

To: Members of Shaftesbury Town Council's Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee,

Councillors: K Tippins (Chair), Jackson (Vice-Chair), Hall, Todd and Wegwermer

All other recipients for information only.

You are required to attend a meeting of the Committee to be held **at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7th July 2015 in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall** for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below.

Stephen Holley

Town Clerk

Members are reminded of their duty under the Code of Conduct

Public Participation

The Chairman will invite members of the public to present their questions, statements or petitions submitted under the Council's Public Participation Procedure.

Members of the public and Councillors are entitled to make audio or visual recordings of the meeting provided it does not cause disruption or impede the transaction of business. Out of courtesy to those present, the Council requests that intention to record proceedings is brought to the Chairman's attention prior to the start of the meeting.

Agenda Item
01. Apologies To receive and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence
02. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations Members and Officers are reminded of their obligations to declare interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct 2012. The Clerk will report any dispensation requests received.
03. Minutes To approve the minutes of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee meeting held on 2 nd June 2015

Agenda Item	
04. Chairman's Announcements	
To receive a verbal report from the Chairman to include but not be restricted to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maltings Green Acre agreed timeschedule • Neighbourhood Plan interim results for Open Spaces • Queen Mothers Garden progress • St John's Churchyard progress • Locomotive Sign 	
05. Tree Applications	
To consider responses to any tree applications received before the date of the meeting, for return to the Planning Authority. Report 0715ROSE05 to follow if required.	
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Woodfired Pizza Oven

1. Purpose of Report

To consider request for a mobile woodfired pizza oven to pitch in Shaftesbury once a month.

2. Recommendation

That the Committee considers the request for siting a mobile woodfired pizza oven and suggests appropriate locations.

3. Background

- 3.1. The proposal received is attached at **Appendix A**.
- 3.2. Members are invited to make suggestions on appropriate locations for the oven to best serve the Town.

4. Financial Implications

There are none pertaining to this report.

5. Legal Implications

There are none pertaining to this report.

Report Author:
Claire Commons
Committee Administrator

**Proposal for a mobile Pizza Stand one night a week
in Shaftesbury**

When: Weds nights (preferable but open to suggestions)

Where: Open to suggestions. A central location so that it is accessible, maybe near the football pitches, or even outside Tesco in the pedestrian section near the arch? Abbey view?

Dates: From Mid July - end of September.

Benefits

- Provides an extremely convenient, healthy and delicious take-away eating option to Shaftesbury residents.
- Provides local employment, we have currently advertised for staff with the Gillingham Job Club, and we will be advertising elsewhere too. (One employee has come from this source and lives in Gillingham, another lives in Shaftesbury)
- Supports a new local business (we are a start-up company, our first serving will be on 15th June on the Bennett Arms forecourt in Tisbury).
- Uses local produce and highlights local food producers (at the moment we're using ingredients from Dorset Charcuterie (Poole), Kenson's Organic Farm (Sutton Mandeville), Rosary Goats Cheese (Salisbury)) and suppliers to Shaftesbury residents.
- Provides Shaftesbury with an added catering amenity. Mobile pizzas businesses already serve other local towns e.g Gillingham and Sherborne.

What we look like

We have a regular pitch outside the Bennett arms in Tisbury every Monday night apart from the first Monday of the month when the pub has a curry night.



Description of the Business

The Big Bang Pizza Company is a new venture starting on the 15th June. The business is registered as a Limited Company (company number 4732201, VAT number 810 2180 85). Our registered address is Ice Close Cottage, Milkwell, Donhead St Andrew, SP7 9LQ. We are newly registered with Wiltshire County Council as a street food trader.

The business is jointly owned by Marcus Deyes and Bridget Cowan. The day to day running will be done by Marcus Deyes. Marcus comes from a family of chefs. His mother catered for diplomatic events in far flung places of the globe; his grandmother was one of the first women to qualify at the internationally renowned Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne; his uncle was a restaurant chef who gained distinction at the Brussels World Fair as chef for the Swiss pavilion; another uncle ran a successful Swiss restaurant on Hollywood's Rodeo Drive. Bridget currently works as a free lance PR agent specialising in food PR and has worked for the local Riverford Organic Franchisees, Helen Browning and most recently for Greenhouse PR.

