

Committee	FINANCE COMMITTEE
Date	15 June 2020
Agenda Item	7i

To consider replacement of the ramp at Parsonage St allotments

The ramp at the Parsonage Street allotments was originally built, not by HTC, to assist access to the allotments, which are considerably below road level. It has since fallen to the Council to manage the ramp, which has now fallen into disrepair. To lessen the gradient, and to make access possible for wheelbarrows and wheelchairs, the ramp was built as a hairpin bend. The surface is wooden planks covered with wire netting to prevent slipping, with what was once a sturdy fence at either side. The plank surface is now becoming unsafe as the planks are rotting and there is now a risk of falling through, which could cause injury to anyone using the allotments. The risk of injury is of concern, as the council would be held responsible.

HTC has now received 3 quotations for this work, although other fencing companies were contacted and have not responded. These are in details in Item 7i(a) to be viewed and analysed before the meeting.

Quote A: £6,600

Quote B: £3,088

Quote C: £3,592

£1000 was allocated in the 20/21 budget to pay for this, when it was thought that the work could have been carried out by Tim and Jason. The job is too large for them to carry out in working hours.

Recommendation: that HTC considers appointing one of the contractors to do the repairs to the ramp at Parsonage street allotments.



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Town Clerk