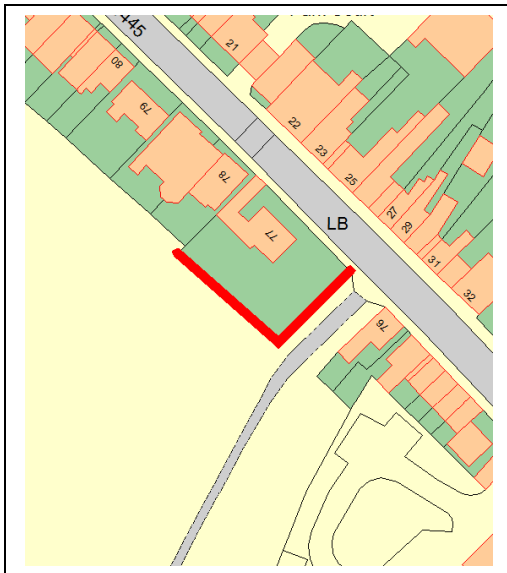


Culture, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	29 January 2013
Title:	Elm Park Boundary to 77 Park Street.
Purpose of the Report:	To agree expenditure to replace the fence.
Contact Officer:	Rob Goss, Project Officer

Background

The boundary of 77 Park Street with Elms Park is identified within legal documents as being the responsibility of the Council, a condition of the deeds when the land was transferred into its ownership. (Marked red on the plan).



The fence was replaced in 2007 but has always been subject to vandalism. Wire mesh was added in the intervening years to try and help protect it.

The recent bad weather has caused major damage to the panel fence resulting in a request for its replacement by the resident.

Fencing

The proposal is for the Maintenance Team to remove and dispose of the existing fence and replace it with close boarded fencing. All timber used to be treated

and guaranteed for 5 years. It is also recommended that supplementary planting is done on the Elms Park side of the fence to protect it and create a hedge which should be well established whenever the new fencing fails thus saving future costs for fencing. This should also deter would be vandalism.



Risk Assessment

The risks associated with not carrying out this work could be a claim from the resident of 77 Park Street for any damage as a consequence of an unsecure boundary,

possible legal costs if the resident took such action. There could also be a consequent effect of other areas of the park suffering vandalism as any perceived areas of neglect just exacerbate vandalism problems.

Resource Appraisal

	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Capital</i>
Skills /Expertise		
The Maintenance Team has the skill, experience and tools to carry out the project in a professional manner.	4 days x 3 staff	£-
Materials		
Timber fence panels, posts, concrete and fixings	£697	£-
Total cost of project	£697	£-

Legal Powers: Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10.

The Committee is recommended:

- i) Agree to the replacement of the boundary fence with 77 Park Street at a cost of £697.***
- ii) To recommend to Full Council that this is funded from the General Reserve.***