REPORT FOR DECISION	
Item No:- FC22/066	

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	25th January 2023
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Report Title:-	Windmill Avenue Allotments Fencing
Wards Affected:-	Pipers Hill

1. **Purpose of Report**

   To propose improvements to the fencing at Windmill Avenue allotments

2. **Recommendations**

   That the attached specification be the basis for engagement with the neighbouring properties, the submission of a planning application and securing quotes for the work.

3. **Information**

   3.1. At the last meeting, it was agreed that replacement of the fencing at Windmill Avenue was a priority action. This has been identified at the last meeting between the Allotments Working Group and the two allotment associations.

   3.2. Cllr Towns has kindly drawn up the attached specification. The fencing is similar to the type of fencing at South End allotments along Whiteford Drive. This is a 2.0m high rigid steel mesh fence, which Kettering Allotment Society said would be their preference. The current fence is a lower wooden fence, around 1.2m high.

   3.3. The works will require planning permission and the allotment society will need to be asked their views of the proposed measures.

   3.4. After that, quotes will need to be sought to carry out the work. It is likely that the works will not therefore be completed before the end of the financial year.

4. Consultation and Engagement

The works were originally proposed by the Kettering Allotment Society and they have expressed support for these proposals. Consultation with neighbouring properties is still required.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

There is £1933 unspent in the 2022/3 budget for allotments and a net provision of £5000 in the 2023/4 budget

6. Policy Implications

The Council is committed to supporting and improving the allotments provision in town.

Background Papers
Attached specification
Minutes of F&G Ctte October 2022
Emails to and from KAS Jan 2023

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7. Information