Facilities Group Monthly report - OCTOBER 2025

FACILITIES GROUP HELD A MEETING ON THE 7TH OCT.- DETAILS BELOW

Present- J Fletcher, S Siddall, C Warren, N. Fox, A Hendon

Holt F C correspondence. We have had some difficult correspondence which is consuming a lot of time and unnecessary. It was agreed that S>S> would write to the chair of Holt F C gently reminding them that overloading us with minor issues was not of benefit.

Water Flow in the Brook.

2 Councillors recently attended at the Hatch and raised the level which has provided increased flow to the brook. The owner of Copse Farm has agreed to clear the ditch (approx. 200m) which runs from the Hatch across his land. This will greatly assist waterflow. It is hoped that this work will be done as previous promises have not been fulfilled

Dawes Pond area

A very large limb on the Willow tree has partially broken off and is hanging in the tree. It was agreed that we employ Crispin Keysar to do the work. Post meeting note—JF has received a quote for £330 and authorised him to proceed. N B We have £1000 unspent in budget for tree work.

Also some minor tree work is needed in the shrubbery by the rear of the houses on The Street and the hedge needs topping by the bowls club fence. JF to arrange with Keysar to do this work.

Bowls Club update

JF has attended their EGM and at a meeting with a prospective user of a section of the club house. The club is in a precarious position financially and with a reduced membership. They are continuing for a further 12 months with sufficient players to enter 3 leagues. They have reduced .their ongoing costs by doing autumn maintenance inhouse. In addition they are in discussion with a local lady who wants to use part of the club house for a child minding operation. This will bring in extra revenue and it appears that everything is being professionally organised with inspection from Ofsted. They will write to us once details have been formalised to seek our approval.

On going conversations between HSRC, Bowls club, football and netball clubs are being mooted to discuss forming a larger ‘ Holt Sports Group’

Youth Shelter

It was agreed at the previous meeting to recommend to council that the unsightly polycarbonate sheeting be replaced with metal mesh and painted in a green colour to match the frame. Quotations have now been received ranging from £11348-£1500 + VAT with a budget option of galvanised mesh at £450. For comparison purposes to replace all the panels with polycarbonate the material costs would be £630 +costs for repair of the broken bar and labour costs for fitting. AGENDA ITEM PLEASE FOR OCTOBER.

Oak Tree commemorating 80 years since end of WW2

We agreed that we should accept the offer of a grant of £80 to buy and plant an Oak tree. To be located at the far south west corner of the recreation field due to the field’s history. Other suggestion is Ham Green. AGENDA ITEM PLEASE FOR OCTOBER.

Play area

The Rospa inspection in September has been received and only minor issues were noted. However it must be noted that the vast majority of the play area is now over 25 years old and particularly the timber posts in most of the units have been noted as showing rot at the bases and safety surfacing being uneven and edges lifting.. JF and CW produced a report based on the ROSPA report providing a 3 year plan identifying areas needing replacement of posts or replacement of units with safety surfacing using rubber mulch. It was agreed to inform Council of this report and to seek approval for indicative costing to be sought with additional costs sought to completely replace each unit rather than merely replace posts. If approved indicative costs would be sought for year 1 for consideration at the precept meeting in November.

AGENDA ITEM PLEASE FOR OCTOBER

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|  |  | **HPC - FAGNAC EXPENDITURE** | | | | **2025/2026** | |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Budget | April | May | June | July | August | Sept | Oct | Total to Date | Balance |
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| Defibrillator | |  | 100.00 |  | 82.95 |  |  |  |  |  | 82.95 | 17.05 |
| Caretaker |  |  | 2,400.00 | 195.00 |  | 187.50 | 165.00 | 105.00 | 445.65 |  | 1,098.15 | 1,301.85 |
| Community Orchard | |  | 0.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire extinguisher maintenance | | | 100.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Grass cutting | |  | 6,000.00 | 380.00 | 380.00 | 380.00 | 380.00 | 380.00 | 380.00 |  | 2,280.00 | 3,720.00 |
| Play area - capital costs | | | 0.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Play area- maintenance | | | 2,500.00 | 73.20 | 316.67 | 192.09 | 33.32 | 26.93 | 193.35 |  | 835.56 | 1,664.44 |
| Tree maintenance | |  | 1,000.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Waste removal | |  | 600.00 | 59.94 |  | 74.98 | 55.14 | 26.93 | 96.03 | 72.71 | 385.73 | 214.27 |
| General repairs & maintenance | | | 2,500.00 |  |  |  |  | 7,967.05 |  |  | 7,967.05 | -5,467.05 |
| Dawes pond | |  | 500.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Hedging |  |  | 400.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| Benches maintenance | |  | 1,000.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Pavilion maintenance | |  | 750.00 | 68.32 | 68.32 | 68.32 | 183.10 | 73.00 | 158.00 | 73.00 | 1,057.06 | -307.06 |
| Village maintenance | |  | 750.00 | 21.00 | 25.99 | 225.20 |  |  | 17.49 |  | 289.68 | 460.32 |
| Pavilion refurbishment | | | 0.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
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|  |  | Totals | 18,600.00 | 797.46 | 873.93 | 1128.1 | 816.56 | 8578.91 | 1290.5 | 145.71 | 13996.18 | 4,603.82 |

DETAILS

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| SEPTEMBER |  |
| SHOWER HEAD maint pavilion | 85 |
| grist environmental | 32.13 |
| large dumpy bags for leaves | 17.49 |
| dog poo bags | 63.9 |
| rospa play inspection | 176 |
| caretaker | 445.65 |
| grass cutting | 380 |
| OCTOBER |  |
| GRIST WASTE REMOVAL | 72.71 |

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