

## Minutes 5th October 2020 Part 2

140 (v) There was considerable discussion about how to proceed, now that the Claimant had provided quotes of between £16,000 and £32,000 for mature hedge planting, and that the attitude taken against the Parish Council was intended to intimidate.

The Council initially considered that the cost of the stock fencing at £700 had already demonstrated our wish to be reasonable, and that we should say enough is enough.

However, the Clerk pointed out that offering the cost of the whip hedge at £350 - £900 would put us clearly in the "reasonable" camp, and put the complainant into the same position that she would have been in had the incident not have taken place.

We already have advice from KALC, and have asked for further advice from Warners, and that Zurich provide some compensation for legal costs. KALC also provided advice on our responsibilities for public safety.

It was agreed that the Chair would send a list of bullet points to Warners and ask for a Solicitors letter to be sent to the Claimant.

The Chairman would also seek a definitive letter of comfort from KCC, making our position as authorised agents of KCC unequivocal. Cllr Rayner to assist.

