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Subject: FW: Secret Garden grant application (follow up)

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Rob, last year I submitted a grant application on behalf of the Secret Garden for essential maintenance that needed to be done to the garden to make it more manageable for the volunteers, to repair some of the rotting wood on the borders and repair the paths. I was asked to get a quote as part of this process. The quote was for approx £20,000.

Due to the amount and the anticipated transfer of the parks to the Parish I was advised to withdraw the grant application as the Parish would be able to carry out the work as part of their new plans for the upkeep of Queens Park.

So I'm now following up to see if this can be honoured and the work carried out. I'm assuming a new quote may need to be sought, although that would be down to the Parish if you are going to commission the work direct.

There is now also another issue that needs to be addressed. That is that the lease for the Secret Garden was between SBC and the 5 Committee members of the Secret Garden, me being one of them. Now that the Parish has the lease of the park our lease is no longer in force. So I would like to propose that the Parish continues to with the overall lease of Queens Park including the Secret Garden and the volunteers that maintain the garden come under the auspices of the Parish. Obviously the volunteers would have to sign an agreement and have some relevant health and safety training (if necessary). This way the Secret Garden would not need to take out its own insurance and and funds we raise can be used directly to maintain the garden. Incidentally the gardeners have always cut the hedge and grass as part of our agreement.

I'm happy to meet up to discuss how this could work in practice and to sort out the details. Can you let me know the next steps.

I have copies of the grant application and quote for works if needed.

Regards Paul

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