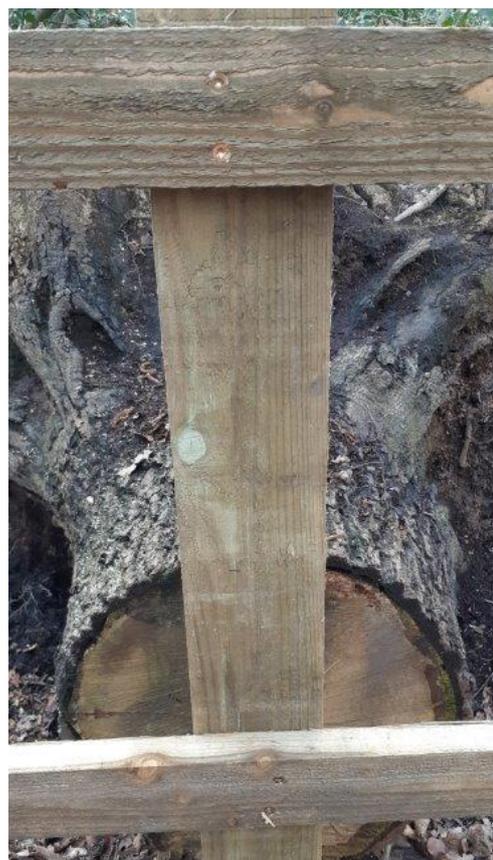


## IVER HEATH COPSE REPLACEMENT FENCING

### 1. Background

The area of Iver Heath Copse maintained by the Parish Council has a boundary fence made of wooden post and 2 rail composition.

Earlier in the year, a section of the fence was removed, presumed stolen given the current shortage of timbers as a result of the Covid-19 situation. This was replaced at a cost of £395 in February. The new posts were cemented into the ground and the rails attached with security bolts to limit the risk of these newly installed items being stolen.



### 2. Current Situation

In the past two months, further sections of fencing (rails only) have been stolen. These sections were not cemented in or had security bolts as fixings as this solution was agreed at the time as only being the replacement sections stolen earlier in the year.

This amount of fencing stolen is three bays of fencing covering 15 linear metres.



### **3. Cost of Repair**

The cost of repair is £776.33 ex VAT. The repair will involve removing the 4 existing posts that remain after the theft, re-sinking them in cement and replacing the rails in the three sections. The quote from the contractor who carried out previous fencing work here and the fencing at St Peter's Churchyard can be found at Appendix 9c. The Deputy Clerk recommends this work is carried out. However, the committee may consider, in light of another theft of fencing, whether a boundary fence is required for the future. The Deputy Clerk also seeks general approval to look at low cost potential options for 'branding' our fences generally across the Parish in such a way that makes stealing our fencing less attractive. This may include hot branding or using a stencil to spray wording (i.e. TIPC) on to wood.

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