

Meeting	Amenities & Leisure Committee
Date	Tuesday 9 th March 2021
Report Title	Grass, Hedges and Winter Projects 2021
Agenda Reference	7
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Officer's Recommendation

1. To note the two mower winter service costs at £2,299.45 using budget available [£3,205.00]. Budget code 4515/307.

Grass Cutting

Internal Team

The grass cutting schedule has finished for the season. The team is carrying out some crown lifting/border clearance on areas that could encroach on the mowing schedule when grass cutting resumes in March/April 2021.

External Contractors - Larger Play Areas

The Council agreed to waive its Standing Orders and approve the use of Countrywide for large open spaces during 2021/2022 during the Full Council meeting in January 2021 [**Minute Reference: 205**]. This will give additional time for the Officers' to scope out the works required under future contracts and allow for continuity of good service throughout the remainder of the pandemic.

Hedge Cutting/ Tree Maintenance

Internal Team

The team has attended to some footpaths to cut back overhanging vegetation and leaf blow. Areas completed include:

- Seaton Close
- Village Green Play Area
- Oakie Close
- Henchard Crescent
- Graythwaite Close
- Angelica Close
- Jopp Cl
- Lady Lane



Hysopp Close Consultation

The consultation of the proposed works at Hysopp Close has now been sent to nearby residents, a full update on the conclusion will be brought back to the Committee in April 2021 with the proposed works being scheduled in for June 2021.

External Contractors

All schedule works have been completed, inclusive of Countrywide's Loyalty Scheme Bonus for 2020 was carried out on Wednesday 10th February in Furlong Close and Rose Walk allotments.

Services we provide

St John's Church & Fessey House

Cuts at St John's have now finished for the season and the final invoice has been sent accordingly. Fessey House was not cut this year due to the pandemic.

Vehicle & Machinery Update

The mowers have just received their annual winter service. Costs associated with the service are identified as below.

Repairs / Replacements:

The mowers went in for the annual winter service and many items of repair were listed. Other suppliers contacted but none could price match and Listers costs includes 10% discount when paid within 30 days.

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6 x Washer, blade, retainer	£32.24	Tie rod assy	£75.07
Belt	£81.14	Belt, deck drive	£114.05
Seal oil	£11.13	Safe guard	£118.85
Starter switch	£24.56	Tyre	£99.41
Safety guard	£127.04	Pin, dust covers	£33.50
Assy roller	£23.04	Washer, blade retainer	32.24
Holder	£58.07	Rollers	81.85
Support, scalp roller	£19.77	Stay limit rollers	240.19
Split pins	£18.69	Assy roller	46.08
Flasher unit	£26.84	Pin roller	9.61
Consumables	£4.00	Roller spring, bulbs	14.18
Labour	£402.90	Beacon pin	50.47
		Consumables	£3.50
		Labour	£537.20
TOTAL	£829.42	TOTAL	£1470.03



Update on Winter Projects

Works completed from the Winter projects list are as below:

- Crown lifting trees
- Clearing epicormic growth from the base of trees
- 17-21 Stardust, low branches
- Clearing ivy off the trunks of trees
- Hedges and ivy on lampposts
- Machines serviced - fully serviced, blades sharpened and ready for new season
- Hand tools cleaned and sharpened
- Vehicles maintenance
- Leaf collection (including mush of leaves from kerb edges)