

Meeting	Parks and Open Spaces Committee
Date	12 September 2023
Report Title	Mazurek Way Play Area Hedge Replanting
Agenda Reference	12
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Officer Recommendations

- To consider the options as presented below for replanting the shrub beds at Mazurek Way Play Area and how Committee wishes to fund this.

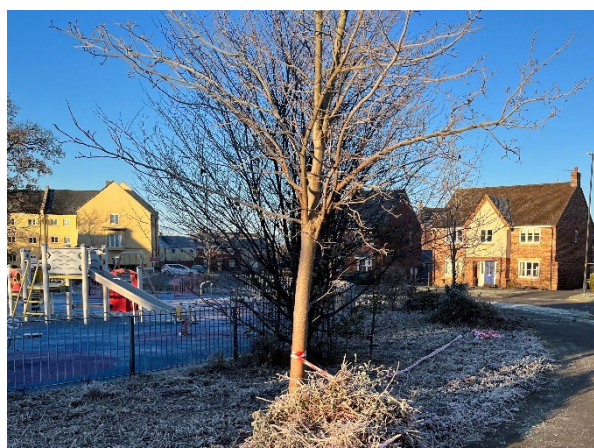
Background

In February 2023, the shrub beds surrounding Mazurek Way Play Area were removed as part of a police investigation. The Council resolved to leave the shrub bed as is in the hope that this would regenerate in the Spring. Some of the shrub beds are beginning to grow but with the overgrown weeds the area looked unkempt, once the weeds have been attended to, the area is looking neater and will have better conditions to regenerate.

Before



After



Current Photos





Budgetary Implications

There is no budget assigned to reinstating hedgerows that have been removed from the emergency services or any other third parties, such as utility companies carrying out urgent repairs. Wiltshire Police Authority confirmed in June 2023 that claims can be levied for any replacement/enhancements of any of the areas cut.

There may be scope for an insurance claim or depending on the costed options below, using funds from Arboricultural Budget (4301/307) where there is currently no planned expenditure and a balance of £6,825.00, which would cover Option 1 and allow expenditure for any unplanned tree works for the remainder of the financial year.

Either way, Committee should decide if it wants to proceed and use funds where stated.

Option 1

To replant the bare areas of the shrub bed and remove 1 self-set tree.

Plants to 72 m² = 216 @ £7.50 each £1,620.00

Mulch 150mm x 72m² @ £5.94 per 70lt x 72 = £427.68

Labour and transport 63 hrs. @ £30 per hour = £1890.00

= Budget cost £3,937.68

Option 2

To remove the shrub bed completely plus one self-set tree and return to grass.

Machine for shrub removal 3 days at £650.00 a day £1,950.00

Topsoil 40 m³ @ £82.00 per m³ = £3,280.00

Labour and transport 63 hrs @ £30 per hour = £1890.00

= Budget cost £7,120.00

Option 3

To remove all the current shrubs, replant entire area and remove 1 self-set tree.

Plants to 576 m² = 1,728 @ £7.50 each = £12,960.00

Mulch 150mm x 576 m² @ £5.94 per 70 lt = £3,421.44

Labour and transport 105 hrs. @ £30 per hour = £3,150.00

= Budget cost £19,531.44