Our company philosophy is to provide excellent, healthy food which uses local and seasonal ingredients where possible. Our service will always be friendly and our food freshly prepared. Our oven is custom built and integrated onto a trailer by a company in Colchester who have built numerous mobile and fixed wood fired ovens for clients around the country. A service area is set up under a gazebo which is placed in front of the oven trailer. The combined pitch size of the gazebo and the oven is 3m by 3m. The stall will have 2 or three staff. All sales are registered through a till and our accountants are Andrews and Palmer in Gillingham.

Preparation of each pizza is carried out on site, and each pizza is cooked to order using local ingredients, many of which will be seasonal. (Suppliers we could be working with include James's Cheese in Child Okeford, Kenson's Farm in Sutton Mandeville, Olives et Al in Blandford and others. Each pizza is roughly 12" in diameter (they are handmade, so not perfect circles). Three menu options will be available at the following suggested prices:

- A Margheritta, £7.00
- A Pepperoni, £8.00
- An artisanal pizza using seasonal produce, £9.00

(We have just tested an asparagus pizza using asparagus from Kenson's Farm in Sutton Mandeville which is delicious.)

We will also offer a couple of soft drinks (Fentiman's lemonade, Fentiman's ginger, Bottled Water).

The pizzas will be served on bio-degradable cardboard plates or takeaway box and napkins.

Health and Safety

We are newly registered with Wiltshire County Council as a street food trader. We begin trading on 15th June on the Bennett Arms forecourt in Tisbury. We were recently awarded a 5* hygiene rating, Marcus has passed his Level 3 Hygiene certificate with merit and all our staff have at least a level 2 Hygiene certificate.

We will be operating a Food Management System and this will be available to view on the stand.

Risks include:

Minor burns and cuts as with any catering business. Mitigated by a having a first aider on site and a full catering First Aid Kit.

Fire risk mitigated by having a powder Fire Extinguisher suitable for wood and electrical fires. We will have a fire blanket on site too.

It is worth noting that the oven is built with 10cm of insulation. The dome is warm but not hot to the touch, and indeed the final covering layer is fibre glass, which in itself proves that the outer layer of the oven is not hot, otherwise this would melt.

Rubbish

We will remove all rubbish generated by us and provide a couple of bins (one for recycling).

Insurance

We are members of the National Street Traders Federation, which includes insurance as follows:

- Public liability protection up to £10 million
- Product liability protection up to £10 million
- Employer's liability protection up to £10 million
- Protection is for any market or pitch, on any day, anywhere in the European Union

Contact

Please feel free to contact me, Marcus Deyes, with any further questions. All documentation (certificates, insurance) is available on request:

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Native American Powwow

1. Purpose of Report

To consider request for a Native American Powwow at Barton Hill at the end of May 2016.

2. Recommendation

That the Committee considers the request for a Native American Powwow and considers conditions and adjustments in relation to the request.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Council has received a request for a new activity, a Native American Powwow, to be held 27th to 30th May 2016 inclusive, see **Appendix A**.
- 3.2. The Clerk has been told that the number of people attending would be a maximum of 400. The amount of tents would be 30 at the most, including teepees and caravans. There would be about 12 traders and one, possibly two, food vendors included in that amount. The organisers say they would provide portable toilets sufficient to accommodate the number of people
- 3.3. The applicants have said that Members might wish to visit the powwow on the weekend of July 11th and 12th this year at Bush Bison Farm in West Knoyle in order to give a better idea of what is proposed.
- 3.4. In considering this request, members should note the following bookings;
 - Peter Coles Funfair 20th April – 26th April 2016 – **Barton Hill**
 - Shaftesbury Festival 15th May 2016 – Whole of Shaftesbury
 - Robert Coles Funfair 13th June – 20th June 2016 – **Barton Hill**
 - Gold Hill Fair 3rd July 2016 – Town Centre
 - Classic Car and Bike Show 7th August 2016 – **Barton Hill**
- 3.5. Members should also note that Barton Hill carpark is the responsibility of North Dorset District Council therefore any arrangements for that area would need to be through them.

