

Deputy Clerk's Update

Summary of On-going Maintenance Tasks

Boundary Gates Cleaning

All boundary gates have been jet washed and scrubbed professionally. As a result there is some need for some 'in-house' refurbishment that will be scheduled in for the late Autumn and Winter months.

Bench Maintenance

A bench in Love Lane has been replaced as it was beyond repair and unsafe.

The buddy benches funded by the Community Board bid have arrived and will be scheduled for installation in November.

Bus Shelters

Some maintenance of the bus shelter in Swallow Street is planned where vandalism has occurred but a review of all shelters will be carried out by the end of the year.

Noticeboard Maintenance

The noticeboard backing at Langley Park Road shops will be replaced with magnetic backing by the end of November. All noticeboards will be cleaned and de-cobwebbed.

Pitch Maintenance

Following the very hot weather and the fast recovery of the pitches and grassed areas generally, the Grounds team have spiked the pitched as part of the maintenance schedule and will be re-seeded as required.

Hedge Flailing

This activity is planned for November and will include hedges at both Recreation Grounds and the Churchyard / Burial sites.

Churchyard Maintenance

This is an ongoing task and with the provision for Grounds team seasonal overtime a big effort has been made to keep areas under control in both the burial ground and churchyard.

Allotment Maintenance

As above, the provision of Grounds team overtime has enabled general maintenance to continue at both sites and there is more planned in October & November.

Anti-social Behaviour at Recreation Grounds

Manned patrols were present for three weekends at the end of July / early August for one hour at each at random times on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Steps Repair at St Leonard's Mound

Following the identification of rotted wooden stepping at this site, trip hazard signs have been placed as a temporary measure and remedial work to be carried out by end October.

Wildflower Verges / Spring Bulbs

With varied weather, the wildflower verges have continued to flower and re-seed longer than we anticipated. The cut down and trim is imminent and will be carried out when appropriate. Sand and seed has been purchased as part of the Community Board bid and scatter re-seeding will take place to give a bloom for next year. The maintenance work will be carried out by our Grounds team with support from Blue Sky Developments.

A Community Board bid has been submitted to fund the supply of spring bulbs including daffodils to be planted across the entire Parish to compliment the summer bloom of wildflowers.

Item's for November OS&H Meeting Agenda

The September OS&H Committee meeting was delayed following the period of National Mourning and rescheduled to the 19th October. The next scheduled meeting is 23rd November. Given the close proximity of these meetings, the following items will be on that agenda:

- Streetlighting
 - Contract tender
 - Streetlight Replacement Programme
 - Provision of ornate lamps at Richings Park centre
- HGV Monitoring Project
- Recreation Ground Usage Survey - Update
- Safer Streets & Paths Survey - Update
- Contract support from Groundworks (Maintenance of Open Spaces) - Update
- Decking redevelopment at Hardings Row Nature Reserve (Community Board funded)

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