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**Report To:** Full Council **Date:** 17 June 2024

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**Subject:** Services Update

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**1. Services Work Completed (4 weekly update)**

1.1 During the last four weeks, the team has progressed the following:

- Installed new planters in Toothill
- Prepared beds and planters for new planting (stripping, cleaning, refilling)
- Planted a few thousand plants across the Parish into pots and planters
- Routine mowing and strimming street obstacles (Toothill and Freshbrook complete)
- Distributed woodchip to volunteer locations and allotment site
- Launched the new Parish website
- Start of the Deputy Clerk

1.2 Play improvement work has been undertaken including

- Replaced supra nova equipment tops
- Posts renewed at Uxbridge play area
- Rubber wet pour repairs
- Pressure washer cleaning

**1.3 Project Work**

- Floral planting
- Created metal sculpture balls for Freshbrook Village Centre

**1.4 Income Generation:**

None.

**1.5 Requests for Service:**

The team have received a small number of requests regarding flytipping and grass cutting plus complaints about overgrown vegetation on private property – householders have been notified.

**1.6 Land ownership**

Queries passed to Swindon Borough Council.

**1.7 Cross Parish Support**

- Demo of ride on blower and ride on mower at St Andrews

## **2. Services Work (June/July 2024)**

2.1 For June to July the focus will be as follows:

- Grass cutting ongoing - assessing as we progress
- Handmowing and strimming
- Liaising with artists for feedback/outline costings for mural works
- Progressing defibrillator and bleed kit locations
- Setting in adjustments to the website
- Creating games for fetes/festivals

### **2.2 Play Maintenance**

Spares have been purchased to maintain and improve equipment. Independent play inspections have taken place and we anticipate the report will highlight low level/minor faults for our attention

### **2.3 Planting**

Watering containers, weeding and roundabout maintenance

### **2.4 Village Centre Maintenance**

New planters and planting at all three centres will be maintained. No other additional works planned currently

### **2.5 Bins and Flytipping**

Business as usual.

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