

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	2 nd September 2025
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	12
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Officer's Recommendation

1. To purchase some gate springs, caps for play equipment and 2 x 25kg tubs of wet pour binder at a cost of £853.00 + vat to be met from existing play equipment and resurfacing budgets.
2. To purchase four sections of rope for White Eagle play area as they are worn out with split wires at a cost of £359.37 to be met from existing play equipment budget.

Background

The team continue with the grass cutting at the three allotment sites, office and the church. Plot holders are saying to the team that it's great to see the grass being kept down and tidy. The team will keep an eye on the grass in case there is a growth spurt. The hedges have now been started by taking Goodearl back to the fence.

The team continue to help the Office Team with any care taking work and set up to Memory Cafe at the Bowls Club every other Wednesday. The team has also given support with event set up and take down at the end.

The team has been working on the permissible footpath at Tadpole Field and has now installed x 2 V-shaped openings to allow access to the path from the railway end.

The changing of bin heights is ongoing. The team has adjusted 27 bins. The bin team is finding it a lot easier to remove the bag when heavy. The team changed the bin at wick farm to a closed top and added a bin at Queen Elizabeth Drive Play Area.

Capesthorpe Play area has now had a spinning bowl fitted and the next part is to fix surface by slide and jet wash the park.

Paperless Reporting System

The team has been doing the inspections with the new app and it's going well. The app has failed over the last week so the team are in contact with ROSPA to resolve the issues. The team has the backup of the paper inspections if unable to use the app.

Works Complete

Location	Work Completed, March/April	Date Completed
Various	Fitted V-shaped opening in tadpole field.	22/08/25
Wick Farm Play Area	Cut back the hedge next to the play area	22/07/2025 24/07/2025
Capesthorpe Play Area	Fit new sinning bowl	29/07/2025 30/07/25 31/07/25 01/08/2025



Mazurek Havisham Voyager Luna Heaton QED	Worked with Jason on the tractor to reduce the hight and sides of a few hedges around play areas.	14/97/2025 15/07/2025 16/07/2025
Dog bins	Reduce the hight of dog bins to help prevent back strain lifting bags out. X29 bins reduced so far and trying to do one per week or possibly more. Fitted new bin at QED and reduced the hight of the dog bin at Blunsdon rd. /Thames Avenue	18/08/2025
Sensory Garden	Started the prep work for the phase two of the sensory gardens. Digging the ground level, place blocks in to separate two areas, and added wood bark.	25/07/2025
Office	Fitted bleed kit outside next to the defib. Prepped and painted the large meeting room.	07/08/2025 28/08/2025- 29/08/2025

Working Towards

A schedule has been drawn up throughout September/October to allow the Officers to progress with their priorities to put the team in good stead for the projects to be conducted in 2025/2026

Location	Working towards	Time Scale
Capes thorn Play Area	To repair surface and jet wash park.	September/October 2025
Dog bins	To reduce Hight of the rest of the dog bins	September/October 2025
Ventnor allotments	To extend top compost bin at the top gate.	September 2025
Play Areas	To finish tidying up hedges around the fences of Play Areas.	September 2025