

<b>Committee:</b>	Bursledon Windmill Joint Management Committee
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<b>Title:</b>	Bursledon Windmill Restoration HLF Project Progress Report
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to update the committee on the progress of the HLF project to restore Bursledon Windmill.

## **2. Background information**

2.1 Hampshire County Council in partnership with HBPT were awarded £94,000 from Heritage Lottery Fund to undertake restoration and reinterpretation of Bursledon Windmill.

## **3 Update**

### **3.1 Permission to Start**

The Permission to Start Form along with all the necessary supporting documents has been received by the HLF.

### **3.2 Millwright Appointment**

A brief for Millwright Services was drawn up to include involvement in the selection of the timber for the replacement wind shaft, its primary shaping and transport to the site, supervision of a contractor who will provide scaffolding and carnage for the removal of the existing shaft, shaping the new shaft blank, its installation and reassembly of spars and sails. Six millwrights from the S.P.A.B Directory of Millwrights were invited to submit tenders, with three submitting prices. A Millwright has been selected who not only demonstrated a competitive price but also an enthusiasm for the project. We are awaiting confirmation of their acceptance.

### **3.3 WC Facilities**

Planning drawings have been prepared for the proposed lean-to annex on the south side of the Barn. The Bat Survey has been completed and we are awaiting the report. An Arboriculturalist who is looking at the impact of the

proposed annex on the adjacent mature hedgerow and copse has also visited site and the findings from that report are being studied. Consultation on the proposals has been undertaken with HCC Access Officer and Building Control.

#### **3.4 Wind Shaft**

We have recently been in touch with the timber yard S.C. Soffe & Sons to check on the availability of the oak blank for the windshaft which they quoted for in November last year and two trunks are sitting in their yard awaiting the millwright's decision on the best one.

#### **3.5 Interpretation Plan**

An interpretation plan has been written to cover new physical interpretation of the site, audience development activities and volunteer recruitment and training. Suppliers and contractors are currently being sourced using expertise within the HCC Exhibitions Team.

#### **3.6 Re-Opening**

The current plan is to have a birthday party re-opening for the windmill on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 2014. This event will be for the whole community and will involve music, storytelling, arts & crafts and demonstrations. The timetable for the works is on schedule to be completed in time for this re-opening date.

### **Recommendation**

That the Bursledon Windmill Joint Management Committee:

1. Notes the information contained within the update report