

Members are requested to:

- NOTE this report and information
- CONSIDER the installation of a swing height restrictor
- If agreed, to CONSIDER the recommendations below

In the autumn of last year there were unofficial discussions regarding a restricted access gate for the Jubilee Club House car park. This was placed on hold, to be discussed at the Meet the Councillors session in November. Several Councillors would like to see the gate open to allow residents to be able to drive in and park their vehicles to use the play area and walk their dogs around the sports field.

The following was identified as a suitable replacement for the current gated entrance.

<https://www.barriersdirect.co.uk/barriers-c1157/car-park-barriers-c1257/height-restrictor-barrier-swing-opening-galvanised-p1627>

Product Description

An ideal solution for the prevention of access to unauthorised areas such as staff or public car parks. Height Restrictors are designed to restrict access to high sided vehicles such as HGV's and caravans. **Swing height restrictors can be used where occasional entrance by high sided vehicles may be required for deliveries or refuse collections etc.** Includes catch post for locked position - Additional catch post is recommended if Restrictor for keeping in the open position. (optional extra)

Any additional catch posts will be supplied with the same fixing type as the main gate.

SPECIFICATION

Galvanised steel main post construction 90 x 90 x 3mm (fixed).

Base 400 x 400 x 10mm thick. 120 x 120 x 5mm for swing main post.

Swing boom catch post 90 x 50 x 3mm thick. Base 340 x 254 x 10mm thick. 2.05m ±70mm standard clearance to knocking arm.

All fabrication of galvanised steel construction.

4 qty 16mm bolts required for each leg.

Swing boom lockable by padlock (available extra).

Also available with ragged end for casting into ground or Flanged for bolting down Measurements from flange to front end of boom

PLEASE NOTE ; -One of the legs of the barriers is classed as a catch post as shown in drawing

INSTALLATION

Recommended concrete foundation: 600x600x500mm deep minimum for main post.

Catch post foundation: 300mm cube. It requires quantity of 4 x 16mm bolts for leg.

Main base size 400x400x10mm steel 4 quantity 12mm bolts required for catch post.

Handyman Observations (he will be at the meeting to answer any queries)

The drive width is between 4.2m and 4.3m – it is 4.8m at the current gate position, this includes kerbs. The existing gate is 3.95m (including posts). Options depend on whether the bars can be reduced on site, if not, a 5m could fit at the current position only but would allow extra lateral clearance between the upright posts. The 4m option, would centre the post directly on the kerb line each side. We will need to carefully consider the actual location of the posts, possibly including a second catch post to enable the barrier to be locked open. Depending on configuration, one or possibly two pillars would need to be mounted in the verge on the right-hand side of the access road. This verge is very narrow so it may be necessary to remove the kerb stone(s) at that(those) point(s) in order to accommodate the concrete pad(s) dimensions for mounting of the pillar base(s) without compromising the road width or encroaching into the adjacent garden.

The slightly wider section of road afforded by the existing pedestrian access at the site of the current gate would be the obvious location to alleviate this particular problem. Alternatively, with the main pillar located there, the closed catch pillar could be mounted opposite and the open catch pillar mounted on the Meadow Springs side of the access road i.e. opening outwards.

This would mean that vehicles wanting access would have to pull up before the open catch pillar so the restrictor bar can be swung open. It would also mean that the restrictor bar would not necessarily open the full 90 degrees - don't think that would be a problem but it needs thinking about! It would still require one pillar to be mounted in the narrow verge

I would imagine that the clearances for "approved" vehicles to pass under the beam allows for the popular SUV type heights - just can't see the bar height at the moment only the post height.

It will make little difference to the various contractors in terms of access as I think they will all still need to have the means of unlocking the barrier as they do now with the gate because of the size of the vehicles they use.

a. Funding:

I contacted the WC CIL Officer who has confirmed that CIL funds can be used for a project such as this one, as its actually to benefit the community. The Officer said "It sounds like it will make a big difference to your Parish residents, this is exactly what CIL is intended for, good luck with the project". It falls under the CIL criteria *'to support the development of the local area by funding (a) The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or (b) Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.*

b. Requirements:

A request for 2 x Councillors (with suitable knowledge) to work with the Handyman, to obtain the right specification and installation, with the Clerk placing the order and obtaining any installation costs.

- c. Access: It is suggested that the main gate is only opened at school holidays and weekends. As this does not prevent, only deter, an example of possible trespass can be seen on this link from 2 days ago. There are many examples of various types of trespass on council owned land. I have been told that the clearing up costs are in the thousands dependant of length of stay.
- <https://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/news/20194818.travellers-leave-highworth-assault-pub-closures/>

Members to CONSIDER and APPROVE

- Whether they wish to install a height restrictor at the main gate to the Jubilee Club House
- If they are prepared to leave the gate open during school holidays and weekends
- Delegation to two Councillors and the Handyman to confirm the specification and installation requirements
- Delegation of purchases to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk
- Setting a budget of a maximum of £4,000 for the purchase and installation of a height restrictor barrier – met from CIL funds held by the Parish Council which stand at £8,359 or the Council could use EMR Council projects funds which stand at £22,641