

CUCKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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



Committee Meeting Report

Item 15: Garden Lighting Upgrades - Queen's Hall

Background

In recent months we have approached a total of four contractors for estimates to upgrade the cabling and lighting in the back garden. Specifically, we wish to have:

- an additional lamp post installed in the garden;
- an additional plug socket to be installed on the raised patio (optional);
- new plug sockets put in the gazebo to facilitate the use of decorative lighting and other electrical appliances;
- two new security lights to be mounted on the wall outside the kitchen (near the side gate) and at the end of the garden (near the rear gate).

Quotes were sought from: a) South Downs Electrical (Brighton); b) Dave Bushby (Haywards Heath); c) PDP Services (Burgess Hill); and d) Danark Electrical (Hurstpierpoint).

The responses to these requests and my recommendation on how we might proceed are outlined below.

Responses

We have had responses from all but one – despite a follow up call, we never received anything from Daniel Clark of Danark.

South Downs provided a highly detailed solution with a total price in the region of £6,500 and after deliberation it was decided that even a watered-down version of their specification would be too expensive an option.

Dave Bushby supplied a much simpler quote which rolled all the work into a single amount; Dave is not able to undertake the trench digging necessary to lay the power lines, and his initial quote also did not include a cost for or installation of the new lamp

post. At my request, he separated out the security light installations and provided a quote for these only. This amounted to £318.

PDP provided four separate quotes for each of the areas of work, which was particularly helpful. They *CAN* do the trench, but not relay the paving (which will be an additional expense). Their quotes to run a power line from the container to the gazebo and to install a new lamp post were £605 and £760 respectively, a total of £1,365.

Recommendation

Based on the above I propose that we ask PDP to do the cabling to the gazebo and the new lamp post installation, and Dave Bushby to install the two security lights (in that order).

Note we will still need to purchase festoon lights for the gazeboⁱ (not included in either of the quotes) and will also have to arrange for the paving to be replaced where necessary.

Detailed Costings

1. PDP to upgrade existing fuse unit in the container, run underground cable to the gazebo and install a two-plug outlet on the gazebo. This will involve: a) digging a trench from the container to the gazebo (under the fence), b) raising one or more paving slabs from the path behind the gazebo, c) installing the new socket on the gazebo and d) replacing the slab(s). Note: PDP have undertaken to do a), b) and c); CPC will need to take care of d), potentially at extra expense¹.

£605.94

2. PDP to install a second lamp post halfway down the garden to the left of the path in the area near to the bench by extending the supply from the existing lamppost at the foot of the staircase. This will involve: a) raising one or more paving slabs, b) digging a trench to the new location, c) installing the lamppost and d) replacing the slab(s). Note: PDP have undertaken to do a), b) and c); CPC will need to take care of d), potentially at extra expense².

£760.14

3. Dave Bushby to install security lights:
 - a. to the side of the kitchen (by the side gate), and
 - b. on the container (for the rear gate)

£318.00

Sub-Total

£1,684.08

There is a budget of £2,000 available for the garden lighting.

Additional Costs

The only anticipated expenses in addition to those outlined above would be for the provision of festoon lighting for the gazebo. This solution would enable us to remove the

¹ CPC staff should be able to replace any slabs that have been raised.

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lights during the winter months to maximise their longevity (i.e. so they are not damaged by being left out year-round in all weathers). We might also consider purchasing a couple of poles on which these festoon lights could be hung, extending from the gazebo or elsewhere in the garden.

[Garden Trading Festoon Lights, Classic](#)

Either 2 x 10-bulb lengths @ £45.00 each £90.00

or 1 x 20-bulb lengths @ £70.00 each £70.00

[Garden Lighting Festoon Pole](#) (2 @ £25.00 each) £50.00

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ⁱ These lights from [Garden Trading](#) priced at £70 might be suitable:

<https://www.gardentrading.co.uk/lighting/outdoor-lighting/festoon-lighting/festoon-lights-classic-20-bulbs.htm>