

**WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Planning & Environment Committee**

**Enhanced Tall Hedge & Shrub Maintenance**

1.1 For the year 2018 to 2019, West Swindon Parish Council opted for an enhanced service within the Grounds Maintenance Service Level Agreement for 2018-19.

1.2 Work undertaken to date:

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| Toothill:    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduction of laurel bushes – Harlech Close, Toothill</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                   |
| Eastleaze    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduction at Flint Hill park</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Freshbrook:  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eastleaze, bank by subway</li><li>• Corner by Elsie Hazel Court</li><li>• Chess board behind Freshbrook Village Centre</li><li>• Bloomsbury Close, path and park area</li><li>• Cottington Close flats</li></ul> |
| Westlea:     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birdcombe Road</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Peatmoor     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lagoon car park and roundabout</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Grange Park  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bess Road entrance</li><li>• The Holbeins corner</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                       |
| Middleleaze: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open space along the brook passes Saltway field to Shaw Village Centre</li></ul>                                                                                                                                 |
| Ramleaze:    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Middle path/copse</li><li>• Park behind pub</li><li>• Path along Ramleaze Drive</li></ul>                                                                                                                        |

Examples of this work include: Flint Hill, Toothill before:



Flint Hill, Toothill, after



Middleleaze before:



Middleleaze after:



- 1.3 Due to the many years of minimal grounds maintenance work on hedges and shrubs, the Streetsmart Grounds Maintenance team estimate that it could take a few years to bring height down to manageable levels throughout the Parish, in addition to annual maintenance. The list of jobs for the remainder of the year are as follows:

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| Toothill:   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Path to bus stop – Salzgitter Court</li><li>• Stamford Close behind old play area</li><li>• Remove shrub bed – side of flats Edington Close</li><li>• Clare Walk</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Freshbrook: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thin copse by footpath at Whitehill Park</li><li>• Worsley Road Park</li><li>• Footpath from Worsley Road to Whitehill Way subway – reduce overhanging canopy</li><li>• Hexham Close path</li><li>• Godolphin Close old play area</li><li>• Chalgrove Field</li><li>• Gainsborough Way</li><li>• path alongside 157 Crawford Close – reduce height</li><li>• Basingstoke Close footpath reduce along service strip</li></ul> |
| Westlea:    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lift trees, remove suckers at Westlea Park</li><li>• Chesters open space/Laurels by subway</li><li>• Risingham Mead</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Shaw        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Old Shaw Lane – entrance beds and by play area</li><li>• Beds by Claypits Play area, Cartwright Drive</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Sparcells   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce hedge and remove self seeded trees Sparcells Drive</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nine Elms   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce hazel hedge on footpath – Portmore CI</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Ramleaze    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce hedge height rear of Standings Close/park</li><li>• Path to Shaw Ridge reduce/thin canopy (behind Angus CI)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

1.4 As work determining the grounds maintenance contract for the future progresses, consideration should be given in relation to continued investment in tall hedge/tree work.

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 That Councillors note the report.