Securing Access onto Six Acres

In late July there were reports of unauthorized encampments on parish lands across West Suffolk, with a number of parishes local to Wickhambrook having to apply for injunctions to remove the unauthorised campers from their lands. This has cost implications for a parish with respect to both:

- Legal advice and representation
- Clean up and (in some cases) decontamination

With thanks to Cllr Lavelle, Six Acres and the Recreation Ground were promptly secured with chains (£162.37, Min **EO.24.08.07** refers), and at the extra-ordinary meeting on 15^{th} August the clerk was asked to identify a more permanent solution.

Quotes were sought on the basis of securing access at points A, B and C in the plan below:



Access point A:

The MSC had requested that ideally, access for club members at the Bowls Club and Tennis Courts should not be restricted. For this reason, a height restrictor was considered for this access point.



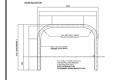
Access point B

This does not require any vehicle access, and therefore a permanent bollard allowing pedestrian access but preventing vehicles would be suitable.



Access point C

Access onto Six Acres for larger events such as the Fete and Flower Show, and access by the farmer and District Waste collection can be maintained through the use of lift out or drop down bollards, secured with either a key or combination lock.



Quotes received are attached as **Appendix A** to this report and summarised below:

Supplier	Description	Unit Price (ex VAT)	Total Price (not fitted ex VAT)
Mr Luis Gdy	Height Restricting Gate		
	FITTED:	£2995	
	NOT FITTED:	£2195	
	Bollards (2 removable, 1 solid)		
	FITTED:	£1605	
	NOT FITTED:	£900	£3095
Secure-a-Field	Location A:		
	1 HRVB/4.2 Height Restrictor Vehicle Barrier H/D c/w posts 4200mm wide	£871.50	
	1 HRVB/HBP Height Restrictor Vehicle Barrier hold back post Location B	£158.00	
	Removable Bollard 900mm high A/G c/w Ground Socket, Padlockable Galvanised	£171.32	
	Location C		
	Removable Anti-Parking Barrier 650mm high A/G x 1500mm	6200.50	
	wide c/w 2 Sockets w/ 1 Socket Lockable Galvanised	£209.38	
	Carriage	£200.00	£1610.20

The costs for fitting using the parish council Miscellaneous contractor would be £485 plus VAT per day plus materials at cost plus 10%.

The proposal is that the MSC should cover the cost of the height restrictor barrier (it being on their land), and parish council would pay for the bollards at Locations B and C, together with installation of all items. Thus, the split would be:

MSC: £1029.50 plus VAT

• WPC: £1065.70 plus VAT (assuming 1 day for installation).

Powers:

- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19 Power to provide sports facilities and staff in or outside of the council's area or contribute towards the expenses of any voluntary organisation or local authority that provides sports facilities etc. in or outside of the council's area
- Public Health Act 1875, s.164 Power to provide and manage recreation grounds, public walks, pleasure grounds and open spaces; and Power to provide and maintain land for public recreation.
- Local Government Act 1972, s.111 Power to do anything that will facilitate, be conducive to or incidental to the discharge of its powers and functions.

Funding:

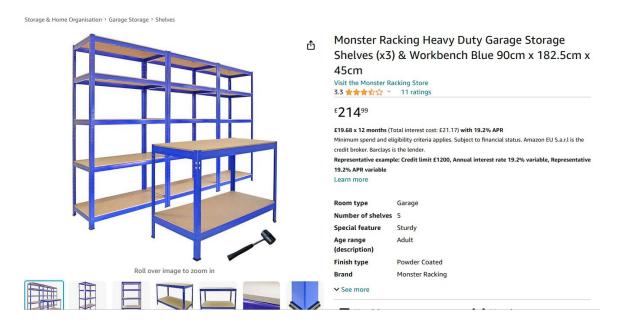
		Revenue Budgets:	Earmarked Reserves:
Safety & Security		£250.00	£575.00
Six Acres		£100.00	
Greens		£500.00	
Grounds and Asset Management		£481.67	£1650.00
	Total	£1331.67	£2225.00

There are sufficient funds across the revenue budgets to cover the cost of the purchase of bollards for Access points B & C and installation of barriers at points A - C based on one day labour.

Recommendation:

i. To authorise the purchase of barriers to Access points B & C, and installation to secure access to Six Acres and the Recreation Ground, at a cost of not more than £1100 plus VAT.

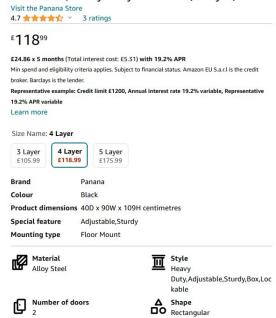
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