4. Financial Implications

There are none pertaining to this report.

5. Legal Implications

There are none pertaining to this report.

Report Author:
Claire Commons
Committee Administrator

Report 0715ROSE07 Native American Powwow Appendix A

Dear Council Members,

We are writing to request approval for the use of Barton Hill Recreation ground for the purpose of running a Native American powwow on the weekend of the 28th and 29th of May, 2016.

We would require the use of the grounds on the 27th through the 30th as well for the use of camping (i.e...teepees, tents and caravans). We can assure the council that the area would be completely clean after the powwow as our attendees are respectful of Mother Earth.

We would also be having trading stalls of Native American crafts. As well as food vendors who we hope to be able to acquire from local businesses.

To give you an idea of exactly what a "powwow" is...

A powwow is the coming together of men and woman and children in an atmosphere of fellowship and cooperation to dance within a sacred circle in order to give thanks to the Creator and Mother Earth for all our benefits and it is a celebration of life. We dress in our finest clothing called regalia. We dance to the beat of the drum which represents the heartbeat and life force of Mother Earth. It is a highly colorful and entertaining event which hopefully will attract many of the citizens of Shaftesbury and tourists alike. No alcohol or drugs will be tolerated as in keeping with our traditions.

In the evenings there will be social events with drumming, singing, flute players and social dancing that everyone will be invited to participate.

We would like to give you a background on us. Ohoyo Anoli Hekia Wood is a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and is also a registered artist with the Nation. She holds a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) issued by the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs of Washington D.C. She is not only an artist, she is a storyteller and teacher of the true Indian history and tells the legends of the indigenous people of America. She plays the 5 hole flute and plays the hand drum singing songs of many of the Indian nations. She has attended powwows since she was born in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Kansas. She is married to Robert Wood who is British and an adopted son of the Nation by her uncle. We currently reside in Shaftesbury in XXXX (*redacted by the Clerk*).

This will be a charitable event with proceeds going to The Dogs Trust and Cats Protection Society, also a donation to the Shaftesbury Mayors Fund.

We have organized powwows in the UK before that were successful and well attended.

Bob and Anoli Wood

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Shaftesbury to Gillingham Cycleway

1. Purpose of Report

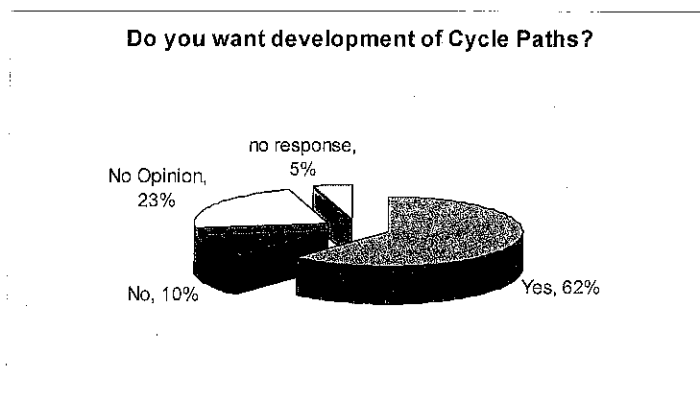
To initiate discussions with Gillingham Town Council, Mayor Cllr D Walsh, to start a joint project between Gillingham and Shaftesbury Town Councils to design and build a cycleway connecting the two towns.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. To consider formally inviting Gillingham Town Council to join Shaftesbury Town Council in this Joint Project.
- 2.2. To agree to assign a Working Party to progress the Project to consist of members of the Town Council and Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group. It is recommended by the Chairman that membership should include the Mayor of Shaftesbury and a member of the public who has already mapped out this cycleway.
- 2.3. The progress of the Working Party and the project should be reported back to ROSE.
- 2.4. That this project be scoped for inclusion in the 2016/17 project list and associated budget setting process.

