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Briefing Note

Estates & Facilities Update

Introduction

This briefing note updates Members on the management of the Parish Council's estates and facilities June to July 2024.

Hurst Meadows

Completed: -

- ITV have completed their filming at Primrose cottage, the filming covered 2 days and we have received an additional £500 for this.
- The Cycleway works are going well, with most of the surface completed. Extra bollards are to be installed on the Brown Twins Road end to ensure no vehicles can access.
- The Community Action Day with 7 Pupils for Hurst College went well, they assisted in removing tree guards from Hedges and trees in Hovelfield North and Buckwilly and the creation of a dead hedge by the gate into Hovelfield South.
- Graffiti on the Daisy Memorial Bench was cleaned by residents and finished by the Maintenance Officer. It has been discovered that some of the wood carvings have also been damaged in the recent vandalism.
- The HMWG had a walk through the ancient woodlands on 4th July 2024.
- The PROW cutting has been completed in Fifteen Acres.

Upcoming: -

- *Hovelfield South is to be cut in the coming weeks.*
- A Purchase Order has been received from WSCC for the 4 new benches in Hurst Meadows as part of the Cycleway Project. The materials are to be ordered shortly.
- *Meadow cuts have been booked in for September 2024.*
- *A tree blocking the PROW in Fifteen Acres on the Western boundary is to be cut back.*
- *Sky lark signs are to be taken down.*

Tree Works

Completed: -

- PJC have been booked in to carry out the Tree risk Surveys in all recreation grounds and trees of concern. This is to be carried out in July 2024.

Upcoming: -

- *J. Lee trees has been booked in to carry out the sonic tomography tree works in Wilderness wood and Hurst Meadows. We are still awaiting the results of 2 TPO Applications to be approved by MSDC. The Tree Office was inspecting the trees on Wednesday 10th July 2024.*

Court Bushes

Completed: -

- The Electrical cable for the new Container has been installed.
- The New Container was delivered on 10th July 2024 and has been temporarily locked until a new padlock can be purchased.
- Hallmark have been called out to attend to the alarm system, due to malfunctions.

- The Local ASB Youths have been seen breaking into the Nursery's Shed, nothing was taken, and this incident was reported to the Police.
- Two moveable stair gates have been purchased in preparation for the Club Lounge to be hired by Kiddie Capers on a long-term hire. The gates are for use on the Decking area to keep the infants contained in a safe area.
- A kid's metal detector found in the undergrowth at CB, has been returned to Kiddie Capers.

Upcoming: -

- *MVG Electrical is to connect the new electrical supply to the new container.*
- *Ansell's have been chased for a start date for Repairs to the function room wall and a quote to block the interconnecting door between the function room and Club Lounge, ahead of Kiddie capers hiring the Club Lounge.*
- There is still no internet at Court Bushes, we are awaiting a solution from Zen.
- 2 x emergency lights have failed the recent inspection and quote has been requested to repair them from MVG electrical.

Village Centre

Completed: -

- The Anti climb Paint and Signs appears to help in preventing youths from climbing on the building.
- The Main Hall Fire exit door was repaired on the evening of Monday 8th July, due to a hirer being too forceful.

Upcoming: -

- The Main Hall Boiler is due to be repaired by Evinox after a malfunction.
- *A new dishwasher for the Club Suite is on order.*
- *A quote has been requested to repair the steps to the preschool.*
- *A quote has been requested to repair the controls to the Velux windows in the main hall.*

Reeds Lane Recreation Ground

Completed: -

- The Drainage Works started on 1st July and will be completed on Friday 12th July. We have had complaints about mud on the road, when it rained, despite the road being swept regularly and superficial damage to tree roots. Otherwise, everything has gone well and to plan.
- An initial meeting has been held between Cllr Majasai, Viv Aloy and Stephen Witchell in relation to Phase 2.

Upcoming: -

- Phase 2 planning to be continued.

South Avenue Recreation Ground

Completed: -

- The Hurst Society have offered £1,725 towards the new Lime tree avenue at South Avenue Recreation ground, leaving £1,970 plus VAT to be sourced. The Estates & Facilities Manager has applied for S106 funding for the remaining funds. Due to the general election, the application was delayed.
- Foster Landscapes have repaired the hammock in the Play area.
- Lock assist have repaired the locks on the Pitt Lane toilet handwash unit.
- The Gazebo was put up and taken down at St Lawrence fair on 5th July 2024.
- The Mole Man has been booked into treat the moles by the Bowls Green.

Upcoming: -

Speed Indicator Device (SID) update.

- The SID was placed on Reeds Lane, Sayers Common from 30th May to 27th June 2024.
- 34,301 vehicles recorded.
- 17,914 vehicles travelling under or on the speed limit.
- 16,387 vehicles travelling over the speed limit (47.8% speeding).
- 3820 vehicles were travelling over 10 mph over the speed limit (11.1% excessively speeding).

- 65.1mph was the top speed recorded.

Other Facilities

Completed: -

- We have received all the quotes for the new Grounds maintenance contracts from all 4 companies. We will be reviewing the quotes in the coming weeks.
- JMR and the Estates & Facilities Manager have revisited Chantry Stables to review works planned for 2024.
- The Sayers Common bike racks are booked in to be installed In July 2024.
- The Allotment Fence repairs will start on the 12th July and run for 2 weeks. The neighbouring resident and Allotment association have been informed.
- Greenscene will be supplying a quote to reduce and lift the bay tree in front of Chantry Stables in the Village Garden.
- The relocation of the Bellows nose bins to Sayers Common will take place in July 2024.
- The Hurst Topiary has been sprayed for Box moth twice. No sign of any more activity and it is starting to recover.
- The Village Gateways are booked in to be cleaned. This was delayed and should be completed in the coming weeks.
- The broken streetlight on Trinity Road was reported and repaired on the same day, following ASB.

Ongoing: -

- Costings for installing bollards along the driveway by the War Memorial to prevent vehicles from driving on the grass and causing damage are being investigated.
- A meeting has been booked in for 12th July with Nick Bruce the carpenter to quote for repairing the Fingerposts, S106 funding will be secured once the quote is received.
- The Village Garden Flagpole servicing and structurally testing is being investigated.
- The Estates & Facilities Manager is investigating the possibility of having a Christmas Tree decoration on London Road in Sayers Common.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee is asked to NOTE the update report.