

Fire Safety

Overview

At the Parish Council meeting on 22 February 2023, it was resolved to approve a quote for the Fire, Health and Safety provisions (item 119.a). The contractor was employed to update Councils Health and Safety policies and conduct a Fire Safety Risk Assessment.

Report and report recommendations

Councils Health and Safety policies have been renewed.

A Fire Safety Assessment has been conducted and a report received which contains 7 recommendations, all of which are either category 1 or 2 recommendations. Category 1 recommendations require immediate remedial action and category 2 recommendations require action within a short space of time.

3 actions have been completed by Parish Council employees and a further action is in progress. The remaining 3 actions require specialist contractors to be engaged. The approved Health, Safety and Fire contractor has provided a quotation of works to complete the remaining 3 actions.

Quotation

A total quotation of £3670 excluding VAT has been received which includes:

The installation of a full fire alarm warning system	£2900
Replacement and additional emergency lighting	£720
The supply and installation of fire safety signage	£50
3 fire extinguishers	no charge

While it is standard practice for 3 quotes to be reviewed by Council to ensure value, it is not straightforward to obtain like for like comparative quotes which would conform to BS5839 part 1, without additional expense to Council. To ensure value, the quotation has been sense checked by 2 independent sources with knowledge of the industry. One source said that these costs are very reasonable considering everything that has been included and they do not believe that their own contractors would be any more cost effective. The second sense check costed equipment and labour, concluding it is a fair quotation.

Recommendation

To proceed with the quote for installation of a full fire alarm warning system, replacement and additional emergency lighting, fire safety signage and 3 fire extinguishers.