

# WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

## Break In and Security Update

The Groundsman's shed was broken into on the morning of Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> January between 12:00 and 1:30AM. The shed was damaged, and a lot of equipment was subsequently stolen. The case has been reported to the police with reference number: 131. 23/01/2022

The claim has been registered with our Insurance broker, and a loss adjuster has been assigned to the case. A site meeting with the loss adjuster was held on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> January, where we were given the go-ahead to have our appointed contractor proceed with repairs to the shed. These include:

- Temporary security of the shed (completed)
- Removing the damaged barrier (completed)
- Erecting Scaffolding
- Replacing 4 roof panels
- Supply and install of new steel door
- Installing a new barrier
- Disposal of all waste material

These works will be covered by the insurance policy.

It has become necessary to further secure the shed and the suggestions from the contractor (who has previously worked on securing Histon & Impington's shed) as well as the loss adjuster were to have 4 Anti Ram telescopic bollards in front of the roller door, and an alarm installed. This will make removing vehicles almost impossible, and alert neighbours should there be another break in. I have asked that the contractor quote to install 3 additional bollards at the entrance to the recreation ground, where we had previously wanted the bollards installed. I have contacted various suppliers, which I have shared with Councillors, and vendors are either not interested in the job (digging up and tunnelling under ground to install 3 bollards operated by mobile application, or recommend that we install the bollards below. The below bollards are in various places in Cambridge, and can also be seen at Histon and Impington Parish. My advice would be to install these as a matter of urgency.

The cost breakdown of bollards are:

4 x Bollards for Shed	£ 3036.00	Including Installation Costs
3 x Bollards for Rec Ground	£ 2277.00	Including Installation Costs

I am investigating alarms, and have found two options:

1. Just an alarm that makes a sound
2. A linked alarm to a Security company / Police

In addition, the loss adjustor mentioned that if we need to replace a piece of equipment urgently that they may be able to expedite an amount upfront, for eg. the John Deere 1026R and loader. There is only one currently available cost is £ 25 272.00, should we not purchase this one the wait could be more than 6 months for another one to become available.

**The Chair, Vice Chair and Rec Users Chair met to investigate the security of the old shed and would like to report:**

Following our visit to the above building the following jobs need to be agreed by council, this would then provide us with a further and potentially securer building to store equipment in:

To agree to hire a skip to remove all the rubbish To agree to pay £50 to remove all the unwanted bikes which will be sent abroad for charitable use (Brian to explain) To agree for Robert to purchase the old Hayter mower for £30 (it is broken but still shown on our asset register) To organise a metal scrap dealer to price up all the old metal and agree a price for this to be taken away. To ask the library what they want to do with all the books boxed up in the original groundsman's office To ask Mr Pollard to quote for pointing up the breeze blocks, filling in any gaps in the breeze blocks, repairing the ceiling and generally bringing back the building to its original purpose. Install a new security door to the side of the building To ask the Tillage Hall if all the Community Association items could be stored upstairs in the Tillage Hall.

This would then provide a lot of space for the groundsman's use, the majority of the grounds equipment could be stored here and there is even an area which could become his office.

I would also request that whilst we have a skip, and potentially a follow on one if this is filled up and more space is required, that the tractor and trailer bring over all the pallets, etc. which are a fire hazard adjacent to the larger groundsman's shed to be disposed of in a skip.