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Facilities Committee

Facilities Manager's Report

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AGENDA ITEMS

FA24 06 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Tivoli have started the grounds maintenance contract. They are trying to recruit as locally as possible for a head groundsman and an apprentice. They intend to base both of these positions here at Haddenham for 40 hours a week each. While this is happening, they have been carrying out priority works for us only until the contract starts.

FA24 07 BUCKS BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

We were very pleased to be awarded joint runners-up in the Pushman Cup. We scored 170 out of 200 possible marks with the judges concluding 'Overall, a very well kept and presentable village - a credit to its residents and HPC'. The judging marks (circulated) show where we did well and where there is room for improvement.

FA24 08 ST MARYS CHURHCYARD

The work to rebuild the wall running adjacent to the school path began on 26th July. St. Mary's school have kindly allowed access through the school. The Facilities Manager will be checking in with them on a regular basis to monitor progress.

FA24 09 PONDS

Complete Aquatics will be carrying out the annual maintenance on Rudds and Banks pond in late August.

We have trialled a small area of Banks Pond last year with a special treatment called Schilxx. This seems to be reducing or at least holding up the silt deposits. To treat both ponds with this treatment will cost £2,000. We think it is worth carrying out a silt analysis at Banks Pond to determine whether it is viable to remove the silt in the same way as at Church End Pond.

Church End pond

The rails around the pond at the back of the pond have been refurbished and look much better. The water level continues to vary and the puddle pond signs have reappeared and are being removed.

We are looking at advice/quotes for edge works and marginal planting.

FA24 10 TREES

We have obtained one quote for tree work on the boundary of Woodways adjacent to the Tennis Courts. This is to crown lift and reduce growth from the flood lights. One quote has been received from Complete Trees and another has been requested but not yet received from our new Ground's Maintenance contractor (Tivoli).

FA24 11 PLAYGROUNDS

The latest quarterly safety report showed 22 medium-risk actions and 2 high-risk actions across all playgrounds. We are waiting on quotes for the high-risk actions and plan to start a project on reducing all medium actions when the new maintenance contractors have their team in place. There have been issues with receiving replacement parts from Kompan which has led to delays.

FA24 12 BIKES STANDS

Six sites on HPC owned land have had bike stands installed. To install the next phase a decision needs to be made as the suggested site are on highway land and require permission from Buckinghamshire Council. The cost for permission to install two bike stands is £719 per site. The sites we wish to carry this out at are opposite the Rising Sun, the traffic island next to the bakers and at the Post Office. So just to apply for these 3 sites will cost £2157 in addition to the cost of the bike stands and installation.

FA24 13 VILLAGE HALL COMPLEX STRUCTURAL SURVEY

The recent survey carried out of the village hall roof for the installation of solar panels suggested that the roof and concrete structure may be in better condition than we had anticipated from the age of the building. As the roof has been replaced with a good quality roof since the hall was built this is likely to have protected the walls from corrosion. It is proposed that a structural survey of the hall complex (excluding the already refurbished PC office area) is carried out to inform decision making for the next phase of the village hall improvements project.

FA24 14 HADDENHAM AIRFIELD

The Airfield site has had its new memorial installed and an unveiling ceremony went well. Up to 50 people attended despite the rain and even more enquiries were made regards hiring the new pavilion.

FA24 15 SPORTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The condition survey of Woodways pavilion carried out in 2018 recommended an annual Electrical Installation Condition Survey is carried out due to the age of the wiring in the building. Two quotes have been obtained to carry out the survey and are in the papers.

FA24 16 COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE

The orchard team have been busy maintaining the orchard and organising different events. A music night has been arranged along with a bat walk.

FA24 17 ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Plot inspections have been carried out in May and July 2023. Most plots were found to be in good condition. Those that were in a poor condition have been written to.

FA24 18 SNAKEMOOR

A brief update of the last working party is in the papers.

Julian Watson is attending meeting and giving a verbal update.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Complaints of an overgrown hedge on Willis Road. The property owner has been written to and asked to cut the hedge back. At this time there are birds nesting in the hedge so was agreed that the trimming could wait until the birds have fledged.
- Difficulties again trying to get Bucks Council to cut the hedge on Aston Road between St. Mary's school vehicular entrance and Tiggywinkles. The section of verge hasn't been cut this year either so the whole area is a mess and starting to encroach onto the road.