

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Report Title:	Moreton Pond
Date:	13 April 2021
Contact Officer:	Andrea Oughton, Asset Manager

Purpose of the Report:

1. To authorise essential expenditure for the repairs to the overflow pipe at Moreton Pond.

Background

2. At the beginning of February nearby residents to the pond at Moreton alerted the Town Council that the pond had overflowed, flooding the road and at the peak of flooding, parts of the green opposite.
3. The exceptionally wet weather continued over the weekend of 6/7 February 2021, resulting in the road being high on impassable. Residents set up three pumps and managed to return the water level to below the bank of the pond. However, heavy rainfall continued in the following days and the road flooded again.
4. An attempt was made to unblock the overflow pipe which runs under the road and the green to the ditch on the far side of the green with drain rods but was unsuccessful. The Maintenance Team, with the help of local farmers dug a ditch exposing the pipe running under the green and discovered the failed section of pipe was under the road.

Resource Appraisal

5. Two approved Oxfordshire County Council contractors were approached to provide a quotation to replace the overflow pipe. The quotations are below:

Contractor A	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Set up, welfare and RAMS • Excavate and install a 100mm dia twinwall pipe. Including reinstatement in grass and asphalt • Supply and install sandbag headwall at the outlet end. • Supply and install gully cover and at inlet end. • To Include all County Council Notices. 	<p>Price: £3565.00 (excl VAT) Includes cost of licences required to undertake work</p>

Contractor B	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump out pond to level, to allow pipe and sandbag head to be installed. • Break out and relay 14m of 150mm twinwall pipe with concrete bedding and surround. • Lay 80mm of AC20 base course tarmac trench reinstatement. • Lay 30mm of AC10mm wearing course trench reinstatement to tie in with existing levels. • Seal edges with hot bitumen joint sealer. 	<p>Price: £5066.00 (excl VAT) Excludes cost of licences required to undertake work.</p>

Risk Assessment

6. If the work is not carried out the pond is liable to flood again potentially cutting off vehicle access to residential properties and flooding to residential properties.
7. As landowners the Town Council are responsible for the management of the pond and green.

Legal Powers:

General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, ss 1-8

Recommendation:

- i) To approve that Contractor A is appointed to carry out the work to the overflow pipe at Moreton Pond.*
- ii) That the cost is met from General Reserves.*