3. Background

- 3.1. A presentation of the Interim Neighbourhood Plan survey results was done by Cllr R Tippins, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan after the Taskforce AGM on 11th June 2015.
- 3.2. The Neighbourhood Plan response showed a majority of people wanting to see the development of Cycle Paths. There were many 'free text' written comments from residents, with maps of where they felt all the cycleways should be, however, there was a significant proportion wanted to see connecting cycleways between Shaftesbury and neighbouring towns and villages.



- 3.3. At the Gillingham Mayor Civic Day, informal discussions were held with the Mayor of Gillingham regarding entering into a Joint Project between Shaftesbury and Gillingham Town Councils. The Joint Cycleway Project was agreed as a good joint project.

3.4. A resident in Motcombe has designed a cycleway from Shaftesbury to Gillingham which goes through Motcombe. This design is believed to have been discussed with Gillingham Town Council. There is one parcel of land which is currently blocking the cycleway from being continuous, however, the current design is 90% continuous bar this one last remaining issue.

4. Financial Implications

4.1. The Chairman has identified s.106 monies for cycleways however it should be noted that there is currently an established plan for provision of cycleways in Shaftesbury which exceeds the amount of money available. Further funding would need to be identified.

4.2. There are various funding agencies promoting Health and Wellbeing within the UK who could also be approached for funding.

4.3. There is currently £1,500 in the STC project list for cycleways which was a carry forward budget associated with the above mentioned Shaftesbury Town Cycle Scheme.

5. Legal Implications

This will need to be determined jointly with Gillingham Town Council, whether there is a mechanism to overcome the current blockage of one parcel of land.

Report jointly written;
Cllr K Tippins & Claire Commons

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Grass Verges

1. Purpose of Report

To consider discussions with Dorset County Council Highways for the transfer of the responsibility for Grass Cutting Verges from Dorset County Council Highways to Shaftesbury Town Council with an associated service level agreement.

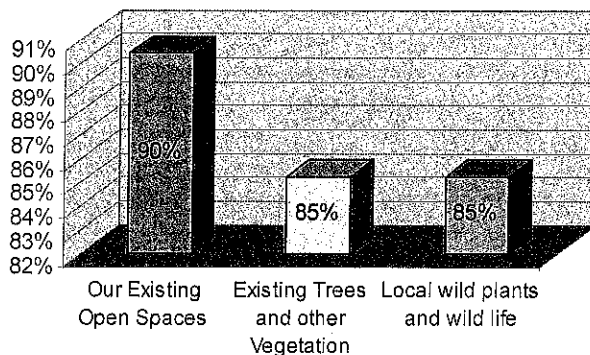
2. Recommendation

To enter into communications with, Dorset County Council Highways regarding the transfer of responsibility of grass cutting maintenance to Shaftesbury Town Council and provide a proposal to the next meeting of the ROSE Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1. DCC Highways has approached STC a couple of times over the years regarding moving responsibility for grass cutting from Dorset County Council Highways to the Town Council.
- 3.2. The Grounds Team has not previously had the capacity to consider taking on this extra workload, however, with the recent recruitment, further recruitment and consideration of an apprentice, it is anticipated that this work will be able to be incorporated into the team.
- 3.3. The Town Council receives complaints from residents and visitors about the grass growing too long and was considered a safety hazard to pedestrians with children and dangerous for animals, especially to dogs as it was considered to be obscuring the line of sight for drivers.
- 3.4. Shaftesbury residents are strong advocates of letting grass and wild flowers grow and grass verges are deemed to be an essential area for promoting bio-diversity for wild plants and wild – life.
- 3.5. The Neighbourhood Plan interim results indicated the strength of feeling from Shaftesbury regarding Wild Life and Wild Plants by giving the highest scores in the Neighbourhood Plan survey to this area.

