

Meeting	Parks and Open Spaces Committee
Date	5 November 2024
Report Title	Parks & Open Spaces Report
Agenda Reference	7
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Officers Recommendation:

- 1. For Committee to consider residents requests - 3 & 4 below.**
- 2. To approve the list of tools required, to be met from 4615/307 totaling £1,570.00 (current remaining budget £1,639.00).**

1. Tidy Up Team

The Tidy Up Team continues to bolster the shrub / tree team assisting with overgrown shrubs and hedges in the afternoon after the main tasks of litter and bins have been completed. Standard ongoing tasks of litter picking, bin emptying, graffiti removal, fly tipping removal continue throughout the winter months. There has been an increase of household waste being deposited in public litter bins. New notices requesting that the public refrain from this practice is to be placed at recorded hot spots.

2. Bob the Cat Plaque at Taw Hill Shops

Plaque to be collected and installed by the Parks & Projects Team by the end of November 2024. A small section of shrubbery will need to be removed.

3. Request for 'Keep Dogs on Leads' signage on the main White Eagle Road footpath

Email received from resident on 13th September requesting that signage is placed on the main footpath for dog walkers to keep their dogs on leads as residents are having safety concerns over other domestic animals from dogs being off leads. The request is that signs should be some distance before the turn on the cycle path, so that the dogs do not run around the corner away from their owners, who cannot see what they are doing. This has been reported to North Swindon Police also.

4. Hyssop Close

Email received from resident, who is concerned that since we created a larger wild area by not mowing a large area of the open space / wildflower area she now gets Badgers and Foxes in her garden. This causes the resident some concerns as she feeds and looks after hedgehogs in her garden. The resident also is unsure of the trees in the copse on the open space. The resident feels that these require an inspection by SBC.

4. Tools, Machinery & Site

The Facility Manager conducted an audit of tools and equipment and came up with a plan for repairs and replacements ahead of the move back from Waterside to the Grounds Maintenance Facility. In the new machinery budget, there is a remaining balance of £1,639. The Manager would like the Committee to approve the following list to be ordered this financial year and has submitted aspirations for larger purchases (over £800.00) to be considered during budget setting.



The aspirations are marked yellow in the spreadsheet below and the priority has been listed to what is required most immediately.

Priority	Aspiration	Details	Estimated Cost £
1	Short reach Hedge trimmer x2	STIHL Hedge Trimmers HS 45 Petrol 24"	540
2	Torque wrench	Draper Storm Force 20V Mid-Torque Impact Wrench, 1/2", 400Nm 1 x 4.0Ah	40
3	Battery grease gun	Milwaukee M12GG-0 12V Cordless Grease Gun With 1 X 2.0Ah Battery & Charger	150
4	Impact Gun	Draper Storm Force 20V Mid-Torque Impact Wrench, 1/2", 400Nm 1 x 4.0Ah	125
5	Long reach hedge trimmer	New Stihl HI 94 C-E Long Reach Hedge Trimmer	800
6	Mitre saw	Erbauer 1400W 220-240V 216mm Corded Sliding Mitre Saw Emis216s Light	205
7	Self propelled Lawn mower	Honda HRH 536 HX Pro 21"	1500
8	Leaf Blower	STIHL BG 86 Petrol Blower	300
9	Drill 13 mm	DeWalt D25033K 22mm 710W SDS Hammer Drill 240V	125
10	Dewalt tool package	Dewalt 18V Li-Ion 10 Piece Cordless Power Tool Kit With 3 X 5Ah Batteries &	1800
11	Tyre changing machine	Sealey TC10 Tyre Changer - Automatic	2500
12	Pillar Drill	Sealey GDM50B Pillar Drill Bench 5-Speed 750mm Height 370W/230V	300
13	Bench Grinder	Einhell 400W 200mm / 8" Bench Grinder with Light 230V	85