

MAGA – Road Saga!

Feb 16 Update

What's been happening?

April 2015 – AGM agrees £8,000 budget for concrete road from road to end of shop on west side and road to car park on east side.

May 2015 – estimates come in with costs in excess of £30,000 for concrete. Contractors suggest tarmac on top of scalpings (MOT Type 1) as an alternative, cost approx. £12,000.

June 2015 – Quote for scraping existing roads, grading scalpings and compacting £9,000. Alternative quote for grading and tarmac £15,500.

July 2015 – committee discussed quotes. Concrete was too expensive. The tarmac option was unsuitable as only a vehicle crossover grade was being quoted. The heavy plant coming into the allotment to clear the bays would quickly break up the tarmac. A heavier grade tarmac would increase the price further, well above budget.

August 2015 – Costs for providing car park grade tarmac now approx. £14,000. Committee considered that this is too expensive and decide to approach LBM for assistance in road maintenance as this is supposed to be part of the agreement with LBM.

September, October, November, December 2015 – LBM have been repeatedly asked but no reply received.

December 2105 – Committee decide to purchase bags of scalpings to fill holes as a temporary solution, work to done by a volunteer working party in the new year.

January 2016 – road is too wet to put down scalpings. Committee also still trying to get a reply from LBM, to avoid unnecessary spending of MAGA funds.

In conclusion – lots of work has gone on behind the scenes but LBM are dragging their heels in replying. The options which would meet the needs of the plot holders are well above the £8,000 agreed at the AGM.