

Open Spaces & Highways Committee
Deputy Clerks Report to Committee meeting
Wednesday 27th November 2024

Appendix 8

Councillors on the committee are asked to receive this report.

Planned Treeworks – Outside 45b, High Street & Cottage in the Woods Path

Treeworks was completed Week commencing 11th November by the agreed contractor.

Emergency Treeworks – St Peter's Churchyard

A need for some remedial work at the Churchyard arose and the work is being completed this Friday within RFO delegated spend limits.

Remedial work to Paving outside 45b, High Street

Work completed Week during October by agreed contractor. This included the removal of the old flagpole.

Wildflower Verges

Late winter sow for Spring bloom (Mar – June)

12 sites across the Parish identified and being approved by LAT. Quote for preparation and seeding being obtained from Groundworks. Dwarf (low) wildflower mix identified for use to prevent wildflowers causing obstruction / loss of visibility.

TSID

Sites approved by LAT and based on info from CSW information. Contractor has lamp column numbers and specification and will carry out stress testing. Purchase of second TSID to be done once stress testing has confirmed suitability for weight. Grounds Team will move TSID's around and collect data.

Hedging at Jubilee Pavilion / Recreation Ground

Quote received from Groundworks for 55ft of hedging as required. Services testing is proving hard to find but Groundworks believe they can provide a suitable contractor to carry this out.

Noticeboards

- a) Richings Park – noticeboards are in need of repair and remedial work. Deputy Clerk identifying supplier to seek service / advise. Key issue now resolved.
- b) Langley Park Road – LAT has confirmed we can carry out installation internally one a services check has been carried (in line with previous item)

Harding's Row Decking

Deputy Clerk seeking agreement from Community Board Manager that the previous grant from 22/23 can be re-allocated. *In January 2024 the Locum Clerk 'returned' the grant as there wasn't resource available to manage the activity particularly over the summer months.* If re-granted, this activity will be contracted out and the Clerk & Deputy Clerk will work together to complete this activity during quarter 4.

Annual Hedge Flailing

This annual activity was completed in early November in line with budget.

Equipment Maintenance and Servicing

Equipment currently being serviced in line with our Annual schedule now the summer session is completed.

Clock Tower Service

Booked for December. A motor was replaced recently and advice given that one of the four had failed there is potential for the others to fail. Budget provision has been made in 2025/26 budget to cover this.

St Leonard's Mound Remedial Work

The weather and Annual Leave has delayed the completion of the steps re-build as the area has been very wet. This is due for completion during November / December. Nursery still keen to be involved as well as local scouts. Cllr Matthews & the Deputy Clerk met with Heathrow Rangers to discuss opportunities for support and are awaiting feedback from this site meeting.

Boundary Gates Cleaning

This is booked in for March 2025 by our regular contractor.

New Rubbish Bin – St Leonard's Walk, Richings Park

A new rubbish bin has been ordered for this location and when received will be installed by the Grounds Team.

Summer Hanging Baskets 2025

Subject to budget agreement, a quote has been obtained and provisionally accepted ready for confirmation post December Full Council meeting where the budget will be agreed.

Football Club – Baylis FC – Iver Heath Recreation Ground Pitches

This new relationship is working well and the Grounds Team and the club are in regular contact to ensure pitches are at there best and meets the needs of the club. A small number of operational issues have been successful resolved.

Play Area Operational Inspections

The following Operational Inspections will be carried out by the Deputy Clerk & Deputy Head Groundsman:

December – Richings Park Play Area

January – Iver Heath Play Area & Play Equipment

February – Iver Recreation Ground & Play Equipment

The Grounds Team will carry out some remedial work (to support Richings Park Sports Club) at the entrance to the play area where uneven surface gives rise to a trip hazard.

Jeremy Day

Deputy Clerk – Open Spaces & Highways

26th November 2024