

MARCH 2019

Further to the January report (see below):

Due to recent staff changes, STC now has 3 Wardens qualified to carry out weed spraying.

One Town and Waterside Warden qualified to use NO Mix, but cannot drive.

One cemetery Warden qualified to use NO MIX, can drive.

One Cemetery Warden qualified to use PREMIX, can drive. Only PREMIX can be used in a road going spraying vehicle.

This gives the situation that all three Wardens are qualified to carry out 'Walking Weed Spraying' but should STC consider purchasing a suitable road going vehicle for weed spraying, only one Cemetery Warden is qualified to drive and spray from the vehicle.

Following up on Councillor Samuels suggestion, I approached two suppliers of road legal weed spraying vehicles. One supplier did not stock the type of vehicle required, but Vincent Tractors proved to be very obliging.

Their Representative took the time to visit the Waterfront office and explain the options that would possibly suit STC needs. He suggested a used Kubota 4WD fitted with bespoke spraying kit. (Please attached quote and picture)

To purchase the Kubota would cost £7400 + VAT £1480 Total Purchase cost £8,880.00

The above is an example of what used vehicle could be purchased at the time of the quote.

To purchase the equivalent new vehicle would be £16,900 + VAT £3,380 Total cost £20,280.00

WEED SPRAYING OPTIONS 2019

Prior to 2018 STC appointed Cormac to execute the weed spraying of the kerbs/gutters in Saltash. The total distance to be covered was 55 Kilometres of road As this is just the length of the road, it needs to be doubled to cover both sides.. This excludes the Fore Street area which remains the responsibility of CCC.

The amounts paid by STC are as follows:

2016 first application £3292.55 plus vat (£3951.07 inc VAT)

2016 Second application £3292.55 plus vat (£3951.07 inc VAT)

2017 March application £3337.56 plus vat (£4005.07 inc VAT)

In 2018 STC agreed to sending two Wardens on a suitable training course and to purchase weed spraying equipment. The two wardens attended the training course 17 – 19th April 2018. This was after the spraying season had begun. The spraying equipment was also purchased. The total cost of the training and equipment was £1428.70.

The weed spraying equipment purchased was of the NOMIX variety which is the most expensive. If STC were to continue weed spraying, instead purchasing the on-site mixing weed killer, PREMIX and equipment, would pay for itself over one year's spraying cycle.

Option 1.

To continue using the present equipment, and having spoken to the manufacturer, one cycle of weed killer would cost £3692 for the required amount.

The labour costs would be: -

2 Wardens @ 6 hours per day each over 7 days = 84 hours @ £14.33 per hour = £1203.72

Total Cost using existing equipment: NO MIX Weed Killer £3692

Labour £1202.72

Total £ 4895.72 per application

Option 2.

If the PREMIX method and equipment was employed the costs would be:

PREMIX Weed Killer and two back packs £994

Labour £1302.72

Total £2296.72 per 1st application

2nd and subsequent applications would be less £90, as we would already have the back packs.

STC currently has 4 Wardens licenced to conduct weed spraying, the two cemetery wardens Mark and Keith, and two Town and Waterfront Wardens Joe and Jason.

It is not a case of allotting 84 consecutive hours to complete the spraying as there are certain regulations regarding weed spraying in public places, such as:

Must be below 12 degrees C.

Must not be sunny.

Must not be windy.

Must not be raining.

Option 3

STC could consider hiring a Gator road legal weed spraying buggy at a weekly cost of £375. This is a single person operation and would cut the labour cost by approx. 50%, and give more flexibility as to the timing of spraying.

PREMIX Weed Killer (back packs not req)	£904
Labour	£650
Gator Hire	<u>£375</u>
Total	£1929 per application

The draw back to the Gator hire option is that we would have to collect and return the vehicle from Preston. At the present time, Gator Hire in Preston is the only location that hires the complete vehicle/spray package. I am still seeking suppliers nearer to Saltash.

RTV

KUBOTA 4WD DIESEL UTILITY VEHICLE

RTV-X900

For Earth, For Life
Kubota



QUOTE

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FOR

Saltash Town Council
United Kingdom

Quote No.: **31096**
Issue date: **10 Jan 2019**
Valid until: **10 Feb 2019**

DESCRIPTION	QTY	VT PRICE (£)	AMOUNT (£)
Used Kubota RTV 900, Diesel, road registered, street legal model, 2009 model, roof, screen, bucket seats individual, 4WD, Camo colour, HST Transmission, 2 months major components warranty.	1	6500.00	6,500.00
Silver series 225L ATV spray tank (de-mountable), 11.4l/min pump, 6m Hand lance, 3m rear folding booms and fitting to RTV 900	1	900.00	900.00
RFL to be arranged by Council.	1	0.00	0.00
Additional Notes:			
	SUBTOTAL		£7,400.00
	VAT 20.00 % from 7,400.00		£1,480.00
	TOTAL (GBP):		£8,880.00

Signature (The Company): *Tobias Scott*

Signature (The Purchaser):

Thank you for your business!

Key terms of sale: The purchase price is the price for the goods, including any applicable excise tax and fuel tax, and does not include VAT, unless that the date of order is a month prior to the end of the date of delivery. Although not purchased on the 0% rate, a 0% rate deposit before the term can be expected.

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