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Facilities Committee Facilities Manager's Report 3rd June 2024

AGENDA ITEMS

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The two guys on the ground are carrying out some fantastic work around the village with some great feedback coming in from residents. Management although slightly better is still hard work to deal with. We have taken over phase 1 of adoption at The Grove and the first cut by Tivoli Contractors was not acceptable as it was sub-contracted. We have requested a revisit and await response.

SAFER PAVEMENTS

Proposal to assign a working group from mixed pavement users.

LAND AT ASTON ROAD

An outbuilding and small amount of land will be handed over to the Parish Council in addition to the public open space. A survey of the outbuilding has been carried out the results of which are in the papers. A discussion needs to be had with a view to deciding its future and what budget should be assigned to this.

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD

The work to the school boundary wall continues. The ivy has been cleared and two trees removed. The structural engineer has visited site and we await his report. Following the report we have asked for a quote to carry out the repairs, which would ideally be carried out during the school holidays. It would be helpful to delegate to the Clerk to accept the quote after consultation via email to be able to progress quickly.

The East boundary wall work is under way and looking great. This work may come in slightly over budget as the Architect hadn't included a couple of extra jobs that have been requested. We have cleared the large amount of rubbish that had accumulated on site and grassed this area with signage advising people not to dump there anymore.

We continue to manage the grounds here by a separate contract and with a little chasing all is going well.

PONDS

The Council made the decision at the Annual Parish Council Meeting to accept a quote from Natural Landscapes for phase 1 work to Church Pond. This work is expected to start this month and hopefully this week. Phase 1 is a general tidying of the area to include removing

the sleepers, levelling the grass to meet the pond, clearing and cutting back undergrowth and the planting of indigenous wildflower and grass seeds.

We are asking this company to provide us with a quote for a liner which is enclosed for discussion which will be phase 2 and then the installation of a bore hole feed which is stage 3. We are hoping stage 3 can be project managed in house with help of a couple of volunteers to minimise costs.

Rudds and Banks pond will have annual maintenance delivered in late summer.

TREES

All works from the 2022 tree survey have been completed and we await the survey results from this year. Prices for any works needed will be quoted for and presented to Council for approval.

BIKES STANDS

The new planter bike lock stand has been sited outside the Post Office. First impressions seemed to be positive with some great feedback on social media. The planter came out at around £320 with plants, soil, gravel and labour. A decision needs to be made if we want to purchase more. It was suggested in the previous survey the stands would be of use at The Bakers and opposite The Rising Sun.

BIODIVERSITY POLICY

A template Biodiversity Policy was circulated by Bucks & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils (BMKALC) and needs to be adapted for the Parish Council, time has been limited so this hasn't been done yet but will be ready for first draft viewing at the next Facilities meeting.

WOODWAYS

Hand dryers have been installed and seem to be helping with the blocked drain situation at the pavilion. We are monitoring this.

HADDENHAM AIRFIELD

The street lights have been installed at the car park and have proven to be a very welcome addition. Quotes are included in the papers for annual maintenance of the alarm systems.

SPORTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Sports Facility Meeting has had to be rescheduled due to most of the committee being unavailable to meet on the original date. This meeting has not yet taken place so no update is available.

COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE

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

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Allotment inspections have been carried out and appropriate correspondence has taken place. All plots are let with most being cultivated.

Works to the top end fence as agreed at last facilities meeting have been carried out.

SNAKEMOOR

Recent activity at Snakemoor:

Owl boxes were installed by the Bucks Owl Raptor Group (BORG), and an owl from Tiggywinkles reintroduced, after recovering from injury.

Significant clearing of excess algae growth carried out at the pond.

Fresh supplies of wood chippings are being applied to paths, arising from Parish Council tree safety work.

The next Working Group being scheduled for 3rd August.

CORRESPONDENCE

A formal complaint was received about an area of grass verge on Croft Road being missed repeatedly. The issue has been resolved with Tivoli and the grass cut.