

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	Tuesday 11th July 2023
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	15
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Officer's Recommendation

1. To approve the purchase of a net for Voyager Drive Play Area at £600.00 + VAT to be coded to 4305/302.
2. To approve the purchase of various bearings at a cost of £200.00 + VAT for use across all play areas to be coded to 4305/302.
3. To approve the purchase of wet pour safety resurfacing kits at a cost of £800 + VAT for use across all play areas to be coded to 4518/302.
4. To note that a grinder has been purchased for the team at a cost of £90.00 and has been coded to 4314/307.

Background

Over the last few weeks, the team has finalised the Sensory Garden project and has returned to doing the play areas and other tasks within its remit. The team will soon begin painting the play areas, but this is dependant on weather conditions, the aim is to complete this within the next four months and use early Spring to complete the painting jobs.

The team has also been involved in the tender process for Trent Road Play Area inputting local area knowledge and experience of maintaining various pieces of equipment. The team has done an inventory of the play areas and has come up with a list of recommendations of purchases that are within budget, to progress with the maintenance programme this year.

The team continues to assist in other areas of the Parks & Open Spaces Team with the emptying of public litter and dog waste bins and Graffiti.

The team has also helped the Office Team with the setup of the meeting room in the Council Offices and assisted with set up to Memory Cafe at the Bowls Club every other Wednesday.

Works Completed

Location	Work Completed, August / September	Date Completed
Various	Several play areas have been blown out and cleared of leaves or moss. Tree lines are being cut back from some fences. Wick Farm, Trent Road and Primrose Play Areas have been completed this month.	Ongoing
Goodearl Allotments	Plan and build an area for the Memory Cafe	Near completion
Basil Play Area	Gate and rest of fence has now been fitted.	22/6/2023
Torun Way	New bin has now been fitted as requested	01/06/2023
Heaton Play Area	Surface under swings has been repaired	19/05/2023



Shanklin	Place new dog bin along pathway as requested	07/06/23
Luna Havisham Heaton White Eagle	Fitted two donated bike racks at each MUGA in these Play Areas.	05/06/23 06/06/23 07/06/23
Bowls Green Play Area	New junior and baby swing seats fitted due to damage	16/06/23
Office	Decorate and fit notice board to wall.	08/06/15 15/06/23

Working Towards

A schedule has been drawn up throughout April/May 2023 to allow the Officers to progress with their priorities to put the team in good stead for the projects to be conducted in 2023/2024

Location	Working towards	Time Scale
Various Play Areas	Play Area floor repairs	This is ongoing weather permitting.
Various Play Areas	Working on any actions required from this year's annual external play area inspection.	Ongoing.
Capesthorpe Play Area	Further repairs to the surface and unit tidy up.	These are ongoing as unable to put time scale and will be put in works completed in future reports.
Voyager	Refit new to play equipment.	This will be fitted when it arrives 2023.
Brookfield Play Area	To start the climbing ramps to the side of the slide will need Two to Three weeks constant to get it finished	April/July 2023.
Play Areas	Painting of Play Areas	Over the next 4 months.

Looking Forward

The team will be continuing with the in-house play area refurbishments like Capesthorpe along with other small items on the inspections and surface repair.