

To Install posts At Bracklesham Park to Restrict Access to Horses and Carts

Background

The Community Warden has had an increase in incidents involving a pony and trap using the park at Bracklesham. It is entering the site via the bund on Beech Avenue in front of the play ground. This is causing a risk of injury for members of the public and children playing in the park and also for the animal as the bund is very steep. In addition, the post and rail chestnut fencing around the car park is becoming very old and some of the posts are rotting or unstable. The entrance on to the field is protected via a bund, so replacement fencing is not strictly necessary and could instead be substituted for a row of posts sunken in the ground.

Options

- 1) Install a set of posts along the top of the bund, spaced close enough together that the horse and trap can no longer enter the site and replace the rotten post and rail fencing around the car park with additional posts to prevent unauthorised access on to the site. The existing fence posts can be re-purposed and cut to size to match the new 'dragons teeth' post arrangement. Estimated cost £800.00
- 2) Install a row of 'dragons teeth' to the top of the bund and replace the post and rail chestnut fence around the car park at Bracklesham Barn. Estimated cost £3,500.
- 3) Install a post and rail chestnut fence to the top of the bund and replace the post and rail chestnut fence around the car park at Bracklesham Barn. Estimated cost £4,000

Recommendation

Option 1: Install the dragons teeth on top of the bund and replace the post and rail fence with a line of dragons teeth around the car park. The park is already protected by a bund and the dragons teeth will be a sufficient deterrent (at the moment the rails are rotten and can be easily removed with little effort) against access. Ongoing maintenance and replacement costs of the posts will be significantly cheaper than fencing and the aspect to the park will be more open. The work can be completed by the village handyman and so can be completed as soon as the materials arrive.