

Report To: Full Council

Date: 21 October 2024

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Subject: Services Update

1. Services Work Completed (4 weekly update)

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

- Last grass cut – 18th September, ground is too wet to continue
- Leaf clearances across the Parish – do let us know of any problem patches.
- New bin at Rycote Close
- Cleared dead wood and fallen trees from recent high winds
- Ongoing fly tipping collections – letter drop to hot spots
- Test driving electric vans
- Mower gear box repairs saving c. £3,000
- New forks for the small tractor to enable better off loading of deliveries

1.2 Play improvement work has been undertaken including

- Replacement timber balance trail at The Chesters installed
- Refurbishment of climbing frame at Whitehill Park

1.3 **Project Work**

- Created and painted figures and poppies for November's Remembrance

1.4 **Income Generation:**

- Quote accepted for work at Millbrook School c.£500
- Quote accepted for grass cutting work next season on the estate c. £900

1.5 **Requests for Service:**

The team have received a small number of requests including hedge cutting requests and removal of broken glass.

1.6 **Land ownership**

None.

1.7 **Cross Parish Support**

Joint meeting with Clerks to review sharing lists of assets, contracts, high volume consumables and machinery availability for loan/hire.

2. Services Work (November 2024)

2.1 For October the focus will be as follows:

- Hedge and shrub cutting
- Play inspections revert to once weekly after October half term
- Create new installations for December/Christmas period
- Launch Community Pantry at West Swindon library

2.2 Play Maintenance

Ongoing. Focus on tidying and weeding for the Winter period. Aim to improve drainage at Claypits if Swindon Borough Council will assist.

2.3 Planting

- New Autumn planting being distributed.
- Bulbs planted along main highways

2.4 Village Centre Maintenance

No additional work planned. Installation of Remembrance figures.

2.5 Bins and Flytipping

- Business as usual.
- Ongoing reporting large scale or known offenders to Swindon Borough Council

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