Replacement Fencing for Rocket Park

Cllr Andrew Huggins 18 Jan 2020

The wooden Picket Fence around Rocket park has not stood the test of time well, despite the additional “double-sided picketing”.

I have looked into Recycled Plastic picket fencing, but there were few suppliers, and the cost of the materials alone was around £13000 and even then I have concerns about the robustness of its construction.

That leaves us with the traditional Bowtop fencing. Experience is that such fencing around Old School Green in the village survives well, and it is widely used around other play areas elsewhere. It is resilient, won’t rot, and it hurts your foot to kick it thus making it hard to vandalise, and is uncomfortable to sit on.

It meets the EN1176 safety requirement for fencing in a childrens play area.

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As metal fencing needs to be manufactured at the factory and fittings not fabricated on site, for simplicity, I have estimated the total length using Google Maps to be 132m. I have asked 3 companies to quote for 132m bowtop fencing, with posts as required and 4 corner posts. Fence to be 1m high, galvanised and powder coated in green (“RAL6005” standard colour). We could select a different colour, but this is a standard one and ensures standard quotes.

The three quotes for delivered product, I received are:

Jacksons quote £7278 (1m high)

Wicksteed – £10032 – 5% discount = £9530 (installation £5280) (1m high)

Alpha Rail £6953 (they actually quoted for fencing 1.2m high although they do offer 1m high – I’ll try to get a price for this by Wednesday’s meeting).

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I have asked PBS to assess the job and provide a detailed shopping list of posts, custom lengths etc.

**Based on these quotes I would like to propose that we provide our chosen manufacturer with the shopping list for final quote. I would propose that we go with Alpha Rail as the lowest quote unless we particularly want to stick with 1m high (same height as the gate) in which case we pay £330 more and go with Jacksons.**

PBS will provide us a quote for installation – I expect it to be in the region of £5000.

I hope to have a detailed quote and proposal for the purchase and installation at Feb 2020 F&GP.

**Do Councillors have a preference of colour?** (plain Galvanised is cheaper), Green blends with the area, Red is vibrant etc. Multicoloured would cost more and, whilst “fun”, may attract attention whereas a colour that does not “make a statement” may attract less attention.

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