

## **Cemetery Working Group**

### **Proposal for Council regarding cemetery car park fencing**

As agreed by Council at the meeting on 8 November 2022 (minute 119.2), the Cemetery Working Group (CWG) met on 17 November to discuss the condition of the cemetery car park fencing and agree a proposal to put forward to Council at the meeting on 13 December.

#### **Issue**

The wire and wooden post fencing around the west and south sides of the cemetery car park has fallen into poor condition, presenting a potential risk to livestock in the adjacent field. The problem has been exacerbated by the fencing having been cut some time ago in order to insert a farm gate, and people with bikes crossing over the fence as a shortcut down to the Crafnant road.

#### **Background**

Repair of the car park fencing was included in the tenders received for the cemetery extension works at the end of 2021. This programme is currently paused pending amendments to the original plans. However, the condition of the car park fencing is now such that the CWG feels repair is needed as soon as possible.

#### **Proposal**

The CWG proposes that the car park fencing and posts be replaced as the existing is in unsalvageable condition. This will require circa 50m post and wire stock-proof fencing (wire mesh with two lines of barbed wire along the base, and one along the top).

We understand the owner of the adjacent field has no legal right to an access gate in the fence. However, given this has now been in place for a number of years without challenge from TCC we feel minded to let the situation remain in the interest of community relations. This will be conditional on the landowner bearing the costs of a gate, and giving appropriate co-operation to the contractor as required.

#### **Next steps**

Subject to Council agreeing our proposal the next steps are:

1. Contact the landowner as soon as possible to explain the action we will be taking, including the above conditions re their existing gate
2. Obtain quotes for replacing the fencing (facilitated by the Clerk). We propose contacting the contractors who bid for the cemetery extension works plus others locally with the required skills and insurances - i.e., Dylan Evans, Arfon Roberts, Hunter Garden Services, Metcalfe's. The landowner themselves may also be interested in undertaking this work.
3. Review the quotes received and return to Council in February to recommended the preferred contractor and seek approval for work to commence.

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