

## Clerk's Report:

### Environment and Leisure Committee 14 August 2023

#### 1. Maintenance schedule

- 1.1. There has been a significant amount of rubbish and broken glass around the skate park and MUGA which our Maintenance man, Richard, has cleared up.
- 1.2. The fallen branches from a false Acacia tree at the Pightle were cleared.
- 1.3. Regular work on maintaining Little Lane, George to Barham's way and Churchill Crescent to High St continues. This has been significantly more work this year because of the speed of growth, particularly brambles, due to the warm wet weather.
- 1.4. Repainting the bus shelter base is also on the schedule for completion ASAP

#### 2. PC Storage update

- 2.1. In light of recent shed break ins, a shed security bar is to be installed

#### 3. Grounds Maintenance – Currently being managed by the full council through a working group

#### 4. Children's Play area:

- 4.1. Vandalised play equipment has been repaired and all equipment and seating in the area has been power washed

#### 5. The Hill

- 5.1. Weeds around the trees and structures are on the maintenance schedule
- 5.2. A full clean of the bus shelter glass has been carried out by Roy Care.

#### 6. Rubbish Clearance

- 6.1. Arrangements are being made to remove the piles of vegetation waste from under the trees that form the Eastern boundary of the playing field bowls club. The trees themselves will be faces and topped to a more controllable height.

#### 7. Allotments

- 7.1. Rent is due on 1 October so arrangements are being made to send bills out and collect rent electronically in a similar manner to last year. Payment in person by card will again be an option by visiting the parish council office at the back of the village hall, which is now fully functional.
- 7.2. Proposals for Plot 39 are at item 25 on the agenda.
- 7.3. Simons Cross water pressure is being investigated. There is concern over the private pipe crossing the old allotment should this be developed. **Update: water supply has been tested at the meter with the following results:**
  - 2.2 bar pressure static
  - 2.1 – 2.2 bar at 25l/min flow

*It was suggested that the private line is probably only 20mm, recommended would be 32mm*

#### 8. Refurbished bench

- 8.1. The Men's Shed have completely refurbished the old bench from the corner of the playing field. I have noticed that a number of people use the new bench at the village hall facing the playing field. Would it be good to install the refurbished bench there too?