

<b>Meeting</b>	Parks and Open Spaces Committee
<b>Date</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
<b>Report Title</b>	Head of POST and Tidy Up Report
<b>Agenda Reference</b>	12
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### Officer Recommendations

1. To agree the cost to install external charging points at the main office for the new electric vehicles at a cost of £543.60 to be met from 4610/307.
2. To remove 45m of secondary 1.8m close board fencing, following extensive consultation with residents. Approx. 3 hours labour time.
3. To install a new litter bin at the main gate and car parking area of Oakhurst Primary School. There is a bin in stock, so this is cost neutral.
4. To install 5.5m of second-hand fencing to boundary fence within the park, the fencing is from the previous Haydonleigh Skate Park fencing. This will be cost neutral except for approx. 2 hours labour time.

### Green Lane Association

We received an e-mail from this association explaining their policies and visions. Having discussed this e-mail with councillors Hailstone and McDermott it was agreed that as we have no designated Green Lanes within the parish there was no further actions to be taken.

### Haydonleigh Skate Park

From Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April the security company will be closing KGV and the Skate Park at 7.30pm. Closing time will be extended to 9pm from the mid May (or sooner if the evenings are lighter by then).

### Daily Work Sheets

April 10 new enquiries 8 completed 11 carried forward to May.

### Tidy Up Team

The tidy up team has continued to help bolster the shrub / tree team assisting with overgrown shrubs and hedges in the afternoon after their main tasks of litter and bins have been completed. Standard ongoing tasks of litter picking, bin emptying, graffiti removal, fly tipping removal will continue throughout the winter months.

### Electric Vehicles

Three contractors have been asked to quote for 2 x external standard 3 pin charging points at the office. These will be used to charge the vehicles overnight. Two costs have been received one at £543.60 and one for £796.87



### **Catmint Close Fences**

Areas to the rear of Catmint Close originally had a secondary 1.8m fence installed, creating a back alley. These fences are now some 20 years old and in a bad state of repair / falling over. It is our intention to inform residents on grounds of health and safety we intend to remove these fences completely. This would allow us to maintain our hedgerows that grow against the secondary fence.



### **New Litter Bin requested near Oakhurst School**

A new bin has been requested to be placed near to Oakhurst School. This came as a request after a junior resident litter picked the area and posted her litter picking results on social media.

We have 3 standard litter bins in stock.

### **King George V Field.**

I met with the owner of the property which backs onto the field and is suffering problems with youths retrieving balls from his garden. These balls are most often because of youths playing ball games in the area containing the goal posts. I discussed with him that we could install some second-hand fencing to increase the height off the boundary fence in one area. A distance 5.5m. This could decrease instances of balls entering his property. If this proved successful it would remove the possibility of reconsidering the position of the goal posts.



### **Trees for Climate GWCF**

1070 trees were planted at Tadpole Field over the weekends of 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> of March. In total over the eight sessions, we had 51 members of the public helping with the planting. Mulch mats are still to be installed. When we have a confirmed date for this councillors and staff will be invited to participate.

### **Spring Projects**

Shrub bed reduction. Queen Elizabeth Drive, Baxter Close, Brookfield Close Play Area, Village Green Play Area and Elstree Way / Elsham Way.

Bus stop and road sign maintenance. Perspex to be replaced at Skate Park bus shelter.

### **Mowing**

Mowing began intermittently on March 28<sup>th</sup> this was interrupted by inclement weather and staff sickness. Mowing re-commenced on 4<sup>th</sup> April along with the introduction of 3 new staff members. One machine broke down on the 5<sup>th</sup>. At the time of writing the 17 available mowing days we have 1 machine on the road for 12 days and 2 machines on the road for 5 days. We have had continual break downs including, a jockey wheel falling off, main drive require repair on both machines, main blade shearing off and the steering column bracket breaking.