

CUCKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Queen's Hall, High Street, Cuckfield, RH17 5EL



Assets, Community and Environment Committee Meeting 8 August 2019

Item 13: Replacement Fence at Courtmead Road Allotment Site

1. Background

Courtmead Road Allotment site is located in the conservation area.

The north boundary chestnut fence is very old and has deteriorated over recent years. It has also been subjected to vandalism and some of the fencing posts have been removed. Tenants have complained about the state of the existing fence



At the last ACE meeting held on 27 June 2019, it was agreed to obtain quotations to replace the chestnut fence with post and rail.

2. Quotations

The following quotations have been received:

Contractor	Measurement	Comments	Cost + VAT
Fencing Company Darren Harding	67m		1,493.08
M&M Services Matt Coppard	59m (29m to the right of the gate and 30m to the left)	Take down existing chestnut paling and clear from site. Supply and erect a new fence 1.2m high comprising of 125mm x 100mm treated softwood posts concreted into the ground and morticed to take 2 or 3 no. cleft chestnut rails.	1,528.00 (2 rail) 1,675.00 (3 rail)
Barcombe Landscapes Mark Cooper	66m	Remove existing fence and replace with chestnut post and cleft rail fencing (2-rail) on sawn pressure-treated softwood posts. Add £200 to replace gate	1,920.00

3. Remarks/Recommendations

The above quotations are for post and rail fencing. Whilst this type of fencing is attractive (conservation area) and it would be easy to clear undergrowth and weeds, it does not provide security. An alternative option would be to consider there is already an established hedge (trimmed on 6 August by Next Step) on the right side of the entry gate. A hedge could be planted on the left side of the entry gate, thus reducing the need to erect a new fence. Both options would benefit installing a mesh fence inside the hedge line (similar to that bordering Next Step's plot) to secure the site.

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