

Acton Parish Council

Expenditure items over £5000 Tender and selection process

As at 30 June 2024

Date	Description	Supplier	Net payment
14/05/2024	Village gateways and signs	Glasdon UK	-11,881.16
20/06/2024	Brushcutter for wildlife reserve	R and R Garden Machinery	-5,625.00

Tender and selection process – contract over £5,000: Village gateways

Acton's Action Plan identified a need for village gateways to support other traffic calming measures within the village (Action Plan #7). Acton has 4 traffic gateways Melford Rd, Waldingfield Rd, Barrow Hill and Sudbury Rd. The new gateways at these 4 locations are designed to have maximum impact and driver awareness. The 4-bar gate assemblies will be finished in white plastic and will display 30mph roundels, village name plate and national speed limit sign on the rear.

Glasdon Ltd are the Highways Authority's recommended supplier. An online search could not find an alternative supplier who could offer a one-stop package. The price for design, manufacture and delivery is £11,881.616 + VAT

Tender and selection process – contract over £5,000: brushcutter

It is proposed that the Council should purchase a Orec Rabbit RM830 Ride-on Brush Cutter 82cm Cut £6,749.00 excl VAT Cheap Mowers UK, from Acton's Neighbourhood CIL fund.

This machine model is ideal for use at the Reserve and gives good value for money with a local warranty and service agents based in Sudbury. Acton Wildlife Reserve is an important public amenity, this replacement machine will greatly aid with volunteer maintenance of the site. During the growing seasons the brush cutter will need to be used to keep the pathways cut every 2-3 weeks.

Comprehensive online research has led us to select this particular make and size of brush cutter. Similar prices have been quoted by other suppliers. A comparable product which could be £450 cheaper but it can only be obtained from a Europe based supplier which is not satisfactory for ongoing warranty and service issues. Cheap Mowers UK are the preferred supplier because they offer a Sudbury based service provider for ongoing maintenance.

A cost comparison is extracted below.

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Make	Model	Price Inc	Price Exc	Engine	HP	Width	WD	Blade	Slope
Efco	Tuareg 92	£ 5,399.00	£ 4,499.17	B&S	20	92	2WD	Swing	20
Grillo	Climber 7.18	£ 5,830.00	£ 4,858.33	B&S	18	85	2WD	Swing	
AS Motor	AS 800	£ 6,600.00	£ 5,500.00	B&S	13	80	2WD	Double	
Iseki	SRA 800	£ 6,665.00	£ 5,554.17	Kawasaki	14	80	2WD	Swing	15
Efco	Tuareg 92 4x4	£ 7,469.00	£ 6,224.17	B&S	23	92	4WD	Swing	20
Grillo	Climber 9.18	£ 7,772.16	£ 6,476.80	B&S	18	91	2WD	Swing	
Grillo	Climber 8.22	£ 7,848.00	£ 6,540.00	B&S	22	91	2WD	Swing	
Orec	RM88	£ 7,899.00	£ 6,582.50	B&S	16	88	2WD	Swing	
Etesia	Attila SKD	£ 8,394.00	£ 6,995.00	Kawasaki	16	85	2WD	Swing	17
Grillo	Climber 9.22	£ 8,859.00	£ 7,382.50	B&S	22	91	2WD	Swing	
Orec	RM952	£ 9,199.00	£ 7,665.83	B&S	18	95	2WD	Double	
AS Motor	AS 900	£ 9,483.00	£ 7,902.50	B&S	16.2	90	2WD	Single	

<https://www.lawnmowingbusiness.co.uk/articles/what-is-the-best-ride-on-brush-cutter-and-rough-cut-mower>