

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	8 th July 2025
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	13a
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Officer's Recommendation

1. To note the report.

Background

The team continue with the grass cutting at the three leisure garden sites, office and the contract for St John's Church. Plot holders of the leisure garden sites are passing on good feedback to the team and are impressed with the maintenance so far this season. The hedge cutting work is on hold due to nesting sparrows within Rose Walk and Goodearl.

This is the first season whereby the team has had to conduct parts of grounds maintenance as well as play area maintenance, but the scheduling and support when needed, has made the tasks manageable especially given the extreme heat conditions.

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

The team has now managed to relocate the water trough that was removed by the contractor for the Grounds Maintenance Facility (GMF). This is now located next to the allotment container, the team dug down 600mm to find the water pipe for the GMF and tapped in then laid new pipe around container to the trough.

The changing of bin heights is ongoing. The team has adjusted 26 bins, and the Tidy Up Team is finding it a lot easier to remove the bags when heavy. An extra bin has been fitted along the path behind Cagney in Abbey Meads.

Capesthorpe Play Area has had four new play panels fitted with new wet pour surface along the edges and gate entrance. The swing frame has been repainted and some moss cleared. The team still needs to fit the spinning bowl and repair the surface with the slide base and jet wash the wetpour safety surface.

Paperless Reporting System

The team has completed two play area inspections with the new app from RoSPA. The initial inspections have taken longer as part of the set up having to take photos and adding comments etc. Now this is fully functioning this will get easier to add repairs and updates to the app.

Works Complete

Location	Work Completed, March/April	Date Completed
Tadpole Field	Fitted V opening in tadpole field.	18/06/25
Village Green Play Area	Removed old seesaw from Village Green Play Area and fitted new on with repairing surface.	03/03/25 - 14/03/25
Capesthorpe Play Area	Surface renewed under play panels and along edges. Swing frame repainted.	16/06/25 - 18/06/25



Ventnor Close Leisure Gardens	Strimmed two vacant plot out ready for new plot holders.	12/06/25 26/06/25
Lillian Play Area	New spring fitted to the gate as last one was broken.	30/06/25
Voyager, Basil, White Eagle Play Areas	A new swing was fitted to Voyager Play Area with new fittings fitted to Basil Play Area allowing both swings to be useable again. To save money the ropes from the new swing went to White Eagle Play Area to replace the damaged ones.	13/06/25

Working Towards

Location	Working towards	Time Scale
Capesthorne Play Area	To prepare surface and fit spinning bowl. Paint equipment and clean surface.	July 2025
Dog bins	To reduce the height of the rest of the dog/litter bins.	July/August 2025
Ventnor allotments	To extend top compost bin at the top gate.	July/September 2025
Play Areas	To start tidying up hedges around the fences of Play Areas.	May to September 2025