Protection and Enhancement of Open Spaces



- 3.6. The Snowdrop group and also feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan have indicated a desire to start planting snowdrop bulbs, crocuses, daffodils out onto all of the spine roads leading into Shaftesbury Town Centre. This will mean that the cutting of grass will therefore need to be tightly controlled to ensure these plants can grow each year; grass cutting of these plants at the wrong time can kill the bulbs.
- 3.7. At the Open Spaces Group a 'Plant life's verge management guideline, Basic road verge management' was handed to the Chair of the ROSE committee and is provided at **Appendix A**.
- 3.8. The Chair of ROSE consulted Sturminster Town Council which has taken on the responsibility of cutting its own grass and they cut the verges close to the line of the roads 15-20 times per year and leave the banks to grow wild flowers and cut these areas much less frequently. This compromise appears to satisfy pedestrians/drivers/wildlife and wild plant enthusiast.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. It is anticipated that the value to be transferred from DCC to STC will be calculated at a cost of approximately 17p/sqm per annum. This commutes to £2,000 - £3000 which could be transferred from DCC to STC to cover the cost of STC taking control of the grass cutting.
- 4.2. Should the Committee agree to the Clerk investigating this further, detailed financial implications will be provided back to the Committee for decision.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. The Highways Act 1980 s96 provides that the Council of a Parish or Community may, with the consent of the Highways Authority, exercise any of the powers conferred to the Highway Authority set out in paras 1 and 2 of that section.¹

Report jointly written;
Cllr K Tippins & Claire Commons

¹ (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a highway authority may, in a highway maintainable at the public expense by them, plant trees and shrubs and lay out grass verges, and may erect and maintain guards or fences and otherwise do anything expedient for the maintenance or protection of trees, shrubs and grass verges planted or laid out, whether or not by them, in such a highway.

(2) A highway authority may alter or remove any grass verge laid out, whether or not by them, in a highway maintainable at the public expense by them and any guard, fence or other thing provided, whether or not by them, for the maintenance or protection of any tree, shrub or verge in such a highway.

Report 0715ROSE09 Grass Verges Appendix A

Road verge mowing.

1. The Town Council are considering taking over the responsibility for verge mowing so that there is more local control over the standards and frequency of mowing. This will require a combination of different mowing regimes in order to,

- Keep traffic and pedestrian sight lines clear
- Reflect the character of the locality and size of verge
- Encourage a diverse flora/wildlife (Bee friendly town?)
- Avoid accumulations of cuttings that may block drainage channels

2. Capital equipment. The Town Council's present machines will probably cover most of the routine cutting and some modest removal of cuttings.. However they are unlikely to be able to collect and remove large quantities of vegetation from areas mown only once or twice a year. (Check with Andy)

3. A possible strategy. Take responsibility for all vision splay/sightline mowing and the all the "high amenity" mowing (Housing estates etc.) and ask DCC maintain the "wildlife areas where they can use their special equipment for mowing and removal.

4. Obstacles, road signs, lampposts, trees, etc. These often require a considerable amount of expensive hand strimming. Much of it can be avoided by the careful use of herbicides and the Council will need to decide on a policy for this.

5. Next step. Mark up plans of all the verges and colour code them according to the regime that is required, such as,

- High amenity, housing estates etc. 10 to 12 cuts a year, probably every 4 weeks in the peak growing season.
- Wild life areas, large banks and semi rural areas. Mown in June/July and the Autumn with cuttings removed but all edges and sight lines mown, say, 5 to 6 times a year

Other bespoke regimes can be developed for special areas.

John P 26/6/2015

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Coppice Street Corner

1. Purpose of Report

To receive an update on the Coppice Street Corner project

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. To determine the colour of fencing for use at Coppice Street Corner.
- 2.2. To delegate authority to the Town Clerk to order appropriate coloured fencing within the budget of £1,000.

