

Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council

Report – Repair to Church Field fence

Parish Council Meeting 3rd March 2025

Cllr John Ross

The purpose of this report is to provide an audit for decisions taken outside of the PC Meeting structure.

Background

We received report of several of the fence posts Church Field alongside Church Lane being rotten. Our Tree Warden is doing some work at St Peter's Church and has offered to drive-in supporting posts (with a metal spike to prolong lifespan), at the time of completing the unrelated work at the Church.

The materials for the fence repair have been costed at £100.
Derek has assessed the need and agrees with the findings.
We have a budget allocation set aside for maintenance of Church Field.

As the matter required a timely decision, I wrote to Cllrs on 11/2/25 asking for their views on:

Decision 1: Do we accept several of the Church Field fence posts are rotten and need repair, and the viable and cost-effective approach is to support the existing posts with others (rather than consider replacing the posts which would involve dismantling sections of the fence and likely a far higher cost)?

Decision 2: Do we authorise expenditure of £100 on this work (materials), to be completed by our Tree Warden (no cost)?

Proposal: I propose we do agree decisions 1 & 2. These should be outside of our meetings as a) rotten posts may pose a safety risk to users of the Field or pedestrian walkway and b) it is a very cost-effective option and aligned to work at the Church, and it is not reasonable to seek to delay the work at the Church whilst we decide. This will likely result in a solution of greater cost to the PC.

All cllrs responded in agreement, thus the decision was taken to commission the repairs.