**Rocket Park Fencing – 19 Oct 2019**

Cllr Andrew Huggins

The rocket Park on the rec is surrounded with wooden picket fence.

After a number of incidents of boards being “kicked off”, it was decided to “double-board” the fence so that it was not possible to kick the boards off. This was completed approx. 18 months ago.

This proved successful, BUT in the meantime, some whole sections of fence have been knocked down and there have needed to be some replacement arris rails due to rotting.

There are a number of options, including:

1. Continue with ad hoc repairs
2. Removal of fence altogether.
3. Fencing just a toddler part of the play area
4. Complete replacement of fence with another wooden picket fence
5. Replacement of fence with metal bow top fence
6. Replacement of fence with recycled plastic picket fence.
7. Adopting strategy 1) would appear to be costly, a labour burden and unsatisfactory.
8. The reason for having a fence is to ensure children are “contained” in a manageable area whilst having room to run about, AND to keep dogs out. \*Most\* (but not all, Foxhills being an example) do have fences around and certainly the comment from my own kids to the suggestion of removing the fence was “oh – Dogs: I probably wouldn’t want to go there any more if there was a chance of dogs”.
9. The layout of the equipment makes it hard to segregate just a toddler area without placing obstructions in the “safety zones” of existing equipment. And it would make a small area feel very “hemmed in.
10. This will give us the same future problem we have now.
11. Traditional and sturdy. Coloured options are available, but I have shown quote for galvanised option. The downside of metal fence is that if it is damaged it is likely to be more costly to repair/replace, but if undamaged should last a long time. I cannot recall ever seeing such a fence vandalised so maybe they are genuinely the most robust?

This is an indicative estimate form Wicksteed – we would obviously need 3 quotes and we may wish to consider other options/colours.

Wicksteed BOW100 1m High galvanised fencing

123 linear metres (estimate based on measuring existing fence on Google maps)

Supply:  £7920

Installation:  £5280

Carriage:  £396

TOTAL: **£13596**

There would obviously also be costs of removal and disposal of existing fence.

1. Plastic would be strong and durable BUT we may be back to the problem of the slats being kicked off – I have asked the supplier how they are attached. Therefore the Vandalproof durability is unknown.

This is an indicative estimate form NBB in Poole – we would obviously need 3 quotes and we may wish to consider other options/colours.

**Dimensions**: Picket Fencing: 74 x panels (H1,000 x L1,800mm)

75 x posts (90 x 90 x 1500mm) **Colour**: Black **Material**: 100% recycled plastic

**Hardware/Screws**: Supplied as standard

\*Black picket fencing and posts have been quoted, panels are supplied fully assembled.

Supplied Total Cost: **£12,363.00** ex VAT

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