3. Background

- 3.1. It was agreed at ROSE on 2nd June that the project would be referred back the Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group, the Chairman has reported back from this meeting that the desire for this year is to put a bow top fence along the boundary with the entrance to Tesco (see **Appendix A**) and that a colour palette be requested so that a Shaftesbury Colour Scheme can be established.
- 3.2. A further report will follow from the Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group.

4. Financial Implications

ROSE resolved to allocate up to £1,000 for improvement of the area (Minute reference 08 14th April 2015)

5. Legal Implications

Open Spaces Act 1906 s10 provides for authorities to maintain and keep the open space in a good and decent space and may inclose it or keep it inclosed with proper railings and gates, may drain, level, lay out, turf, plant and otherwise improve it and do all such works and things as may be requisite for its purposes.

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s.106 Project Initiation

1. Purpose of Report

To consider project plans for Barton Hill Skate Park and Castle Hill

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. To consider the project plan for enhancing the footpath at Castle Hill, including installing a kissing gate and bench(s); extending the footpath around the old Castle.
- 2.2. To consider project plan for improving the Skate Park at Barton Hill

3. Background

- 3.1. The Chairman has suggested that projects are initiated for;

Skate Park upgrade

Walk way / pathway by the Old Castle at Castle Hill

Installation of Bench and kissing gate on Castle Hill pathway

- 3.2. Prior to commencing any works at the Old Castle, permission will need to be sought from English Heritage as the site is a scheduled ancient monument.
- 3.3. Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group have identified where it would be good to place some seats on the new steps and further one to replace one that was previously on the original steps.
- 3.4. In addition they have suggested it would be good if the Council could use any remaining s.106 money on
 - Clearing the Castle Mound of tall grass so that it can be seen for what it is.(Shaftesbury's Castle)
 - Putting up an interpretive sign to describe the Castle's history
 - Replacing the fence next to the Kissing gate, possibly by a gate that can be opened for wheelchair access and maintenance equipment.
- 3.5. Members are asked to consider the implication of adding additional projects to the current year on the capacity of staff.

• Financial Implications

S.106 money is held for each of these projects (£8,000 for the skate park, £26,000 for informal recreation at Castle Hill). If additional funding was required, this would need to be fed into the budget setting process for 2016/17.

• Legal Implications

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Queen Mother's Garden

1. Purpose of Report

To receive an update on the Queen Mother's Garden project

2. Recommendation

To agree current maintenance plan for the Queen Mother's Garden

3. Background

- 3.1. The project to rejuvenate the Queen Mother's Garden is well underway and a report has already been provided to the Committee at its meeting on 2nd June 2016.
- 3.2. The Committee is asked to consider agreement to keep the area insecticide free in support of the 'bee friendly' initiative for the garden and for the mowing and maintenance be undertaken by volunteers until agreed time to hand over to the Town Council's Grounds Team.

4. Financial Implications

No financial implications pertaining to this report.

5. Legal Implications

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Tree Planting Schedule

1. Purpose of Report

To receive a recommendation from the Shaftesbury Tree Group and Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group for locations of trees for planting Autumn/winter 2015

2. Recommendation

That the Committee considers the tree proposals and resolves accordingly.

3. Background

3.1. Shaftesbury Town Council included £1,500 in its budget for tree planting. The Shaftesbury Tree Group and Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group have recommended the following;

3.2. New:

3.2.1. The Green opposite St James's church

3.2.2. Hedge of native spp. around the Ambulance Car park (permission from EH needed?)

3.2.3. St James, The Park, at bottom of hill behind gardens (to protect privacy from Park Walk)

3.2.4. Coppice Street corner - 1 American pear and possible low hedge against the back wall

3.2.5. Gold Hill Wall - low growing native shrubs to prevent access to top of wall

3.2.6. Coppice Street youth club area. New beech and pines

3.2.7. Queen Mum's garden. Low mixed hedge at bank edge

3.2.8. Ash Close play area. 3 ornamental trees

3.3. Ongoing:

3.3.1. Barton Hill - 4 Lombardy poplars (Invite Tobys and Youth Club members to plant replacement trees on Barton Hill?)

3.3.2. Beech trees along Christy's Lane - to complete avenue

3.3.3. By Longmead P.O. 1 Holm Oak

3.3.4. 2 replacement fruit trees - The Park slopes

3.3.5. Pine walk and Christy's Lane/ Linden Park. Another go at Scots pines.

3.4. These proposals were looked at during a staff meeting and the following comments were made by officers and groundsstaff;

