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Briefing Note

11. Reeds Lane Ephemeral Pond Fencing

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Introduction

The Reeds Lane drainage project was completed in July 2024 and with the recent weather conditions it has proven successful in collecting surface water from the whole site and depositing it into the Ephemeral ponds in the North and South Sites.



Proposal

Due to the creation of this Water hazard and to safeguard users of the sites. It is our Proposal to install a post and rail fence with stock fencing around the ephemeral ponds in the South and North sites and install a five bar 4ft wide gate into each fenced area to allow access for maintenance. The Gates will be padlocked to prevent unauthorised access and signs informing users of the hazard of shallow water will also be installed.

Quote

Greenscene Landscapes has quoted the following for the installation of the fencing and gates:

- **£1,889.50 plus VAT** to fence the Northern Site
- **£1,575.50 plus VAT** to fence the Southern Site.
- **£168.00 plus VAT** to repair and replace the Pétanque gate.
- A total cost of **£3,633.00 plus VAT.**

Sussex Sign Centre have quoted **£66.00 plus VAT** to supply 3 x 'Danger Shallow Water' signs.



BSG have quoted **£12.73 plus VAT** per padlock, £25.46 plus VAT for the supply of 2 x Padlocks.

Funding

A S106 contributions application was submitted and approved by Mid Sussex District Council for the full amount of **£3,633.00**.

The Signs and Padlocks are to be funded from Budget line **202/5720** at a cost of:

Signage - **£66.00 plus VAT**.

Padlocks - **£25.46 plus VAT**.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to **AGREE** the appointment of Greenscene Landscapes to install post and rail fencing around the Ephemeral Ponds in the North and South Reeds Lane Recreation Grounds at a total cost of **£3,633.00 plus VAT** to be funded by S106 contributions.

The Committee are asked to allocate **£91.46 plus VAT** from Budget Line **202/5720** for the purchase of safety signs and padlocks.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee is asked to **AGREE** the appointment of Greenscene Landscapes to install Post and Rail fencing around both Ephemeral ponds in Reeds Lane Recreation Grounds at a Total Cost of **£3,633.00 plus VAT** and to reclaim the funds from S106 Contributions. The Committee is asked to allocate funds to purchase 2 x padlocks and 3 x safety signs at a total cost of £91.46 from Budget 202/5720.