

## Halls and Green Spaces Committee

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<b>Date:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Progress on improvements & repairs since last meeting
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Operations & Estates Officer John Hickman

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### **Background**

The purpose of this report is to update members on the progress of improvements and repairs undertaken by the Council's own direct workforce and Sub-contractors since the last meeting since the last meeting.

1. Initial Cray fishing issues at the Lake and Country Park have now been dealt with and Cray Fishing and Course fishing are both taking place without any further issues.
2. A leak to Langdale Hall flat roof has been repaired by the works team.
3. The Works team have removed all the Ivy and Tree stems from St Mary's church yard wall in preparation for a Structural surveyor.
4. The works will be moving to Holy Trinity Church yard as soon as St Marys is complete to remove the ivy and tree suckers etc. from there as well.
5. The autumn grave levelling and seeding in both cemeteries has been carried out by the works team.
6. The works team has replaced the gate from the contractor's depot at West Witney depot to the Bowls Green as this had rotted out and was beyond repair allowing rabbits to gain access to the green.
7. Lake the gate post leading from the gate to lakeside allotments has been replaced by the works team.
8. The Operations and Estates Officer has commissioned the installation of play equipment by Proludic as requested by council at, Moorland Road, Burwell QE2 Field, King Georges Field, the Leys Recreation Ground and Fieldmere Close. It is hoped that installation work can be carried out in early 2020.
9. All Public Halls Leased properties with gas services annual gas safety checks have been carried out by H&E Engineers.
10. The hedge reduction works have commenced at Manor Road, once completed works will then be carried out to reduce the hedge trees at Curbridge Road Thorney Leys works as previously agreed by council.
11. Lakeside Allotment Fence renewal is due to start in the next few weeks.
12. The Operations and Estates Officer has still to commission a new bat survey for T 583 Cedar of Lebanon St Mary's church yard.

13. The meeting has taken place between the Town Clerk, the Operations and Estates Officer, Brian Martin WODC Conservation Officer and Jennie Schillig Assistant Church Buildings Officer, DAC, Diocese of Oxford. On 29<sup>th</sup> August to discuss the required works to the boundary wall at St Mary's Churchyard and the topple testing that is due to be carried out. The Operations and Estates Officer has contacted 2 structural surveyors recommended to WTC. One has responded and said they would be interested in the work, but no further contact has been received from them. The second has not responded at all, the Operations and Estates Officer will look to contact other Structural Surveyor in the next few weeks. Quotes have been received to carry out memorial stability testing at both St Mary's and Holy Trinity church yards.
14. The teenage shelters and recreation ground signage have been cleaned at the Leys and Burwell QE2 Field.
15. The Teqball table has been installed at the Leys Recreation Ground and the works team have carried out ground levelling and grass seeding work to the surround. The costs of these works have been removed from the final invoice from the installers invoice.
16. The new sports Specification and Pesticide policy is in the final draft stages with STRI.
17. Delivery of Play Bark to carry out topping operations of play bark areas is still awaited. The Operations and estates Officer has chased the delivery of this material and been told the lead time has been increased due to supply issues, the suppliers have said they will try to get WTC's order to us ASAP.
18. The works team have carried several maintenance items and repairs to play equipment.
19. The splash pad has been de-commissioned for the winter.

### **Environmental impact**

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

### **Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

### **Recommendations**

Members are requested to note the report.