

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall, Assets & Services Committee Meeting		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	1st February 2024	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Hall Manager – Mark Worthington		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	Agenda Item 9: Improvements to Paddling Pool entrance		
Background	<p>During the 2023 season, an independent Health and Safety assessment of the Paddling Pool area was undertaken by the Health and Safety Manager for Ansa / Alliance Environmental Services. This was mainly to assess how users of the pool gained access and queued on the pavement along the perimeter fence of the paddling pool. Due to the width of the pavement being less than three metres wide, we were advised this was not a safe area to allow a queue to form due to limited pavement access. Improvements to the paddling pool for the 2024 season are already being investigated. As queuing outside the perimeter of the pool is not ideal, Officers feel that queuing inside the perimeter is an option worth pursuing and have contacted companies to provide initial quotes for these works.</p> <p>To resolve the issue of ‘no-shows’ which has been a problem over previous seasons, it is proposed to have a trial period where the pool operates with a clicker system on the gate rather than the online booking system. An existing member of pool staff would count 140 people into the pool using a clicker at the start of each session. People would queue in the proposed queuing area inside the pool perimeter. If people were to leave before the end of the session, staff would then admit the next person in the queue to the pool. The proposed queuing area inside the pool would accommodate anyone waiting to gain access. This system would maximise use of the pool facility on days when the weather wasn’t so good and the pool wasn’t operating at full capacity. On busier days, when people arrive early to guarantee a space, the proposed internal queuing area would accommodate users waiting to gain access and keep the pavement which borders the pool entrance clear.</p>		

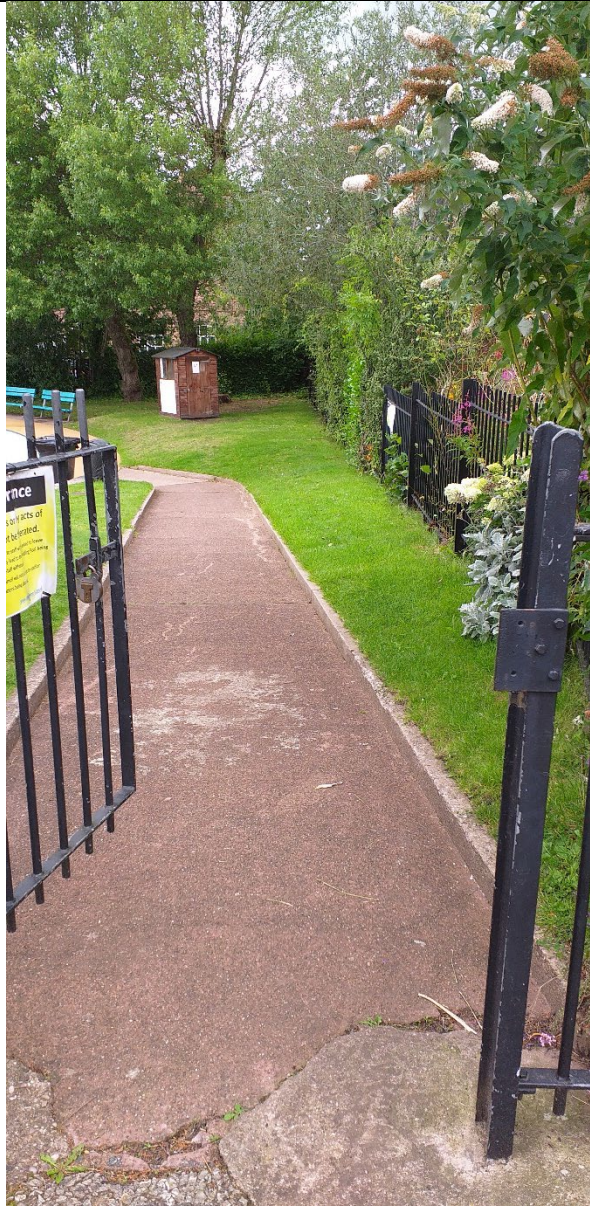
Update


Works to improve the entrance of the pool and create a queueing area within the pool perimeter include:

- 1.2 metre high black bow top fencing.
- 1 x Play safe self-closing gate (yellow) Opening width 1.1 metres & 1.2 metres in height.
- Excavate area for the shed base and form sloped grass sides.
- Import MOT type 1 and compact to form subbase ready for concrete.
- Import and lay concrete to form level area.
- Remove all spoil from site.
- Topsoil Seed excavated areas of grass.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Company A	£9870.00 +vat
Company B	£11,897.36 + vat
Company C	On site to quote 26 th January

The 1.2 metre high bow top fencing would be installed on the left and follow the pathway down where a play safe self-closing gate would be installed. The bow top fencing would then return at 90 degrees to be attached to the existing fence on the right of the pathway. A base would be constructed within the new fenced area to accommodate a shed for staff.



	 <p>Yellow indicates new fencing</p> <p>Orange indicates shed base</p>
Financial	To be in accordance with allocated budgets and financial regulations
Environmental	To assess via the procurement process environmental impact and benefits
Equality	Where applicable in the procurement of services this is taken into consideration
Decision Request	Committee to agree the scope of work required to create a queuing area within the pool perimeter and recommend these works to Council.