

STRONGER COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Monday 20th January 2020

Title: Progress on Improvements and repairs Since Last Meeting

Contact Officer: Operations and Estates Officer – John Hickman

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress of improvements and repairs since the last meeting.

VANDALISM

There has been no reported vandalism since the last meeting.

BENCHES

The works team have prepared the bench base at Blakes Avenue and installed the new bench as requested by Councillor Bolger and agreed by Council/Cottsway Housing Association.

All benches held in stock have now been used so further new benches will be purchased from this year's bench budget.

LITTER BINS

The Works team has replaced several litter bins at the Leys Recreation Ground for the New Recycling style litter bins.

All bins held in stock have now been used so further bins will be purchased from this year's budget in order to continue the replacement of all litter bins.

WELCH WAY RAISED FLOWER BED

Contractors have started the work to raise this flower bed and it should be completed by the time of this meeting.

HEDGE WORKS

Contractors have been carrying out hedge reduction works to Curbridge Road, Thorney Leys hedge. One complaint from a resident has been received so far which has been addressed by the Operations and Estates Officer.

TREE WORKS

Tree works have been commissioned to be carried out at West Witney to remove three trees within the old contractor's compound to improve light and air to the bowls green. Confirmation of works timings is still awaited at the time of writing this report.

Tree works to remove all the dead wood from the tree belt at West Witney as agreed by council has been commissioned to be carried out. Confirmation of works timings is still awaited at the time of writing this report.

TREE SURVEY YEAR ONE WORKS

The Operations and Estates Officer has received a quote for this work from the tree surgeons which exceeds the amount currently left in this year's tree budget. The Operations and estates Officer is removing works that can be done by the Council's works team directly in order to ensure works are completed within this year's remaining budgets.

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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Described here or as stated in the report above.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Member are invited to note the report.