

Item 9. To select a contractor to clear the ditch at Hordle Recreation Ground

Current situation:

The ditch which runs along the southern edge of Hordle Rec (behind the MUGA and Boules Court) is overgrown and requires digging out to ensure a clear run.

A resident of Wellingtonia Gardens reported that his property was flooded last winter. Although it is not clear that this was caused by the ditch, it is good practice to clear it in time for the coming winter.

February 2024:



July 2024:



Quotes:

3 local companies have supplied quotes for clearance work as follows:

Company	Cost (ex VAT)
X	£2564.80
Y	£3150.00
Z	£1285.00

This can be paid for through the Open Space budget.

The work will require some undergrowth to be cut back (trees will be preserved) and will involve a mechanical digger. The arisings can be spread around the woodland on the other side of the rec.

Recommendation:

That Hordle Parish Council contracts Company Z to clear the ditch.