

STRONGER COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Monday 16 November 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.

Current Situation

Memorial Benches

Tower Hill Memorial Bench the Operations and Estates Officer is waiting on confirmation of a meeting to set the location of this Bench.

Warren Memorial Bench and Tree, the relative is now in possession of the replacement bench and the tree is due to be delivered next week to replace the vandalised memorial bench at the Lake earlier in the year. The works team will install at their first opportunity.

Church Green Bench the Operations and Estates Officer has not heard back from the member of the public since updating them with council's decision at the last meeting.

A request has been received from a member of the public for a memorial bench to her husband on either Woodgreen or King Georges Field, the Operations and Estates Officer would suggest that King Georges Field would be best as there is currently only one bench on this field where as there are numerous benches on Woodgreen. The Operations and Estates would suggest that this bench would need to be a Eastgate bench to match all the other benches around Town.

Christmas Lights

The works team have checked, repaired and PAT tested the children's Christmas Light Motifs ready to be used in this year's Christmas Lights display.

War Memorials

The Works team have cleaned both war memorials in preparation for Remembrance Sunday.

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

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the request for a memorial bench on either Woodgreen or King Georges Field.