

## **REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL**

**3rd September 2019**

### **AGENDA ITEM 8.4 URGENT ACTIONS - COLLAPSED TREE AND IROS GATE**

#### **1 Background**

- 1.1 At your last meeting the Chair made reference to a large crack willow tree, on the edge of the lake and close to the bottom of the lake approach road/path, which had partially collapsed. The Chair in conjunction with the Clerk was authorised to deal with the matter appropriately and incur the necessary expenditure to do so.

#### **2. Report**

- 2.1 Following discussions, and the further collapse of the remaining main trunk a little later, the Council's tree consultant was instructed to deal appropriately with the immediate issues and has made the tree safe from a structural point of view. His invoice for that is included on the list of payments at agenda item 6.2.
- 2.2 However, whilst the tree may now be structurally safe, and it remains an element which may have value ecologically, it may not be viewed as enhancing the appearance of this part of the IROS and lake, especially because of its prominent location as members of the public approach the lake down the main access. Accordingly, the consultant has been asked to quote for the removal of the fallen large elements of the tree, and his quotation (if received) is included on the private agenda at Item 9.
- 2.3 In addition, the supporting post to the large gate leading down to the lake and used for maintenance access to the lake area has been found to be in need of repair or replacement. Your Chair in conjunction with the Clerk authorised appropriate action to be taken for its repair or replacement as this was an urgent matter of health and safety. The invoice for that is included on the list of payments at agenda item 6.2.

#### **3 Recommendation**

- 3.1 That the report be noted.

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