideration and will work with you and the Council to achieve the best result.

Please let me know your availability for a fact finding call and we can progress with the plans.

Many thanks

Abi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 April 2024 17:07
To: parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] Victoria Way, Melbourn. Proposal

Dear Parish Clerk,

Thank you very much for the e-mail. We are very happy with the proposal and it seems very positive.

we just have some additional questions about the work that is to be done, the dimensions etc... we think a zoom/teams meeting could be the way forward to have the next discussions. Would this be possible?

Also, I think we mentioned before, our gardener and contractor is called Matt Allison, he has been maintaining our back garden while abroad and we will probably ask him to conduct our part of the work. He is from Melbourn and has the local company "Bespoke Ponds And Landscaping". We think he has very competitive prices and is very good. Would you consider him for the work so it is all done by a sole contractor?

and lastly, we are happy to support the parish council financially to ensure the best quality/aesthetic finish is attained for the front of the property.

let us know your thoughts and how we could move forward

regards

From: parish clerk <parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: 08 April 2024 08:56

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Victoria Way, Melbourn. Proposal

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

My apologies for the time it has taken for us to reply. [REDACTED]

After Speaking with [REDACTED] we approached a couple of contractors to advise on the best course of action for the area.

Both agreed that we could create a wider turn for your driveway to allow for cars to be parked on your property more easily. This would follow the plan as attached – creating a flat area of hard standing to the end of the current bed to allow cars to pass over and then reinstating and improving the rest of the bed. The shrubbed area (or what remains after works) has also been added to the village maintenance map so would be tended to annually.

From our discussions it was suggested that you could be removing the run of shrubs that are on your land (directly in front of the house) to allow you more space. If this is the case we propose that we work together, at the same time, with any improvement works to ensure you reach the result you are looking for.

At a recent Maintenance Committee Meeting it was decided to take the quotes we have received as a baseline and offer to work with you to resolve the issue. We believe we would be looking at investing a maximum of £2,000 into the project.

Please take a look at the rough plans attached and let us know if they align with your thoughts. I look forward working with you on a plan.

Kind regards

Abi



Homeowners shrubs

From land registry plans it looks as though the run of shrubs along the front of the house belong to the homeowner.
Proposal is for homeowner to remove these to allow for space to park 2 x cars on the driveway.

Parish Council Land

Shrubbed area has been missed off maintenance schedule and as such is overgrown and ugly.

Proposal is to work with homeowner to create a more user friendly area that will facilitate vehicular access across a small portion at the end to allow the homeowner access to their extended driveway.

Will also create a wider area for vehicles to access the cemetery.

Rest of the space to be landscaped with new shrubs and maintained on the village contracts.

