

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	November 4 th 2025
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	12a
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Officer's Recommendation

1. The team would like to purchase a DeWalt kit consisting of 10 battery tools, 4 batteries, chargers and storage boxes at a cost of £1,454.55 incl VAT to be met from 4305/302.

Tool Request

In comparison B&Q can offer 7 battery tools with three batteries for £1,199.00

Therefore, the tool den package is the preferred quote as this package will fulfil all our requirements. This will be highly beneficial to the team and will improve efficiency when they are out and about repairing street furniture and play areas etc. They already use some DeWalt equipment therefore the team will have additional batteries from the outset.

The parks and project team has always maintained their current equipment to a high standard, despite this the equipment is now naturally reaching its end of life and needs to be replaced.

Background

The team continue to help the office team with any caretaking work along with Memory Cafe set up every other Wednesday.

The team continues to carry out work on the permissible footpath at Tadpole field. The team has three V openings to allow access to the path from the railway location, signs and arrows have also been installed to give guidance to residents.

The adjustment of the bin heights continues; the team has adjusted 27 bins in total. This has improved the tidy team operations and has received good feedback.

Capesthorpe play area has now been jet washed, and surface repairs has been carried out. The team has finished the project and intends to return to spray paint the barriers as soon as weather permits.

Paperless Reporting System

The team continue to carry out the inspections using the new app and it's going well, this is allowing them to collect data and build a history for all the play area inspections.



Completed Works

Location	Work Completed, March/April	Date Completed
Various	Fitted V opening in tadpole field.	09/10/25
Mouldon Hill car park	Repair to wooden bin.	09/09/25
Queen Elizabeth Drive Play area	Remove seesaw and fit new footrests and handles	10/09/25 11/09/25
Gaynor play area	Hedge maintenance next to the play area	22/09/25
Capesthorn play area	Jet washed play area surface and repairs carried out.	17/09/25 30/09/25
Heaton play area	Slide supporting leg replaced due to failure caused by rust followed by wet pour to the area.	06.10/25 07/10/25
Ventnor leisure gardens	Extension to the existing compost bin carried out using recycled pallets.	02/09/25
Ventnor leisure gardens car park	Fence repairs	02/10/25
Grounds Maintenance Facility (GMF)	Moved all parks and projects equipment over to GMF & create safe / secure storage.	16/10/25 20/10/25

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
GMF	Continue to relocate equipment, tools etc at GMF	November 2025
Dog bins	Continue to reduce bin heights throughout the parish.	November/December 2025
Capesthorne play area	Repair remaining surface concerns at Capesthorne.	30/09/25
Play Areas	To finish hedge maintenance around the fences of Play Areas.	November/December 2025

Looking Forward

To improve the layout in the GMF building with tools on walls and the workshop area set up for future repairs of benches, bins or play area equipment.