

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY JUNE 8th 2021

Item 9 - Reviewed proposal for the Field Access, Sports Wall & Playground Issues



Proposed solution agreed at the Council Meeting 9th March 2021

- The posts either side of the small oak tree have already been erected so we propose that the wire fencing is now attached to these posts leaving an open area for access to the field.
- We also propose that this new access area should be reviewed yearly and if felt necessary due to ground erosion, that another access area could be opened up at a different point in the same stretch of fencing
- As an alternative to the wall, erect a goal in the back field, situated about half way down and in line with the sports wall.
- Encourage the use of the sports wall from the North side by re-turfing the eroded area in front of the goal as well as the paths either side of the wall
- Consider the use of crating beneath the new turf
- Review the situation periodically to ensure the safety of the public
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These proposals were discussed and agreed at the April Copythorne Parish Hall Committee meeting. It was agreed that the Hall Committee would be responsible for creating the new access to the back field, and the Parish Council would be responsible for re-turfing the eroded area to the north of the sports wall. (The use of crating is not possible if re-turfing and can only be used if putting down grass seed).

The erection of a new goalpost will be considered at a later date if still required. We would need to consider the affect this new goal would have on maintenance of the field, use of the field for other activities and also discuss with local residents that back on to this field.

Re-turfing

I have now received some quotes for the re-turfing of the eroded area on the north side of the sports wall. The difference in quotes regarding the area or turf is due to each company taking measurements themselves.

Quote 1

Lawn Service Company from Totton:

Prepare the land and lay 29m² of turf. Includes a sprinkler. £650

Quote 2

Landscaping company from Newbridge:

Prepare the land and lay 40m² of turf. £680

Quote 3

Landscaping company from Romsey:

A cost of £45 per m² new turf was quoted by text. £45 per m²*
(Equates to £1,305 for 20m² or £1,800 for 40m²)

Recommendation

I would recommend that Quote 2 gives the best value for money. It is also a well-established local company within our Parish with excellent testimonials.

£544.42 (received from the Copythorne Community Group when the Parish Council assumed responsibility for the Sports Wall is held in our Designated Reserves. The remaining £135.58 is covered by the allocated budget for External Asset Maintenance.

Cllr. Jackie Rhodes

May 23rd 2021