3.4.1. Coppice Street corner - 1 American pear and possible low hedge against the back wall

Consideration of rotten / falling fruit and risk of wasps

3.4.2. Ash Close play area – 3 ornamental trees

Concern that if keeping to the perimeter the residents may object to excessive shading and if adjacent to the school boundary the school are likely to object due to increased opportunity for children to climb over the fence into the school playing fields (this has previously been a problem which the school has reported), if within the centre of the play area it would restrict play opportunities.

3.4.3. Barton Hill – 4 Lombardy poplars.

Concern regarding vandalism, not only have last year's trees been pulled up but more mature ones from previous plantings too, need to maintain sufficient space for the fair, local opinion was that they were not happy with excessive tree planting on that location as they wanted to maintain open space.

3.4.4. By Longmead Post Office – Holm Oak

This is not STC land so although the Council could give its support, the request would need to go to the land owner (this is the same process that was required for the Linden Park / Christy's Lane corner)

3.4.5. Park Walk and Christy's Lane / Linden Park – Scots Pine

Just to note that the Pine Walk ones were moved after a complaint by a resident, need to take care in the location if replanting. These trees did not take and the Grounds Team believe this is because they were supplied as bare root and not potted.

4. Financial Implications

£1,500 has been allocated in the 15/16 budget for tree planting

5. Legal Implications

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Officer Report

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Committee on matters relating to the Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. Capacity Issue - The Grounds Team is now regaining strength in numbers following the recruitment of a new member of the team. A further vacancy is being advertised and the Clerk is looking into apprenticeship schemes to further enhance the Grounds Team.
- 3.2. Grounds Management Plan - The Committee resolved to request the Head Groundsman to develop a Grounds Management Plan. The Plan is in hand and shall be reported to the Committee in September 2015.
- 3.3. Playground Inspection Report - The inspection report covering all of the Council's play areas and equipment is provided as a separate report. Work has started on the action plan and prices sought for replacements parts. New signs are required for all play areas and this is currently in hand in the office. We are looking into involving the Community Payback scheme to assist in painting of the playground equipment.
- 3.4. Bell Street Toilets – The contract has been agreed for outsourcing the cleaning of the Bell Street Toilets.
- 3.5. A30 Allotments – The Allotment Administrator and Head Groundsman will be meeting the North Dorset District Council's Technical Officer on site on 14th July 2015 to verify the perimeter boundary and layout plan. The outcome of this meeting and confirmation of the s.106 allocation will be reported back to the Committee in September.
- 3.6. Mower Deck – A new mower deck has been obtained in part exchange for the gang mower which has improved the grass cutting quality and made more areas accessible for the mower.
- 3.7. New Vehicle – The Head Groundsman is looking into part exchanging the 'van' for a new vehicle. Further details will be brought to the Committee in September.
- 3.8. Swimming Pool – The new groundsman is currently attending a 3 day pool plant maintenance course at Wareham so that he will be fully qualified to care for the pool plant room. The Grounds Team have spent time painting and cleaning the swimming pool and outside area ready for its opening later in the month.
- 3.9. Planting – The Grounds Team have planted out Park Walk and the Balcony Boxes at the Town Hall and they are flourishing.

3.10. Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) – The Committee had previously resolved to apply for a PSPO for Barton Hill in order to help address the issues arising from repeated broken glass littering the area. The District Council is the responsible body for PSPO's and the request has been made of them. They will need to obtain evidence from the local police to confirm the need for such an order, it will then be considered by Committee and a decision made.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications pertaining to this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications pertaining to this report.

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