

Meeting	Parks and Open Spaces Committee
Date	Tuesday 13 th June 2023
Report Title	Head of POST and Tidy Up Report
Agenda Reference	13
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Officer Recommendations

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To consider a request for a Memorial Bench at Voyager Drive open space/ play area. Cost of this to be met via the resident under the Memorial Bench Policy.
3. To note the recommendation to continue to review the need for a new litter bin on Taw Hill/ Haydon End as per a recent request.

Daily Work Sheets May 2023

Brought forward from April to May – 4

New cases for May – 34

Carried forward from May to June – 6 (identified within table below)

13.7.22	Rysy Ct.	Manhole cover.
14.4.23	76 Avonmead	Overgrown to rear of garden fence.
4.5.23	Haydonleigh Ct. / Morrisions	Overgrown hedge
11.5.23	Bayleaf	Rear hedge overgrown.
17.5.23	Avonmead Thrusel Close	Footpath left untidy by building works
30.5.23	Holmleigh Cl	Overgrown hedge, not cut for 6 years.

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.

Parish planters are in the process of replanting. The parish boundary planters will be placed out w/c 5.6.23. Office planters will be replenished and rehung within w/c 12.6.23.

Electric Vehicles

The new electric vehicle, make and model Maxus 3, was received on 25.6.23. This is the third electric vehicle that has been added to the fleet and is carrying out tasks effectively, on a full charge battery it will run for approximately four days.

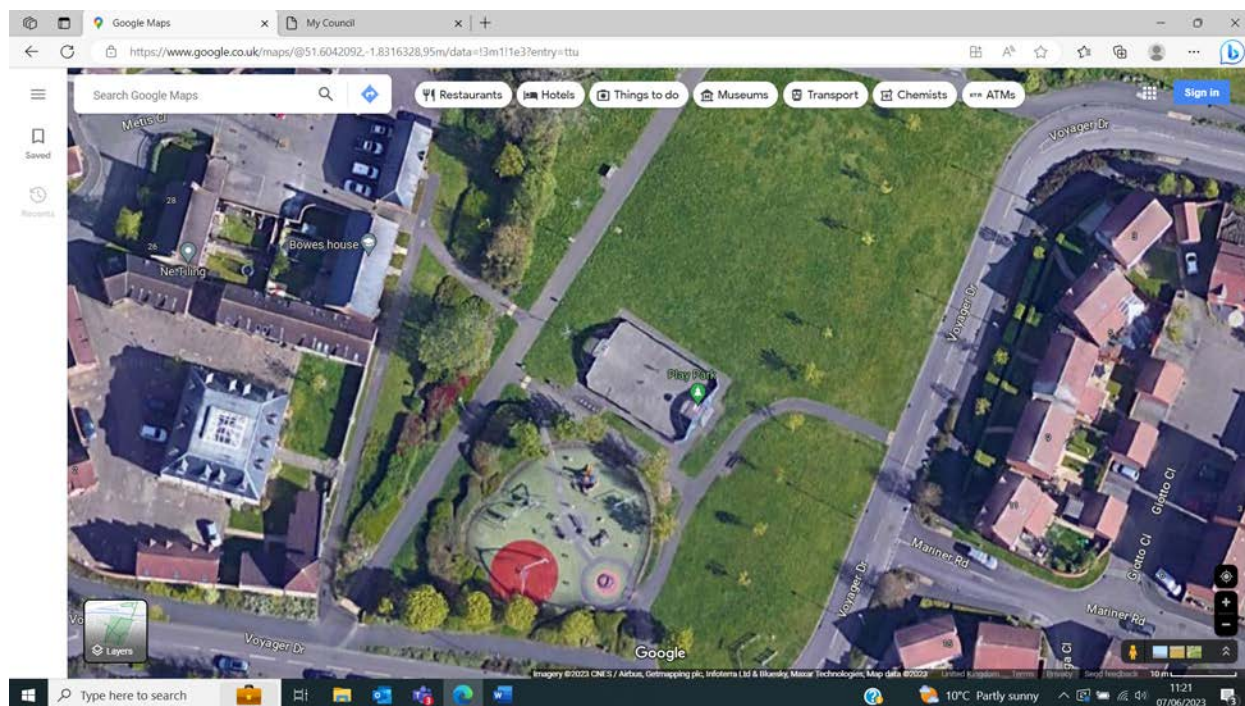
The two Goupil electric vehicles are caged and used primarily for the daily Monday – Friday litter bin round. We have 180 dog / litter bins. There is a great benefit from these due to their size and movability. They require charging every day especially in the winter months. The charging takes place via a conventional three pin socket.



Memorial Bench

We offer a service to supply and maintain memorial benches of one design and two different sizes.

A request has been received for a memorial bench to be purchased through us and placed on site at Voyager Drive open space / play area. The cost of this presented to the resident was £1,694.00. The resident has not come back about the cost, but the Officer would like the Committee to consider this location in case this is developed further. The plan shows the Voyager Close open space. There are currently two benches on the open space. It is anticipated that any extra bench would have minimal impact on residents.



Trent Road Playing Field/ AFC Haydon Vale FC

A request was received to have the field rolled. After discussion with the Council's external mowing contractor, the advice is that due to the nature of the machine summer mowing operations would equate to rolling of the open space, we have made the decision to adopt this approach. A budget cost of £600.00 was suggested for any other rolling operation.

The agreement between HWPC and AFC Haydon Vale is due for review in June 2023. Any amendments to this agreement will be presented to Finance and Policy Committee on 20th June 2023.

Swindon and Cricklade Railway Society

Swindon and Cricklade Railway Society are a registered charity and have expressed a wish to work closer with HWPC. A grant application for signposting / signage went to Community Development Committee on 6. June.2023 The grant application was agreed at this committee for a fee of £336.36

Tree Enquires

New tree enquires works beyond our remit have been passed to Swindon Borough Council. Locations are in Emerson Close, Snowdrop Close, Chatsworth Road and Rother Close.



Tadpole Field Planting Trees for Climate

The scheme was planted in the winter / spring of 2022. This is the second growing season. Provision of the scheme was funding for 5 years maintenance. These monies have been forwarded to HWPC and are available in EMR for use on this project. A site survey will be conducted in August to ascertain how many replants will be required. The amount of bare root plants will be ordered and planted between November 2023 – March 2024. The planting is an opportunity for public volunteer and councillor involvement.

Request for a new litter bin to place in Taw Hill / Haydon End

The team will monitor the area for a recurring problem.

Often litter problems are temporary.

Overall bin observation is that persons who drop litter will not use a bin if one is in situ.

People who would use a bin take their litter with them if no bin is in situ.

We are waiting for confirmation of the exact location for a new bin to be considered.