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**Shavington-cum-Gresty Council
Environment and Recreation Committee**

Main Road,
Shavington, Crewe
CW2 5DP

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10 November 2022

To: **Members of the Environment and Recreation Committee**

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the **Environment and Recreation Committee** to be held at **7:30PM** on **Wednesday 16 November 2022** at **Shavington-cum-Gresty Village Hall, 159 Main Rd, Shavington, CW2 5DP.**

Your sincerely,

Simona Garner
Parish Clerk

AGENDA

1	To receive and consider apologies for absence
2	To note declarations of Members' interests
3	To confirm and sign the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting held on 13 July 2022 (attached)
4	Public Participation <i>A period not exceeding 20 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments</i>
5	To consider the YTD financial position of the E&R Committee (attached)
6	To receive and consider the yearly inspection report of Vine Tree play area (attached)

7	To receive and consider an update on ASB issue at Vine Tree
8	To receive and consider an update about Gresty Lane Allotments. To consider a request from a plot holder to re-merge Plot 16a and 16b
8	To receive and consider an update with regards to the Flower Watering Volunteer Group
9	To receive and consider a proposal to set up a Volunteer Gardening Group
10	To receive and consider an update with regards to the Woodland Trust award
11	To receive and consider a proposal for " <i>Plant a tree in '23...! Plant some more in '24!</i> " Project (attached)
12	To receive and consider a proposal for new planters in the Village
13	To receive proposals for the regular ground maintenance service for 2023/24 and to consider making a recommendation to Full Council to appoint the selected gardener from 1 April 2023 (circulated)

Shavington-cum-Gresty Council
Environment and Recreation Committee meeting
Main Road,
Shavington, Crewe
CW2 5DP



MINUTES of the meeting held on
Wednesday 13 July 2022

In attendance: Cllrs Buchanan, Ferguson, Hancock

ScG R&E/22/1/1	To receive and consider apologies for absence
	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K Gibbs and Mrs Barlow
ScG R&E/22/1/2	To elect the Chair and Deputy Chair
	RESOLVED: that Cllr Ferguson and Cllr Buchanan were elected Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee respectively.
ScG R&E/22/1/3	To note the Term of References for the Environment & Recreation Committee
	The Term of References for the Environment & Recreation Committee were noted.
ScG R&E/22/1/4	To consider the appointment of non-Parish Councillors Members to the Committee as representative of the community
	RESOLVED: that Mrs Barlow is appointed as non-Parish Councillor Member to the Committee as representative of the Gresty Lane Allotments
ScG R&E/22/1/5	To note declarations of Members' interests
	No declaration of interest was reported.
ScG R&E/22/1/6	To confirm and sign the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting held on 19 January 2022
	RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meeting are approved and signed as an accurate record.

<p>ScG R&E/22/1/7</p>	<p>Public Participation <i>A period not exceeding 20 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments</i></p>
	<p>No comment was raised.</p>
<p>ScG R&E/22/1/8</p>	<p>To receive and consider an update about the Gresty Lane Allotments. To receive and consider a proposal to issue a “Notice-to-Quit” for Plot 13 as per Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Allotment Policy ss.7.2 and 7.3</p>
	<p>The Clerk updated Councillors with regards to the Gresty Lane Allotments. Members NOTED the update. RESOLVED: that a ‘Notice-to-Quit’ is issued to the tenant of Plot 13 as per Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Allotment Policy, and that the Clerk is instructed to market the plot and offer it to new tenant (FOC until 31 March 2023)</p>
<p>ScG R&E/22/1/9</p>	<p>To note and consider the following policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Allotment Policy <p>To receive and consider a proposal to introduce a clause to allow the transferring of plot tenancy agreement to direct family members.</p>
	<p>The Clerk updated Councillors with regards to the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Allotment Policy. Members NOTED the update. RESOLVED: that the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Allotment Policy is recommended to full Council subject to the following amendments being included:</p> <p><i>2.7 In exceptional circumstance the tenancy of the plot might be transferred to a close family member by Council’s resolution, provided that at the time of the application supporting evidence are supplied to justify the request. The decision of the Council will be final.</i></p> <p><i>7.3 The Council further reserves the right to terminate an allotment tenancy via one month’s written Notice-To-Quit pursuant to section 30(2) of the Allotment Act 1908 if:</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Allotment rent is in arrears for 40 days or more (whether formally demanded or not); or</i> • <i>It appears to the Council that the Tenant of an allotment is resident more than one mile outside the Village for which the allotments are provided.</i>
ScG R&E/22/1/10	To receive and consider an update with regards to the Vine Tree play area
	<p>The Clerk briefed Councillors with regards to Vine Tree play area.</p> <p>Members NOTED the update.</p>
ScG R&E/22/1/11	To receive and consider an update with regards to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) collected from CEC on behalf of the Parish Council for the period 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022
	<p>The Clerk updated Councillors with regards to the item.</p> <p>Members NOTED the update.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that CIL contribution is earmarked to purchase a picnic table in Vine Tree Park</p>
ScG R&E/22/1/12	To receive and consider a proposal to replace the planter in Main Road, junction towards Newcastle Road
	<p>Cllr Ferguson updated Members with regards to the proposal.</p> <p>Members NOTED the update.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that a replacement planter in Main Road is taken to Cheshire East for authorisation, and a budget is allocated in the next year draft budget to cover the associated costs.</p>
ScG R&E/22/1/13	To receive an update with regards to the ground maintenance service. To consider a proposal for a Call for Quotations for the Parish Ground Maintenance service for 2023/24
	<p>Clerk updated Members with regards to the item.</p> <p>Members NOTED the update.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Call for Quotations is approved and that the Clerk is requested to seek for three quotes to be considered by the Committee in its next meeting in November</p>

