

## **AGENDA 10, Enc xii) Nursery Park Allotment Site**

### **Nursery Park Allotment Site - Installation of Lockable Gates**

#### ***Background***

The Nursery Park Allotment site, which is under the Council's control, currently lacks a lockable gate. This has led to several issues, with neighbouring householders and businesses parking their vehicles within the site, thereby depriving allotment holders of the ability to park their vehicles. Several allotment holders have sought to address this problem for some time.

The allotment budget has been greatly reduced this year. With only 17 plots, the rental income per plot may be higher at £65/plot, but it does not offer a substantial budget to maintain boundaries, roads, and the water system, as well as general maintenance.

#### ***Proposal***

To resolve the parking issue and ensure the security and proper maintenance of the Nursery Park Allotment site, it is proposed to install lockable gates with both vehicle and pedestrian entrances.

#### ***Quotations***

##### **Quotation A - £2,360**

Price to supply / fit 2mt high steel palisade fencing and gates; 1no 3.6mt wide, 1no 1.2mt wide.

##### **Quotation B - £2,750**

To supply and fit 1 pair of 2m triple pointed galvanised palisade drive gates, and 1 single opening to complete full width of drive.

##### **Quotation C - £2,517**

To supply and fit 2mt galvanised steel palisade fencing and gates; 1no 3mt wide, 1no 1.2mt wide.

##### **Quotation D - £4,790**

To supply and fit palisade fencing with lockable double gates to Nursery Garden allotment entrance.

#### ***Recommendation***

Council Officers support the expenditure necessary to install lockable gates at the Nursery Park Allotment site with both vehicle and pedestrian entrances to address the parking issues faced by allotment holders and ensure the security and proper maintenance of the site. As a town council asset, the allotment site should be prioritised for spending to fulfil the Council's duty to properly maintain and secure allotment gardens for the benefit of allotment holders.

As the allotment budget has been reduced, officers have approached Ward and County Councillors to access additional funds for this project.

In response Councillors have expressed an interest in exploring a potentially lower-cost alternative, using second-hand gates.

If the Council wishes to explore the second-hand gate option, the agenda item could be deferred until the Allotment Officer has had the opportunity to investigate this alternative and present the necessary information for an informed decision, or the matter delegated to the Allotment Officer to proceed with the best course of action, based on findings.