
Report To: Full Council Date: 20 May 2024

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Subject: Services Update

1. Services Work Completed (4 weekly update)

1.1 During the last four weeks, the team completed the following:

- The team completed play inspection training
- Continued mowing rounds
- Scraped detritus from car park surfaces at Toothill and Freshbrook village centres including weed removal
- Tidied ground level planter beds
- Rotavated and tidied planters at Shaw and Freshbrook
- Cleaned and cleared bridges around Peatmoor lake
- Cleared vegetation from Mead Way (Bible Society to Bridgemoor roundabout)

1.2 Play improvement work has been undertaken including

- Made safe retaining wall barrier at Claypits play area
- Rubber repairs in play surfaces
- Repainted shelter at Bloomsbury Park
- Welded new bars in the fence at Shelfinch

1.3 Project Work

The team have completed

- Collected woodchip from Stanton and delivered to volunteer copse groups and allotment
- Created sculpture balls for Freshbrook Village Centre planters
- Sprayed out some invasive plants in public open space
- Created and posted signs for volunteer areas

1.4 Income Generation:

Payment for tree planting/maintenance £55 scrap metal

1.5 Requests for Service:

The team have received a small number of requests regarding flytipping, dog fouling, overgrown shrubbery (private property) and bin emptying.

1.6 Land ownership

- a) Resident clarification – Woodbury Close
- b) Queries regarding hedge reduction (private property) off Swinley Drive

1.7 **Cross Parish Support –**

- Spare places for play inspection training - Haydon Wick PC
- Welded a fence panel for St Andrews PC

2. **Services Work (May /June 2024)**

2.1 For May to June the focus will be as follows:

- Grass cutting ongoing grass cutting - assessing as we progress
- Handmowing and strimming

2.2 **Play Maintenance**

Spares have been purchased to maintain and improve equipment. Prices to be approved for Whitehill Park and the Chesters.

2.3 **Planting**

New bedding plants will be delivered 30th May - all planted areas will be refreshed.

2.4 **Village Centre Maintenance**

Add new plants to Freshbrook and Shaw village centre brick planters. Add two tiered planters to Toothill entrance:

REQUEST that Council approves expenditure totalling £2520.25 to purchase new plants for the village centres - quote from Kingsdown nurseries attached.

2.5 **Bins and Flytipping**

Business as usual.

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