

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

To: All Members of the Grounds & Environment Committee (Kate Bailey, Jane Baker, Leslie Campbell, Georgia Cheshire, Peter Gibbons, Bill Hatton, Chris Hobbs Darryl Sinclair and Ian Weir) and Co-Opted Members (Tony Copeland and Penny Wadsworth) with copies to all other Councillors for information.

cc Richard Higgs

A meeting of the **GROUND AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** will be held on **Monday 24 April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.**

Clerk
19.04.17

1. To accept Apologies for Absence.
2. To Accept Declarations of Interest.
3. MINUTES
 - 3.1 To accept Minutes of the Grounds and Environment Meeting held on 30 March 2017. (Previously Circulated)
 - 3.2 Matters Arising.
4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.
5. CO-OPTION. To agree the Co-option of Sally Booker to serve on the Grounds and Environment Committee.
6. HANGING BASKETS. Verbal Update (Penny Wadsworth)
7. STREET TREES. Verbal Update (Penny Wadsworth)
8. ADASTRA SKATEPARK AND PLAY FACILITIES. Verbal update (Parish Clerk)
9. RAIN PLANTER. To consider and approve a request from HKD Transition to install a rain planter outside of the Parish Centre. HKD Transition have requested approval to install a rain planter adjacent to the Parish Office and to carry out the installation as part of a public workshop. Approval is sought from Committee for this to proceed.
10. PARKLANDS ROAD ALLOTMENTS.
 - 10.1 Verbal Update (Tony Copeland).
 - 10.2 Allotment Security. To consider options for increasing security at the Parklands Road Allotments. (Appendix 1)
11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY. Verbal Update (Cllr Leslie Campbell).
12. Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman for noting and/or inclusion on a future agenda.
13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 30th May 2017 at 7.30pm

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Please Note

All members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council and its Committees.
Item 4 – a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for the public statements and questions relating to the published non-confidential business of the Meeting.

It may be necessary to consider particular items in confidential session and where this arises, these items will be considered at the end of the agenda.

Appendix 1

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

To: Grounds & Environment Committee

Agenda Item 10

Date: 30 March 2017

Contacts for this report: Deputy Clerk/Clerk

Subject: **ALLOTMENT SECURITY**

1. The purpose of this report is to update Members on Allotment Security.
2. Security Fencing.
 - As was previously noted, the cost of re-fencing the entire allotment boundary would be high. Therefore it is considered that as there is an area of the allotment perimeter which is particularly vulnerable, (including the gates), options to further secure this area might be more realistic.
 - Three contractors have been contacted regarding quotations for the supply and installation of Palisade Fencing, two contractors responded.
 - One Contractor suggested that in reality it is very difficult to provide any kind of security fencing which is guaranteed to prevent unauthorised access. This has been supported by the information provided by other local councils, who have continued to have problems with trespassers despite the installation of security fencing. It was also suggested that Tenants should not leave anything of any value on site, and that sheds should be left unlocked to avoid damage.
 - One contractor met Tony Copeland on site and has provided a quote as follows:

*To take down and remove existing fencing and gates.
To supply and erect 24 metres of 2.10 Metre high Steel W section Palisade
on RSJ posts let into the ground and concreted in.
The pales to be fixed using triple point shear nut to two lines of Angle Irons.
To supply and erect an offset pair of 3.00m wide matching gates.
All galvanised.*

For the sum of £ 3450.00

Extra 11 metres as above:

For the sum of £ 1325.00

*All sizes Nominal and all lengths approximate.
All prices subject to current rate of V.A.T.*

3. Members are asked to consider the options as follows:
 - i. To leave the allotment fencing as it stands, and to accept the level of potential risk of occurrences of trespassers and to continue to monitor the situation.

- ii. To approve the expenditure of £3450.00 plus VAT on the installation of new gates and fencing across 24m of the Allotment Boundary taking into consideration the experience of other Councils and the Contractors observations. At present there is currently £1400 allocated in the Grounds Project Budget therefore any additional funding would need to be met from General Reserves. OR
- iii. To purchase additional mature preventative plants which could be planted in the more vulnerable areas of the allotment boundary and to review periodically.
Example cost: 1.5-1.8m bare root blackthorn plant £2.89 per plant. 3-5 plants per metre. Available until mid to late May. Estimated cost £350.00 (supply only)