

Request by Doddington Allotment Association for Eastern Area Committee funding

Text of two e-mails to Councillor David Simmons from the Doddington Allotment Association:

From: Matthew Jevons
Sent: 08 December 2020 10:10
To: David Simmons (Cllr)
Subject: Doddington Allotment Association.

Good morning again Mr Simmons,

Following our recent conversation, the allotment noticeboard was wrecked in the recent gales and the current one is past repair I feel. Having looked into a replacement the noticeboard I would like to purchase for the allotments is £350.

Also, the entrance gates are rotting away and to maintain the appearance of the area, we feel the entrance gates should look in good condition. I think we should be able to replace the two 1.5m wide gates for £500.

During the lockdown, the allotments have been an enormously popular area for members. Allowing them to be out in the fresh air, exercise and produce food for their households. More than one person has commented to me how their allotment has kept them sane in these restricted times.

Any contribution towards these purchases will be gratefully received.

Kind regards,

Matthew Jevons.

Allotment association chairman.

From: Matthew Jevons
Sent: 10 December 2020 12:21
To: David Simmons (Cllr)
Subject: Doddington Allotments.

Good morning Mr Simmons,

Many thanks for your email. I am afraid our allotment association doesn't 'run' to headed writing paper. We run our allotments using a very fine pencil !!

However, I can with pleasure give you more details of our allotments.

We have 20 full size plots, some of which are divided in two.

Currently, we have 39 members.

We have a waiting list of 4 presently.

The land is owned by Richard Oldfield who rents the land to the Parish council who in turn rent it to the allotment association for £1 annually.

During the current pandemic, the allotments have given members an opportunity to exercise in the fresh air. Also to produce something that is edible, boosting their well being and their mental health. Which is so important in these uncertain times.

The gates I am interested in partly because they are made by a local firm M Belsom and Sons will cost in total £410. Which includes good quality timber, furniture, rabbit fencing and hanging. Others I have investigated are considerably more namely £474 and that does not include furniture and hanging. Mr Belsom comes recommended by a retired local land surveyor.

The notice board I am looking at will cost £427. It will be aluminium, lockable and mounted on posts provided by the manufacturer. Other noticeboards I have investigated are of a similar price.

I hope this gives you all the information you require and I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards,

Matthew Jevons.

Allotment Association Chairman.