

REPORT 24.121**LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL****SUBJECT: Whitebridge Spinney – boardwalk repair****DATE: 12 September 2024****AUTHOR: Gale Pettifer, Clerk****1. Report Summary**

A report to councillors regarding reversing the motion to appoint G Farwell Ltd to repair wooden section of the viewing platform and boardwalk at Whitebridge Spinney, and to consider quote from A D Southern to complete repairs.

2. Summary

At Full Council, on 15 July 2024, a resolution was made (Min. no. 24.110) to repair the wooden section of the viewing platform and boardwalk at Whitebridge Spinney. It was agreed that G Farwell Ltd would carry out the repairs at a cost £11,192.90 x VAT).

It has subsequently emerged that Farwell's work cannot be commenced until summer 2025. For Health & Safety reasons this is not acceptable, as the repairs need to be completed asap.

A Purchase Order was raised but was not issued, and the work was not awarded.

According to Standing Orders (7a) *A resolution shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least 6 councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9, or by a motion moved in pursuance of the recommendation of a committee or a sub-committee.* [Standing-Orders-Adopted-May-2024.pdf \(laverstockford-pc.gov.uk\)](https://laverstockford-pc.gov.uk/standing-orders-adopted-may-2024.pdf)

Cllrs Baker, Jones, Vanstone, Waller, Barker, Williams, and Schnieder have confirmed they are prepared to reverse the motion.

Furthermore, a quote was received from A D Southern (£11,675.00 x VAT), who are able to begin repairs to the boardwalk at Whitebridge Spinney in the next few weeks.

The matter was considered at the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on Tuesday 20th August 2024. The committee recommends the acceptance of the recommendations of this report.

3. Recommendations

That the council resolves to withdraw the resolution made on 15th July 2024 (Min ref 24.110) to appoint G Farwell Ltd

That the council resolves to appoint A D Southern to repair the pond spur at Whitebridge Boardwalk for a sum of £11,675 + VAT in accordance with their quote dated 12th August 2024.