

Request for a contribution towards the cost of resurfacing the Memorial Hall car park

Request

The Memorial Hall Committee has requested that Freshford Parsh Council contribute a third of the costs of resurfacing the Memorial Hall car park, which also serves The Galleries. It's proposed that the costs are split equally between the Memorial Hall, The Galleries and the Parish Council. There is no formal agreement in place for this arrangement with costs, but this has been previous practice in recognition of the general benefit to the community of the car park.

Three quotes have been received and the Memorial Hall committee propose accepting the quote with Valletta for £22,480 (including VAT).

The request to the Parish Council is for a contribution of £7,496.

Background – from emails from the Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee

November 2023

The Galleries and the Hall have recently held discussions regarding the dire condition of the carpark. The damage to the surface is partly a consequence of the heavy and constant rain this year but, I am also advised that this has been a long term issue that has never been adequately addressed. Besides our legal responsibilities for maintenance of a public area we are concerned for pedestrians accessing the shop and hall during icy weather conditions. The car park is kept open in winter with temporary measures including the use of salt and chippings when needed.

March 2024

The immediate issue of water cascading across the entrance has now been solved by Wags and Co despite getting the (so-called) professionals in first.

This leaves the issue of resurfacing - because the surface is now badly damaged by the incessant rainfall and is deteriorating fast.

We have now received 3 quotes of which 2 are from the same company (City Surfacing). The difference in the City quotes seems to be in the planing and removal of the old surface. The third quote is from Valletta Surfacing which is the company we have used before.

I recommend we accept one of the quotes which includes planing and removal of the old wearing course rather than resurfacing over the top.

So we are left with 2 quotes:

City Surfacing: £34,320 Area 520m² - Not resurfacing the undamaged areas

Valletta: £22,480 Area 731m² - The entire car park

These seem to be comparable except that City are offering 10 year warranty whilst Valletta are only offering 1 year. Valletta said that there would not be much saving if we left the areas that are undamaged.

My recommendation would be with Valletta as we have experience of their workmanship and the areas they have previously resurfaced are still in good condition. They are offering to resurface the entire car park rather than part and are considerably cheaper than City.

In terms of timing obviously the longer we leave it the damage will increase and the risk of having to close the carpark or someone tripping over a pothole will increase. At the moment Freshford Village Hall does not have the funds for this but it is my experience that we would be able to raise a third of this amount within 6 months.

Note: A third quote was from Marshals was received in July, £37,500 for resurfacing the entire car park.

July 2024

We have had confirmation from FLiSCA and Galleries that funding is now available for the resurfacing of the car park and that they will together contribute one-third of the £22k car park resurfacing costs.

FVMH also has funds which can be made available for a one-third share for these urgent works to allow it to be completed before winter.

At the FLiSCA meeting the Limpley Stoke rep also indicated that, if approached, LSPC would likely make a contribution as part of Freshford Parish Council's share.

Note: Limpley Stoke PC has been contacted to confirm whether they would consider making a contribution.