ScG R&E/22/1/14	To receive and consider an update with regards to the Flower Watering Volunteer Group
	The Clerk updated Councillors with regards to the Flower Watering Volunteer Group. Members NOTED the update. RESOLVED: that the Clerk is instructed to purchase branded watering cans (General amenities cost code) to be officially donated to the Volunteer Group during the next Parish Council meeting in October.
ScG R&E/22/1/15	To receive and consider an update with regards to the Woodland Trust award
	The Clerk updated Councillors with regards to the Woodland Trust award. Members NOTED the update. RESOLVED: that a request is made to CEC to check if trees can be planted in Rope Lane
ScG R&E/22/1/16	To consider the YTD financial position of the E&R Committee
	Councillors NOTED the YTD financial position of the E&R Committee
ScG R&E/22/1/17	To consider and inform the budget setting process for 2023/24 financial year
	Members NOTED the report. RESOLVED: that the DRAFT Environment and Recreation Committee budget 2023/24 is approved and recommended to F&S Committee, subject to the following amendments being made: a. Add a budget of £600 for new planters
ScG R&E/22/1/18	To note the date of the next Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting – 16 November 2022 7:30PM
	The date of the next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting is NOTED .

Meeting closed at 2132 hrs

Chair: Cllr Ferguson

Clerk: S Garnero

Summary of Receipts and Payments

All Cost Centres and Codes

Community & Engagement Co

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
20	Newsletter: design, printing and				11,000.00	6,018.22	4,981.78	4,981.78 (45%)
21	General Parish Council design a				3,500.00	2,700.00	800.00	800.00 (22%)
22	Social Media Marketing				500.00		500.00	500.00 (100%)
23	Village Festival				3,000.00	3,113.00	-113.00	-113.00 (-3%)
24	Christmas/Winter event				2,600.00	349.68	2,250.32	2,250.32 (86%)
25	Remembrance Service				4,500.00	1,004.77	3,495.23	3,495.23 (77%)
26	Community events				2,000.00	1,593.30	406.70	406.70 (20%)
49	Small Grant Scheme				100.00		100.00	100.00 (100%)
55	#QueenBee fund					5,633.44	-5,633.44	-5,633.44 (N/A)
SUB TOTAL					27,200.00	20,412.41	6,787.59	6,787.59 (24%)

Environment & Recreation Co

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
27	Ground Maintenance - General c		180.00	180.00	2,000.00	376.96	1,623.04	1,803.04 (90%)
28	Ground Maintenance- supplier				15,000.00	6,286.64	8,713.36	8,713.36 (58%)
29	Vine Tree Play area - mainten				1,000.00	144.33	855.67	855.67 (85%)
30	Vine Tree Play Area - Inspection				400.00		400.00	400.00 (100%)
31	Allotment fee	400.00	645.83	245.83				245.83 (61%)
32	Allotment maintenance cost					136.00	-136.00	-136.00 (N/A)
52	Defibrillator and kiosk				800.00		800.00	800.00 (100%)
54	CIL - Community Infrastructure L		249.91	249.91				249.91 (N/A)
SUB TOTAL		400.00	1,075.74	675.74	19,200.00	6,943.93	12,256.07	12,931.81 (65%)

