

OWPC Patch Allotments Bi-monthly report

PAA

The PAA held a successful Open Day on Saturday 16th August. Thank you Councillors for attending.

Pyracantha Planting

Much of the later planting especially on the West boundary is still struggling to survive. We believe no planting should be undertaken this Autumn and the current planting examined in Spring. A consequence may be the a proposal for the abandonment of planting and using the planting budget to replace or strengthen the fencing at specific weak boundary points.

New East Gates and Palisading

The contractor failed to undertake the work as re-scheduled and has been informed that the contract is cancelled. The PAA have requested that we review the scope of the work prior to retaining another contractor, they believe that more effective security measures are feasible, at lower cost. We will meet them after Phil's return from holiday.

Maintenance.

We have still not received an indication of the amount of hut insurance relating to the building itself which the PC have agreed to pay, cost still expected to be about £150 p.a. (the PAA still awaiting the books from the previous incumbents).

Letters have been sent concerning 36 plots in an unacceptable state of cultivation, the letter had a deadline of September 14. So far 9 of those plots have been cleared to a satisfactory state.

Aggregate for Ridings

The timing of the procurement of the 10 tons type 1 aggregate, cement and whacker plate hire agreed at the May PC meeting to be arranged with the PAA.

Noticeboard

The specification for the noticeboard has been agreed and the clerk requested to issue the purchase order.

Post Box

Delayed until review of gate replacement, and the container procurement completed.

Plot Staking

The re-measuring and re-staking project will be rolled out following a joint surveys with the PAA.

Containers

Three quotations have been received which challenge the approved budget. We are working with the PAA on options they have proposed based on more local suppliers. Decision expected by end of September. The PAA have already cleared the space identified for the containers.

Financial Summary

Minor change, the toilet concrete slabs for this year have been donated, remainder cost split over next three years. A few items under both Capital and Revenue Expenditure are confidently expected to be amended downwards and some movement between designations is possible, but we are reluctant to change any figures until we have more certainty.

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Pyracantha	£2,000			
Aggregate and cement for Ridings	£550			
Re-staking including labour (£2k)	£2,000			
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Palisading and new East gate (delayed from 2013/14)	£2,870			
One-off West boundary pruning	£800			
Lockable post box	£200			
Noticeboard	£650			
Toilet storage bins (concrete slabs) Containers	£2,800	£30	£30	£30
Annual Totals	£11,870	£2,030	£2,030	£30

REVENUE EXPEDITURE

Anglian Water	£1,500
Grass cutting x 8	£960
1 cut flower meadow	£150
Postage x 3	£280
Stationery	£75
Printing	£75
Skip x 2	£400
Maintenance, troughs and associated plumbing	£250
Maintenance, boundary	£250
Discretionary items e.g. open days	£250
Maintenance, contractor	£1,750
Compost-able toilet consumables	£250
Total	£6,190