Trefriw Community Council - Parking barriers at village hall

Issues

Unauthorised parking in the village hall space by visitors to and owners of a neighbouring property has resulted in TCC putting in place temporary plastic bollard and chain barriers along the side of the space to supplement the existing metal post and front chain to deter such activity. However, unauthorised parking problems remain as the bollards are easily moveable and a set of chains was broken over the Christmas period by a guest at Ty Llewellyn.

In addition, in high winds, the plastic bollards have a tendency to blow over (despite the bottoms being weighted) which risks impacting on residents' access to their own properties.

We are also seeking to make the village hall more 'self service' for hirers and the current bollards can be somewhat awkward to move and then replace (this is chiefly done by the Clerk / Cllrs at present but this level of service is not sustainable in the long term).

The owners of Maesteg have confirmed that they will not seek to erect a fence along the boundary between their driveway and the village hall parking space.

Proposal and recommendation

As a more permanent, robust and easier to use solution it is recommended that two fold down metal barriers be bolted into the ground in the middle of the space to prevent unauthorised parking/turning. To enable hirers to move them, the bollard key would be kept with the hall door key in the key safe. The lack of chains would also enable easier evacuation of the hall in the event of emergency.

Fold down barriers are readily available on the open market at a variety of pricepoints - see examples below. The groundworks for installation would be minimal and could doubtless be done by a local tradesperson.

		2 bollards incl fixings and delivery	Installation cost (estimate)	Total cost
Option 1	Parking post security barrier yellow - Amazon	105.28	200	305.28
Option 2	Autopa hinged bollard (market leader)	263.05	200	463.05

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