

AGENDA 15, enc xiii) Proposed Roadway Improvement Works to Woodhorn Road Allotment Site - 2023-2024

Background

This report outlines the proposed roadway improvement works to the Woodhorn Road Allotment Site.

Work is currently taking place on the site to install a new water system (approximately 1,900m of new medium density polyethylene service pipe) as previously agreed, by P2 Utilities Ltd. The work is expected to be completed by December 2023. When the water system work was agreed it was recognised that significant works would be required to improve the roadways on the allotment site which were in a very poor condition.

Proposed Works

The Town Council and allotment associations across the town have used differing suppliers to address roadway works in recent years which has brought significant improvements.

Following advice, however, we would like to use the services of a local contractor who has specialist machinery that can provide a system that lifts and rips the top surface off the road which is then graded and compacted with a roller. This system reduces the need of excessive road plannings and enables greater distances to be covered than more traditional methods which obviously brings cost savings. They are currently the only contractor with this machinery in the area.

The Town Council has not yet used this contractor on allotment sites and would like to trial this method on the Woodhorn Road Allotment Site. If the system provides a more longer-term solution, it would be a more cost effective way to address repairs to roadways on other allotment sites in the future. The quotation is for £8,780 and will improve approximately 30% of the roadways mainly to the west the site. These roadways are in a particularly poor condition and similar works will be required to address issues to the east of the site to bring the roadways up to an acceptable standard across the site.

The map below provides information on the existing roadways and the proposed improvement works quoted by the contractor.

Recommendations

To proceed with the works following the receipt of a written quotation and site visit, and agree to place an order with the contractor, at a cost of £8,780.

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Woodhorn Road Allotment Site (November 2023)

Existing Roadways ———

Proposed Roadway Improvements ———

