

MA113 24a) Report on Littlehands drain works



Background:

After damage to the drain covers on the rec the Wardens repeatedly reported and cleared blocked drains of foreign objects. Replacement covers and risers were ordered but proved hard to get hold of – alternatives were sourced from Urban Plastics and the Wardens fitted them. Ongoing work continues to build the earth up around the drains to protect from future damage.

During the period that works were taking place an adult hedgehog fell into the drain and climbed up and into the toilet pipe – this led to emergency works being carried out by Ruggles to investigate, unblock, cut out said hedgehog and reconnect toilet pan. Costs for emergency work ultimately fall to Melbourn Parish Council and are covered below (invoice attached).

Authority to spend sought from Chair of Maintenance when costs exceeded delegated spend of Clerk (email attached).

Costs incurred to date:

Urban Plastics – replacement cover x 2	£	57.00
Urban Plastics – replacement risers x 2	£	49.10
Ruggles – emergency unblocking and repair	£	200.00
VAT	£	61.22
TOTAL	£	367.32

With thanks to the Wardens for working well beyond time to sort the issues and keep the facilities working.



TAX INVOICE

Little Hands Nursery
Little Hands Nursery
Bartlow
CB21 4EN

Invoice Date
15 Oct 2024

Invoice Number
INV-3436

VAT Number
856650303

Ruggles Plumbing &
Heating Ltd
13 Appletree Row
Bassingbourn
Royston
Herts
SG8 5GZ

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount GBP
Unblock WC Supply and install wc pan connector	1.00	200.00	20%	200.00
			Subtotal	200.00
			TOTAL VAT 20%	40.00
			TOTAL GBP	240.00

Due Date: 14 Nov 2024

Please make cheque payable to Ruggles Plumbing and Heating Ltd

Online Banking
HSBC
Sort Code: 40-39-22
Account No: 61451952
Please use Invoice No. as your Reference

Parish Clerk

From: John Travis <cllr.travis@cllr.melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 October 2024 10:11
To: Parish Clerk
Subject: Re: Blocked drain - Little Hands Nursery

Hello Abi,

I think we should pay this invoice as it is both reasonable of itself and is probably right to do as part our general duty as a landlord to support our tenant with what has been a long term and tricky drainage problem.

Thanks,

John

On 18 Oct 2024, at 09:40, Parish Clerk <parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk> wrote:

Good morning John

Although unfortunate this reads as a very sensible request – do I have your authority as chair of Maintenance to accept this request for payment.

With the work the wardens have carried out this still works out as a cost effective solution to the problem – although I don't know what price you put on a hedgehog, may he rest in peace 😞!

Many thanks

Abi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 October 2024 09:24
To: Parish Clerk <parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Blocked drain - Little Hands Nursery

Hello Abi

Hope all is well for you.

I am emailing about the blocked toilet drain that occurred at nursery last week. I understand that a hedgehog had found its way into the pipe via a broken drain cover, I believe that the cover has been replaced now - thank you.

The blockage was finally identified and removed by a plumber we called in after the drain pipes were checked from the outside by the Melbourn Parish Council

manitainencw team. As this was an outside drain issue rather than an internal plumbing please can the Parish Council please look at paying this invoice?

I have attached the invoice below - the plumber works at all four Little Hands nurseries and has addressed the invoice as Little Hands Bartlow (rather than Melbourn) but I can ask him to correct this if needed.

Thank you,

Jane

Jane Marshall
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Registered in England
Company Registration Number: 09156471

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