

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
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Officer's Recommendation

Background

The team continue to help the Office Team with any caretaking work and set up Memory Cafe at the Bowls Club every other Wednesday and have now started office toilet improvements.

Bin height adjustments. The adjustments of bin heights are ongoing, and the team have adjusted 27 bins in total, this will continue throughout winter, and the tidy team appreciates the ergonomic benefits.

Play Parks

Capesthorpe Play Area surface and equipment have now been jet washed and the surface has been repaired. The team has almost finished the project with only the barrier spraying to be done during the next dry occasion.

Refurbishment Ideas

The team obtained a quote for the repairs of the two goal mouth surfaces within the MUGA at QED Play.

Green Wet pour	£3,715.61 + VAT
Conipave surface	£2,348.60 + VAT

We have also obtained a quote for loose surface fill at Brookfield play area loose, the costs are determined by surface height ratings.

2.0 Meters Height	£24,396.27 +VAT
2.4 Meters Height	£26,843.50 +VAT

As reported previously to the Play Area Working Party – the team recommends replacing the play park equipment at Brookfield Park due to general wear and tear. Estimated costs for new surfacing and equipment range from £34,930.80 + VAT to £44,474.36 + VAT, depending on the chosen surface type (e.g., rubber mulch or wet-pour) and the style of climbing unit or net selected. This project is proposed as a future refurbishment and will be discussed by the working party once play area refurbishment budget for 2026/2027 and beyond has been established.

Fenced Dog Play Space

During Nov & Dec the team has been working in all weather conditions to progress the dog park, and it is now 70% finished. The team will continue with this project during Jan 2026.

Paperless Reporting System

All inspections are complete and we are now creating a documented history base.



Works Complete

Location	Work Completed, March/April	Date Completed
Various	Removing leaves from Play Areas	11/11/25
Wick farm play area, White eagle	The hedge attached to the play areas have been reduced.	08/12/25
GMF	Setting up more shelves etc to hold tools. And fitting privacy sheeting along fence.	05/11/25 15/12/25
Allotments	Mow and strim Goodearl and around GMF, Removed rubbish from rose walk allotments	05/11/25 13/11/25
Office	Removed toilet door then sanded and repaint.	12/11/25 13/11/25 14/11/25
Christmas event	Light frame assembly for the Christmas event.	18/11/25 02/12/25 03/12/25
Office	Installed permanent lights to office building to support various events, starting with Christmas.	20/11/25 21/11/25
Office	Installed Knife bin in front of the HWPC office	17/12/25
Dog Park	Dog park is 70% finished and will continue into Jan 2026	24/11/25 24/12/25

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	To establish secure storage for equipment, tools etc at GMF	Ongoing
Dog bins	Dog bin height adjustments	Jan/Feb 2026
Dog park	Project completion	January 2026
Allotments	To prepare allotments ready for spring 2026	January/March 2026

Looking Forward

GMF Work shop area completion to allow efficient Play Park maintenance.
Abrasive wheel training to allow safe use of the GMF bench grinder.
Office refurbishment and maintenance.