

Charney Bassett Parish Council

Agenda Item 9:

Charney Mill: Fire Risk

The immediate issue concerns the need to replace two outdated water-based extinguishers. A more detailed Fire Risk Assessment is being prepared but based on the configuration of the building with two separate entrances, and the current use of the building, two water based extinguishers are considered sufficient. But we should also ensure there is a capability to deal with an electrical fire.

Fire Extinguisher Costs

Two companies have been selected. Safelincs was recommended by the County Fire Officer as a company offering an extinguisher that we can service and that can also deal with an electrical fire. Churches Fire were contacted as they currently supply and maintain fire extinguishers in St Peter's Church and the Village Hall and it was thought we may be able to benefit from a joint servicing cost.

Safelincs (£ inc VAT)		Churches Fire (£ inc VAT)	
P50 6L water mist x2	375.12	CF-2061 6L water x2	195.26
Installation and training visit	115.00	CF-2108 2L CO2 x1	108.33
		Annual Servicing	58.09
Total	490.12	Total	358.68

Although Churches Fire appears to offer a better cost option (despite the quote offering no opportunity to link to the Church/Village Hall servicing rota) we also need to consider the following:

- The Safelincs extinguisher has a life expectancy of 10 years (that can be extended to 20);
- The Churches extinguisher is a metal extinguisher lasting 5 years (that can possibly be extended to 10);
- The Churches quote is not clear on whether or not there is an installation/set up cost.

Based on the need to factor in annual servicing costs, the Churches quote rises to £884.49 when measured across a 10-year period. So, this is a fairer comparison to the Safelincs cost. The costs of extending the life expectancy of the Churches extinguishers from 5 to 10 years is also not entirely clear (at the very least it is likely to involve a longer servicing visit and or discharge and refill of each extinguisher) and the possibility of new extinguishers being required after 5 years cannot be ruled out.

It is proposed that we purchase 2 extinguishers from Safelincs. If further costs emerge in the progress of the purchase these will be brought back to the next meeting for approval.

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Parish Clerk