

Item 12 Estate Supervisor's Work Report – October 2023 Agenda item

Lake Area

Description of work	Timeframe	Comments & Update
Bench maintenance	Seasonal	Ongoing
Large fishing Platform	September	Grant funding was unsuccessful. Awaiting investigation for possibility of repair.
New smaller timber carvings 2 x remaining	New year	Completed. Beetle needs repair due to vandalism
Re-dress paths	Ongoing	
Tree inspection	End September	Arboriculturist appointed. Awaiting availability.

Cemetery

Description of work	Timeframe	Comments & Update
Plant new hedge for baby plots	complete	Hedge planted end of August.
Cemetery lodge.	Complete	Now reglazed and upstairs windows are all now boarded.

Town

Description of work	Timeframe	Comments & Update
2023 Town floral display	Spring	Completed, watering ongoing

Recreation Ground

Description of work	Timeframe	Comments & Update
Wooden posts at top boundary	ongoing	All broken posts are now replaced this will be an ongoing replacement as more of the original posts fail.

Arboretum

Description of work	Timeframe	Comments & Update
New memorial bench	ongoing	Bench has been ordered

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For consideration/decision

12.2 Recreation ground surfaces

In the ROSPA report in April there were some issues raised with the wet pour and concrete surfaces in the play area at the recreation ground which were put on a monitor system. The issues raised now are at a point where they need attention. To carry out the repairs we will need a budget of no more than £200 for materials to bring the area back to the required standard.



Recommendation

To approve expenditure of no more than £200 from budget heading 340-4810 rec ground play area maintenance. To repair the surfaces in the recreation ground play area.

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12.3 Rodent problem at the old council yard Horsefair lane

Our waste management company have reported an issue with rats around the bins in the old council yard which is a health and safety hazard to their operatives who are reluctant now to empty our bins. This causes issues with emptying our bins in the amenity areas. The old council yard is not owned by Newent Town Council it belongs to GCC. I have investigated prices for some pest control on the site to reduce the problem. The cost of this is £80.00 Per calendar month.

As this is not our site and there is a limited pest control budget intended for mole control in all areas I propose we take the money from budget heading 300-4605 pest control, for the duration of only a 2 month period to control the existing population of rats.

Recommendation

To agree the expenditure of £80 Per calendar month for pest control at the old council yard for 2 months. From budget heading 300-4605.

12.4 Memorial bench application Newent Lake

To approve donation of a memorial bench at Newent lake.