

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**Oakham Close Clean Up****1. Background**

- 1.1 Over the last two years, the Oakham Close area has been identified as an area particularly prone to littering and fly tipping. In August 2018, the Parish Council conducted a deep clean in the area and has continued to undertake regular visits.
- 1.2 The low standard of day to day waste management by residents has been raised and discussed at the Toothill Task Group. Swindon Borough Council housing and warden teams are aware of the issues and are currently seeking to improve the shared internal bin facilities and rationalise the number of bins available to residents in a bid to improve household waste and recycling.
- 1.3 Fly tipping in the area continues to be a problem even though Council tenants are able to use the Warden service for the free collection of furniture, mattresses, sofas and beds. In partnership with the Warden scheme, the Parish Council cleansing staff will promote the waste collection service available to council tenants.

2. Detail

- 2.1 As part of the annual maintenance programme, the grounds team have been reducing shrubs in the green space at the rear of 52-59 Oakham Close. In order to the shrub work, it requires the removal of a substantial volume of litter and household goods that have been tipped into this space – see pictures



- 2.2 As littering and flytipping persists in this area, and, the shrubbery provides a degree of screening, the grounds team have requested that the Council considers

the removal of any shrubbery and for the area to be levelled and grassed. This would require the hire of a digger at a cost in the region of £500.00.

- 2.3 The benefit of clearing the space would be to provide clear lines of sight across the space and enable any further rubbish and fly tipping to be more easily collected. The area is already part of the grass cutting programme so there would be no additional maintenance costs.

3. Recommendations:

- 3.1 That Councillors note the request to level and grass over the green space and give approval for the work to commence.

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