

We hope to have received 3 quotes by the time of the meeting for the construction of the 3 entrances from St John's Street, with the expectation that the vehicle/wheelchair access entrance directly opposite the school will be completed before any other work can begin.

The three quotes from the landscapers have now been analysed and compared on a like-for-like basis and have come in at considerably different amounts. They will be discussed during the meeting and a decision made on the preferred contractor. **DPC decision needed.** Please note that the successful contractor has been requested to confirm their quote in case of delays in starting work due to lack of funds on our part, for periods of 6, 9 or 12 months.

Please note we will be looking for DPC agreement at the next (October) meeting to fund the construction of the central entrance (both vehicle and wheelchair accessible) from precept.

The justification for this is as follows:

- As soon as we have full change of use planning approval (we are still awaiting SCDC decision to discharge the conditions), the land will no longer be agricultural and will become DPC-owned green space amenity land.
- We consider that it will then be DPC responsibility to provide at least one safe and accessible entrance to the site from St John's Street.
- The new association, [Friends of Duxford Green Spaces](#) (FODGS) will raise funds for all the other work on the site, but should not be responsible for funding the main entrance (which will not only be used for construction, but also for on-going maintenance and general access by parishioners, including for village events).

We are also investigating various funding possibilities for providing accessible entrances – if we were to be successful in this, we may not need money from precept, however, this cannot be relied upon.

We have not yet had a successful grant application, but have a couple in the pipeline. Lack of money is the one thing that could significantly delay and/or reduce the scope of the project.

A draft DPC maintenance contract will be presented to DPC in October, to cover the regular grass mowing and hedge cutting (apart from the Elms Close boundary hedge which remains the responsibility of residents).

Happily, many of the hedge plants planted in March have survived the dry summer and we are hoping that the extra ones our designer Sarah has kept aside will replace those lost.

Check out the [FODGS website](#). FODGS is not affiliated to the Parish Council but is a separate, independent association.

If you are unable to attend the DPC meetings and wish to make specific comments, please either:

- email clerk@duxfordvillage.com
- use the 'contact us' tab on the www.duxfordvillage.com website;
- attend a Parish Council surgery, normally the first Saturday of the month at the Laceys Way community centre;
- leave a comment on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Duxfordgreen>, or
- write to The Clerk, Duxford Parish Council, 24b Laceys Way, Duxford