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Lake Area

Description of work	Timeframe	Comments & Update
Bench maintenance	Seasonal	Ongoing
Large fishing Platform	September	Repair not viable. Report to follow.
Re-dress paths	Ongoing	Some paths have now been re dressed ongoing maintenance needed.
Tree inspection	Complete	Tree survey has now been completed. Planning permission has been applied for, report on works to be carried out to follow.

Cemetery

Description of work	Timeframe	Comments & Update
Chapel roof tile repair		Prices to be obtained
Ivy removal on trees	Complete	Tree report suggested removal of ivy on 2 trees other trees have also had ivy removed.

Town

Description of work	Timeframe	Comments & Update
Christmas lights take down	January	Completed

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.
Surfacing play equipment		Wet pour surfacing has been repaired. Concrete repair still to be carried out
Motorbike rocker		completed

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Arboretum

Description of work	Timeframe	Comments & Update
Tree works as recommended in tree report		See bellow

To note

The missing tiles on the chapel roof caused by vandalism have now been replaced at a cost of £25.20. from budget heading 310-4640 cemetery maintenance.

The cemetery lodge was broken into again over the weekend of the 3rd February and reported to the police on 5th February, no further damage to the building was caused. We have re-secured the building.

For consideration/decision

8.2 Arboretum trees on tree report and wind blown tree.

The tree consultant has recommended works be carried out on some trees at the arboretum, I have added the part of the tree report in a separate document. The tree in the report numbered T424 has now blown over in the recent storms so will need removal. The works to the trees in the report will require a chipper, there are also three small dead elms and a dead silver birch that the tree consultant has marked which need removal, these are not in the tree report.

Recommendation

To approve the expenditure of no more than £350.00 + VAT from budget heading 300-4355 arboretum maintenance for hire of a chipper to carry out works on trees recommended in the tree report and removal of windblown tree.

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8.3 Crown lifting of lake area.

The lake area has some low branches that require crown lifting for maintenance and safety reasons, the trees on the banks of the lake also have some very low branches hanging over the water which would benefit from being lifted to alleviate fishing line being caught in the trees due to difficult casting which endangers wildlife. Planning permission for crown lifting of the lake has been applied for through FODDC we are awaiting their approval so we can carry out this work.

Recommendation

To approve the expenditure of £700+ vat from budget heading 330-4760 lake management/maintenance, for hire of chipper to enable us to crown lift the trees at the lake.

8.4 Tree works for Newent Lake as per tree report

To approve works to trees at the lake as recommended in the tree report by Treework Environmental Practice. The tree report is attached in a separate document.

Recommendation

To approve the expenditure of £350+VAT from budget heading 330-4760 lake management/ maintenance for hire of chipper to carry out some of the works recommended in the tree report.

8.5 Sonic tomography on lime tree at lake

The tree consultant has recommended sonic tomography on a large lime at the lake to establish the internal condition of the main trunk so she can carry out a better assessment of life expectancy as said in the accompanying tree report.

Recommendation

To approve the expenditure of no more than £650.00 + VAT from budget heading 330-4760 lake management/maintenance, to carry out a detailed investigation (sonic tomography) on lime tree at the lake.

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