

Report To: Full Council

Date: 18 November 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:

- Return to grass cutting – 18th September was the last cut but the mild dry weather has promoted growth
- Leaf clearances across the Parish – do let us know of any problem patches.
- New bin to replace damage at Bloomsbury Park, bins replaced at the fisherman's car park, Peatmoor.
- Attended Hedgefest at Park Farm

1.2 Play improvement work has been undertaken including

- Removed wooden equipment at Whitehill Park
- Drainage added to Whitehill park to assist with the introduction of new goal ends
- Monitoring damage at Shelfinch rope swing

1.3 **Project Work**

- Distributed painted figures and poppies for November's Remembrance
- Welded repairs to the side arm

1.4 **Income Generation:**

- Reviewed tender at Lydiard Millicent Parish Council – will not be progressing due to performance criteria on cutting and collecting grass

1.5 **Requests for Service:**

The team have received a small number of requests including requests to tackle overgrown vegetation (both public and private), request for leaf clearance and removal of broken glass.

1.6 **Land ownership**

Queries regarding the extension of gardens at Chandos Close into Shaw Ridge.

1.7 **Cross Parish Support**

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

Repaired tyre valve for St Andrews

2. Services Work (November/December 2024)

2.1 For November to December the focus will be as follows:

- Hedge and shrub cutting
- Create new installations for December/Christmas period
- Launch Community Pantry at West Swindon library
- Add chestnut paling to Hay Lane hedgerow

2.2 Play Maintenance

Weekly inspections from now till April. Focus on tidying and weeding for the Winter period. Complete installations at Whitehill Park.

2.3 Planting

- Requested Autumn planting.
- Leftover bulbs to be used to fill in spaces.

2.4 Village Centre Maintenance

No additional work planned. Installation of Christmas designs (trees).

2.5 Bins and Flytipping

- Business as usual.

2.6 Purchasing/Commissioning

Accepted receipt of the Kubota UTV
Initiate purchase of two electric tippers.

Staff Christmas session Friday 20th December 2024

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