

## Estate Supervisor's Work Report – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Agenda item 7.1

### Lake Area

| Description of work    | Timeframe | Comments & Update   |
|------------------------|-----------|---|
| Bench maintenance      | Seasonal  | Ongoing   |
| Large fishing Platform | September | Repair not viable.<br>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.<br>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.<br>Concrete repair still to be carried out                          |
| Motorbike rocker             |           | completed   |

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### Arboretum

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

### 7.2 Lake gateway (hedge between car park and lake)

The hedge between the car park and the lake has become overwhelmed with brambles and other invasive weeds, it was recommended by the council previously to remove the existing hedge and start again creating something more appealing to visitors. The money that is allocated would be spent on existing hedge removal and ground preparation, new beech hedging to create a smaller manageable to maintain barrier between the car park and lake, grass seed for flat areas and weed suppressant membrane, bark chippings and small shrubs to break up the grassed areas.

There is currently £3000 in this year's budget for the lake gateway but due to time restrictions and the fact bird nesting season is fast approaching it is not viable to start the project in this financial year. Due to these restrictions, I would like to propose that the budget heading EMR 378 tree sculptures Newent Lake, be re purposed into lake gateway feature and the amount of £3000 be via'd into this budget heading so it is available to spend in the next financial year in conjunction with the budgeted amount for 2024/25 enabling us to do a larger area in one go.

### Recommendation.

To approve the re purposing and name of budget heading EMR 378 Tree sculpture Newent Lake, to lake gateway feature and Via funds with the sum of £3000 from budget heading 330-4764 Gateway feature into EMR 378 lake gateway.

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### **7.3 Disposal of old Christmas lights**

Currently we are still storing a large amount of the old festoon Christmas lights which means we do not have the room to store the new festoons in an appropriate location. The old festoons were deemed unfit for use due to the number of failures some of which resulted in fires which the fire brigade had to attend on multiple occasions. We would like permission from the council to dispose of the old festoons to allow proper storage of the new lights to avoid any damage being caused to them.

Due to nature of the lights been unfit for purpose it is not practical to offer them for community projects or for them to be sold for health and safety reasons they need to be disposed of.

At the Christmas light committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 the committee resolved by unanimous decision to take the recommendation to full council to dispose of the unsafe Christmas lights.

### **Recommendation.**

To approve recommendations from the Christmas Lights Committee to dispose of the old faulty Christmas lights.