



Facilities Committee
Facilities Manager's Report
5th March 2024

AGENDA ITEMS

FA24 44 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Work continues with Tivoli. The two guys carrying out the work are very good and very eager to make things nice for residents. It is still a struggle with communications with Management but we are working hard on this.

A meeting has been held this week to discuss the pricing of additional areas and delivery of the service.

A chart explaining this is to be sent to the Clerk tomorrow (5/3/24) and will be added to the papers asap.

FA24 45 ST MARYS CHURHCYARD

Two new notice boards have been erected on the lych gate walls. One to serve HPC and the other for the church.

Quotes have been received for works to the East wall of the church yard and also clearing of the ivy and two trees to survey work needed to the school wall. Both of these quotes are in the papers. They are from our preferred contractor who already has built relationships with the school team and church wardens.

FA24 46 PONDS

The winter floods caused some problems with the ponds and the Haddenham water course. Two properties in Quakers Mead had their gardens flooded. This area of the water cause is culverted through a pipe so we think the pipe must be damaged in some way (possible tree roots)

Rudds Pond intake pipes were blocked which caused flooding on the adjacent roadway.

A local neighbour rodded the inlets which helped alleviate the flooding but it was not helped because of an additional blocked culvert running from Redrow Homes site. Redrow did send some guys to the pond to help with this which did eventually recede.

Banks Pond was very high but seemed to do exactly as it was designed to do and we were not alerted to any problems further down the water course from here.

We have met with a very highly rated pond/lake/river company regarding works to Church Pond. Quotes are in the papers for phase 1 and phase 2 of these works. A decision needs to be made on how to proceed with this.

FA24 47 TREES

Lots of tree work has been undertaken. Trees at Woodways have been reduced around the tennis court flood lights. Trees at Banks Park have been inspected and works carried out accordingly. Trees at both Townsend Green and Skittles Green have had works carried out to Remove dead and decaying wood. A small crown lift and general tidy up all round.

There is a quote with-in the papers for work needed after the tree survey two years ago. This would bring us right up to date ready for the next survey due later this year.

FA24 48 BIKE STANDS

We have agreed with the Local Area Technician that a certain bike stand could be used in various places across the village. These stands are a design that incorporates a planter so due to weight can not be moved but do not need to be fixed in any way.

As they do not need to be permanently fixed we can install on BCC land with verbal agreement from the LAT.

This will save the sum of £700 per consultation. The stands cost in the region of £280 including V.A.T plus soil, plants and installation. There would also be a small maintenance charge. <https://www.frontyardcompany.co.uk/products/plantlock> is the link for the planter stands.

FA24 49 PLAYGROUNDS

The annual safety inspection was carried out and resulting reports were sent to us in December. There was no high or medium risk actions, just low risk which we are addressing. We are just about to adopt two new playgrounds from Dandara Estate. This will need to be added to our assets for inspections later this year.

FA24 50 BKV

The best kept village competition will go ahead again this year. After coming runner up last year we would like to enter again. Cost is £25 for entry.

FA24 51 HADDENHAM AIRFIELD

(ii) Car Park Lighting

After feedback from regular and one-off hirers of the pavilion it is clear that the car park should be lit at night. There is a quote in the papers with 3 differing options. An agreement needs to be reached on A) whether to install lights and B) if so which option to choose.

(iii) Update on electric car charging points at the car park.

We are awaiting the official transfer of the second tranche of land (west of playing fields) from Cala to HPC - as the initial EV electricity ducting will be on this land (still Cala's) and then goes across into the car park area (our land). It has been agreed that Liberty will install a connection cupboard as this will give super-fast download speeds and future proof download technology. The rental paid to HPC for the four spaces will be £1000 per annum.

FA24 52 WOODWAYS PAVILION

Drains have been blocking again from the toilet areas. It is thought that blue hand towels are causing this.

Quotes are within the papers to install hand dryers and remove the blue roll all together.

Electrical work has been carried out by the tennis club to update and make safe all electrical equipment.

FA24 54 COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE

The Community Orchard Committee met in February and the minutes are in the papers.

FA24 55 ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

The fence along the top end of the allotments needs attention and quotes will be added to the papers later this week.

FA24 56 SNAKEMOOR

February 2024 Report from Snakemoor Volunteer Manager

Working Groups held: 22nd July; 11th November.

Main recent activities:

- Squirrel protection added to all 15 new bird boxes
- West side hedgerow cleared of brush and hedge laying done
- Eco power tools in regular use (funded by Beer Festival Trust)
- Approx. 100 hedgerow saplings planted
- The meadow was mown, by kind support of Mark Nicholson
- Driveway cleared of debris and mud

Planning ahead:

- Working Group scheduled for 9.3.24
- New bench to be installed (donated by Natalie Young)
- Four owl boxes to be installed by BORG* (funded by Beer Festival)
- 300 new aconite bulbs to be planted later this year
- Project feasibility for bat nesting sites to be investigated

*Bucks Owl and Raptor Group

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