

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE GREEN FENCING

AGENDA ITEM No. 14

MEETING: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: 21ST OCTOBER 2020

REPORTED BY: WORKS AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGER

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is for Members to consider a request from the 14th October 2020 Environment Committee; to fund the supply of materials to install a 45-metre section of bird's mouth fencing on Aycliffe Village Green to prevent vehicle encroachment.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Aycliffe Village Green is protected under the Commons Act 2006 and registered Village Green 64 and the majority of the greens being under the Town Councils ownership.

2.2 Vehicle encroachment and parking issues; causing damage are a reoccurring problem on the Village Green and regularly reported to the Council.

2.3 Birds mouth fencing has been installed in several areas of the protected green to reduce encroachment, which has generally been effective in the locations installed in reducing damage to the village green.

3.0 Further considerations

3.1 The main concern is regarding larger vehicles unnecessarily mounting the village green, causing damage particularly near the central crossroads from the County Hotel down towards Well Bank.

3.2 This report is to consider the installation of fencing on Town Council land from the County Hotel to the crossroads. (See Appendix 1).

3.3 To supply birds mouth fencing as a barrier along the 45 metres will cost £450 for materials.

3.4 The Works Section will complete the installation at the earliest opportunity over the autumn period.

4.0 Policy Implications

4.1 This complies with the Council's Aims and Targets No. 2 and 5: -

Aim No. 2. - To Manage the Council's Finances and Assets in a Responsible Manner

Aim No. 5. - To contribute to the environmental improvement of Aycliffe by managing and developing parks, play areas and green spaces.

5.0 Staffing Implications

5.1 Staff time will be required to install the structure and will be scheduled into the Works Section maintenance programme.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 The £450 can be found from the Environment Projects Revenue Budget.

6.2 Further consideration may be required in the future for additional capital funding subject to a further report being submitted to Council regarding additional barriers to protect all of the Councils green spaces.

7.0 Crime and Disorder Implications

7.1 None.

8.0 Equal Opportunity Implications

8.1 None.

9.0 Environment Implications

9.1 Ongoing damage to the greens will be reduced on Town Council Land.

10.0 Risk Assessment

10.1 It is not considered that the matter contained in this report poses a risk to health and safety of staff or to the financial or public standing of the Council to a degree that a risk assessment should be appended to this report.

11.0 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

11.1 Is any personal or sensitive data required for this proposal which may have any implications for GDPR?

NO

12.0 Recommendations

12.1 It is recommended that: -

- i. Members receive the report,
- ii. Members consider the purchase materials required to install the required birds mouth fencing for Aycliffe Village Green.

Works and Environment Manager

Proposed location of bird's mouth fencing

