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Councillor McAloon

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Dear Councillor McAloon

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request entitled 'Work in the Cow Plantation Reserve'.

Answers to your questions are shown below:

1. Section E was cultivated by DCC in September 2016. Could you please tell me the total cost for this work?

Answer – This work was carried out by a contractor at a cost of £772

2. Section E was seeded by DCC in March 2017. Could you please let me have the total cost for this work?

Answer – This work was carried out by Spennymoor town council employees at a cost of £591

3. Contractors dug out 2 small ponds in April 2017. Could you please let me have the total cost for these excavations?

Answer – £295

4. DCC planted wildflower plants around these 2 new ponds in April 2017. Could you please tell me what species were these plants, how many, the total cost for the plants and to have them planted?

Answer

Quantity	Details	Unit Price	Net Amt	VAT %	VAT
30.00	Watermint – 110cc	0.39	11.70	20.00	2.34
30.00	Water forget-me-not – 110cc	0.39	11.70	20.00	2.34
20.00	Branched Bur-reed – bar root	0.53	10.60	20.00	2.12
20.00	Brooklime – 110cc	0.39	7.80	20.00	1.56
40.00	Common Sedge – 110cc	0.39	15.60	20.00	3.12
30.00	Meadow sweet – 110cc	0.39	11.70	20.00	2.34
40.00	Water avens – 230cc	0.43	17.20	20.00	3.44
30.00	Jointed rush – 110cc	0.39	11.70	20.00	2.34
30.00	Purple loosestrife – 110cc	0.39	11.70	20.00	2.34
30.00	Fools watercress – 110cc	0.39	11.70	20.00	2.34
30.00	Amphibious bistort – bare root	0.53	15.90	20.00	3.18
10.00	Starwort – bunch (min order of 10)	0.73	7.30	20.00	1.46
10.00	Common water-crowfoot – bunch (min order of 10)	0.73	7.30	20.00	1.46
1.00	BFS 5 Wetland & Pond Edge Wildflower Mix (1 x 250g)	18.00	18.00	20.00	3.60
2.00	BFS 4 Heavy/Clay Soil Wildflower Seed Mix (2 x 1kg)	27.75	55.50	20.00	11.10

5. DCC seeded around these 2 ponds in April 2017 with wildflower mix. Could you please tell me the total cost for the seed and to do the seeding?

Answer – The cost of spreading the seed was included in the cost of planting the plug plants, and totalled: £600

6. DCC cut the meadow area in Section B in September 2016. Could you please tell me the total cost for this cutting?

Answer – The annual contract fee is £3,000 which includes the annual meadow cut, officer time, surveys, reporting and other general projects as required eg woodland thinning and invasive species control. The annual maintenance cost for the cut, rake, bail and remove of the grass for both meadows is £500, however this is included in the overall £3,000.

7. Other than emptying the little bins in the Reserve, could you please tell me what other work has Spennymoor Town Council's workforce done since 1 January 2017 that was scheduled to be done according to the Works Plan that the council paid £1,800 to have drawn up?

Answer – Spennymoor Town Council paid £1,000 for the work plan. The workforce have cleared paths, cut verges, emptied bins and spread wild flower seeding in the cow plantation since 1 January 2017.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you are able to request an Internal Review into the handling of your request for information, by contacting us at info@spennymoor-tc.gov.uk or by telephone 01388 815276.

After you have exhausted our internal appeals procedure, you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at: Telephone: 01625 545 745 Email: casework@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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