

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 1 DECEMBER 2015 FROM LIZ JONES, CLERK

CEMETERY PATH

At the October 2015 meeting it was **RESOLVED** that the upper path should be renovated with a proper base and shingle and should be either domed or edged. The Clerk was asked to bring a quotation back to the Council for approval.

One contractor responded as follows: -

Unfortunately the cost of edging the path would be high in relation to the path itself. Metal edging (supplied and installed) would add at least £1,700 + VAT. Alternative would be timber edging and whilst the material is cheaper, the labour cost would rise. Timber obviously wouldn't last as well as the metal alternative. The initial quote explained how the path would be excavated to provide a hardcore drainage base so there would be no point in 'doming' the path surface as water would drain down rather than run-off unless there was really substantial wet weather.

The original quotation is as follows: -

To dig out old pathway (to approx. depth of 4 ins) c.100 m by 1 m wide
To supply and lay heavy duty weed membrane to under-side
To supply and compact suitable hard-core base top-dressed with pea-shingle
Both edges of path to be straightened (manually); pea-shingle surface to finish virtually level with grass to either side (to minimise soil discharge as discussed)
To clear site including existing heap of soil/rubble to side of turning point

Notes:

Allowance has been made for new pathway to be formed in such a way as to:-

- Remain stable and durable without weed ingress from the ground beneath
- Prevent dipping/ruts which allow water to puddle and soil to discharge from sides causing muddy surface and weed seeds to flourish

Total: £3684.00

The other contractor proposed a wooden edging but has not submitted a cost or a revised quotation. The original quotation was as follows:

Description of Work

Reduce, dig existing pathway and remove arisings from site (75 mm depth)	£658.00
Lay geotextile weed suppressant membrane	£129.00
Supply and install hard-core sub-base and compact in preparation for shingle (50mm depth)	£531.00
Supply and install 10mm pea shingle and compact	£499.00
Total	£1817.00