

## WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee**

#### **Village Centre Area Maintenance Draft Proposal**

##### **1. Proposal:**

- 1.1 The West Swindon Parish team have undertaken general cleansing and maintenance at the village centres (Toothill, Freshbrook, Shaw) since the inception of the Parish Council. This was originally due to a pre-existing agreement between Streetsmart and Property Services as part of an internal contract. Since the cessation of Streetsmart delivering services and the review of the legal deed agreement, an opportunity has arisen to address this.
- 1.2 The Parish Council has undertaken improvement works at Toothill and Freshbrook Village Centres and has focused resources on providing a clean and green environment for local residents. As the Parish Council is deploying a team locally on a day to day basis, it is well placed to respond to issues arising.
- 1.3 Following an initial dialogue with Property Services, the following schedule has been drafted. It is proposed that the following schedule of works is undertaken with costings agreed by the Council's Finance & Staffing Committee:
- Strimming of obstacles/brambles as and when reported
  - Autumn/Winter shrub and hedge cut
  - Weekdays daily cleansing visit, bin emptying and removal of low level fly tipping in public areas. An extra visit over bank holiday weekends will be added as and when this applies.
  - Renewal of litter bins as required
  - Graffiti and fly poster removal from bins, benches, planters
  - Maintenance of benches
  - Litter picking along footways to and from the village centres as required
  - Replacement or renewal of planter planting as required
  - Addition of seasonal planters
- 1.4 It has been suggested that the Toothill Farmhouse public open space and grassed areas outside but adjacent to the Toothill village centre footprint is also maintained by the Parish in order to achieve continuity across the neighbourhood. It is proposed as follows:
- Grass cuts where required three weekly cycle during March to October (as determined by the weather/ground conditions)
  - Manage the hedge/shrub boundary on the public footpath side with annual cut

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