

**Minutes of Electronic Correspondence of the Trustees of the
Educational Foundation of Abigail Bailey and Ann Levett
on 12-18th December 2018**

Participating:

Melvyn Wooding (Chair), Raymond Dyer, Andrew Seaman, Arthur Wright,
Peggy Deards, Sharen Hegarty (Trustees)
Adrian Dale (Clerk)

2018.48 Car Park Hedge Replacement

In October the Trustees discussed the remaining car park hedge by email. All the Trustees were in agreement that it would be worth exploring its replacement with a post and rail fence to match the existing.

The problems were:

1. The hedge has gaps in it where it has failed to “fill in” over the last 6 years. There is now no prospect of these gaps filling themselves.
2. The hedge needs trimming once a month in the season to keep it tidy.
3. The hedge shields the car park from the lights on the posts along the pathway. Ideally this area needs lighting.

Replacing the hedge would address these problems and would give another 2 feet of car parking space on these already small spaces.

The replacement fence would need to be 21m long and the top rail of the existing fence would need replacing as it has gone rotten. Darsdale Contracts for a quote to do the job. For them it is not viable to remove the hedge themselves. Last time for School House and the Village Hall back hedge, they employed other contractors to grub out the hedge and dispose of it. This needed large machinery. We cannot use the same process here as car park and path might get damaged. They have therefore suggested that we do this part of the job by hand and then they will put in the fence on the cleared ground.

Darsdale Contracts have quoted £420 + VAT (£504) for the fencing – which is exactly the industry standard of £20/metre. We will also need a couple of skips at £180 a time and around 20 hours of caretaker labour to clear the hedge.

The total bill would be around £1,200 (allowing 10% contingency). The work would take place in January/February.

The Trustees were asked to approve moving forward on the project.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve this project and to authorize the Clerk to apply for grants from the Foulger Trust and the Wind Farm Trust to assist in funding the work.



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