

Observations from Paul Selvey

- I anticipate there may be objections to the plan to fence externally on Chapel Lane, so thought should be given to bringing this inside the hedge line. The ditch in places is little more than an indentation.
- I'm glad to see you have requested separate costs for individual features such as the gates at RR to access the pond. I anticipate questions as to their necessity, so add and omit pricing is a good idea.
- Assuming the proposed fencing can be internal and roughly same or lower height as existing hedge (on both sites) then impact on neighbours is minimal except for the residents of Chapel Cottage who are without doubt the closest neighbour. A discussion on aesthetics with those neighbours would seem appropriate to me.
- If I were fencing (as I have done on my own garden) I would aim to drive posts as close as possible into the hedge, however I'm aware a commercial contractor might take an easier approach of keeping well away from the hedge. This would reduce internal space and would not be disguised by hedge growth. I think the councillors would need to know which in order to make an informed decision.
- For good practice and reasons of scrutiny I think we should also consider a DIY costing so we are able to make a decision having considered all options. To help with that I have prepared the following. I acknowledge DIY volunteers may not be forthcoming but inclusion of the topic will demonstrate broad consideration of all options.

300m HT/122/75 fence	£1288.38
65 x 100mm round post	£638.95
1x 200mm straining post	£783.00
2x 25kg straining wire	£144.00
2x bags staples	£100.00
All above Clarke's of Walsham web site Inc VAT	
Post driver hire	£105 per week
Hole auger	£78 per week
HSS hire web site ex vat.	£370.00
Overall	£2723.46 ex vat.