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Facilities Committee Meeting

Facilities Manager's Report

Monday 29th September 2025

PROJECT AND MAINTENANCE UPDATES

WORKSHOP

The workshop rest area has been completed to a high standard which is a big improvement for the grounds works team and makes us compliant in terms of welfare provided.

They have a clean warm space with hot and cold running water, a space where they can dry clothing and make hot drinks and warm food for break times. We are more than happy to show anyone around should they wish to see the work.

WOODWAYS PAVILION

The new urinal trough has been installed at Woodways which will alleviate all the blockages and clogged pipework in this area. Usual maintenance has been carried out such as bulb replacements, toilet seat replacements etc.

FA26 25 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

A third member of the grounds team Bryan has completed his induction and probationary period with us and has settled in to the team well.

We have adopted phase 2 of The Grove Estate and are now looking after this area. We have already had some very positive comments from local residents regarding the new upkeep.

All three members of the team have completed and passed a hedge cutting training course, which was partially funded by inviting other parishes to join us. This enables us to be much more self-sufficient in the care of hedges requiring cutting/clearing annually and improving footpath accessibility during the growing season.

See separate reports for reviews of expenditure.

FA26 26 LEVEL WAYS WORKING GROUP

The Level Ways team have been very busy. A copy of the draft minutes of their last meeting is included in the papers.

FA26 27 ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD

After a report made by someone tending a grave we found that people have been dumping their rubbish around the area that we cleared last year.

We quickly cleared this up and erected new signage in a bid to stop it. This seems to have done the trick at the moment.

The Conservation Architect is making arrangements for a new survey of the litchgate to start preparations for repair as the next phase of the Churchyard improvements work.

FA26 28 PONDS

Solar powered Bore hole at Church End Pond - we now have the detailed design drawing which we will work from. Quotes for the building of the store which will house the solar panel have been requested and thus far only one has been received.

Both Faculty and Listed Building Consent are needed with applications being prepared.

Note we have secured a £1000 grant toward the cost of this project.

Banks and Rudds ponds have both had their annual maintenance carried out last week and both are looking really good.

FA26 29 TREES

Emergency tree work has been carried out at Woodways after tree 0929 split in half straight down the trunk at fell into a neighbouring property. This was swiftly dealt with by the maintenance team which left the other half of the tree in a very precarious position.

An expert was drafted in to fell the remainder of the tree as an emergency due to the danger to anyone walking past, and the was then cleared up the next day.

FA26 30 LONGWALL CLEARANCE

The Parish Council owns the land at Longwall which has the main river running through so there are riparian responsibilities to ensure the water is free from obstruction and flowing. The maintenance team have carried out vegetation clearance and quotes have been obtained for additional work to excavate and to remove some of the larger vegetation.

FA26 31 PLAYGROUNDS

The latest quarterly reports are included in the papers.

We have fixed the trampoline in-house and now looking at the other high level actions. The quote for the annual inspections of

FA26 35 SNAKEMOOR

Report from Julian Watson, Volunteer Manager:

The reserve, along with the surrounding environment has suffered a significant drought this summer. Recent rains have helped. Remedial watering of the saplings has saved almost all. Thanks are due to the Volunteers and the Florence Nightingale Support team.

The drying out of the stream and pond has allowed both to be cleared of debris.

We have had further positive engagement from McCormick. Using wood chippings kindly sourced by HPC, further reinforcement of the paths has been carried out.

The Volunteer Group has become increasingly concerned over the threats posed to the Reserve from both planned and potential development work to adjacent tracts of land. We will strongly support HPC in dealing with the many issues this brings to such a vital village asset.

Our next Working Group is scheduled for 18th October.

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Facilities Manager