Finance & Strategy Committee

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
3	Staff Expenses				300.00	13.50	286.50	286.50 (95%)
4	Stationary				600.00	149.63	450.37	450.37 (75%)
5	Accountancy software				650.00	648.00	2.00	2.00 (0%)
6	ICT equipment				750.00	198.32	551.68	551.68 (73%)
9	Audit Fees				1,500.00	872.50	627.50	627.50 (41%)
10	Insurance				2,700.00	3,267.80	-567.80	-567.80 (-21%)
11	Legal and professional fee				1,500.00	40.00	1,460.00	1,460.00 (97%)
12	Subscription (adobe/office/Chalc				3,000.00	3,166.36	-166.36	-166.36 (-5%)
13	Telephone				500.00	286.71	213.29	213.29 (42%)
14	Website subscription				2,100.00	1,400.00	700.00	700.00 (33%)
15	Website transparency				1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00 (100%)
16	Misc/Expenses				1,000.00	223.14	776.86	776.86 (77%)
17	Precept	161,154.00	161,154.00					(0%)
18	VAT reclaim							(N/A)
19	Other income							(N/A)
53	Acquisition projects				10,000.00	1,612.10	8,387.90	8,387.90 (83%)

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SUB TOTAL	161,154.00	161,154.00		25,600.00	11,878.06	13,721.94	13,721.94 (7%)
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Parish Council Project

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
50	S.137 Grant- Car Park				5,500.00	5,500.00		(0%)
51	PCSO funding				33,300.00		33,300.00	33,300.00 (100%)
SUB TOTAL					38,800.00	5,500.00	33,300.00	33,300.00 (85%)

Staffing Committee

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
1	Staff Salary				69,250.00	36,154.17	33,095.83	33,095.83 (47%)
2	Payroll Service				920.00	499.00	421.00	421.00 (45%)
7	Staff Training				2,500.00	231.00	2,269.00	2,269.00 (90%)
8	Members Training				100.00	30.00	70.00	70.00 (70%)
56	Cheshire Pension Fund admin c							(N/A)
SUB TOTAL					72,770.00	36,914.17	35,855.83	35,855.83 (49%)

Village Hall Committee

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position			
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend			
33	Suppliers				300.00	43.00	257.00	257.00 (85%)			
34	Cleaning Service				4,500.00	2,437.55	2,062.45	2,062.45 (45%)			
35	Gas supply				1,900.00	612.17	1,287.83	1,287.83 (67%)			
36	Power supply				1,000.00	837.24	162.76	162.76 (16%)			
37	Fire equipment				250.00		250.00	250.00 (100%)			
38	Wi-Fi Service				800.00	395.48	404.52	404.52 (50%)			
39	Online booking system				300.00	149.06	150.94	150.94 (50%)			
40	Hygine service				700.00	527.66	172.34	172.34 (24%)			
41	Water supply				2,000.00	1,280.12	719.88	719.88 (35%)			
42	Waste collection				960.00	694.52	265.48	265.48 (27%)			
43	PPS/PRS				250.00		250.00	250.00 (100%)			
44	Call minding service				840.00	644.98	195.02	195.02 (23%)			
45	Marketing				2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00 (100%)			
46	Kitchen Refurbishment				5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00 (100%)			
47	General Maintenance				1,500.00	721.41	778.59	778.59 (51%)			
48	Hall hire	14,000.00	7,315.00	-6,685.00		50.00	-50.00	-6,735.00 (-48%)			
57	CCC Franchise		1,000.00	1,000.00				1,000.00 (N/A)			
SUB TOTAL					14,000.00	8,315.00	-5,685.00	22,300.00	8,393.19	13,906.81	8,221.81 (22%)

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All Cost Centres and Codes

Summary

NET TOTAL	175,554.00	170,544.74	-5,009.26	205,870.00	90,041.76	115,828.24	110,818.98 (29%)
V.A.T.		2,618.20			5,201.12		
GROSS TOTAL		173,162.94			95,242.88		



Report Statement

Meeting:	E&R Committee, 16.11.2022
Report Purpose:	To share the yearly inspection report for Vine Tree Play Area
Version Control:	v1
Author:	Clerk

1. Report Summary

The report aims to share the findings of the yearly inspection done at Vine Tree Play Area

2. Background

Every year, Play Areas undertakes an inspection of the play area, with the aim of highlight risks and identify actions to reduce those risks.

3. Position

On 13 September 2022, Play Areas undertook the playground annual inspection at Vine Tree. The report is attached.

Three points have been raised in the report:

- a. Multi-play unit- Junior: overhead – risk: medium
- b. Swing toddler: bird dropping – risk: medium
- c. Swing junior: swing seat – damaged – risk: low

Members are asked to consider the report and any actions needed to reduce risks.

4. Sustainability Impact

Positive: regular inspections and regular maintenance should support the durability of the units installed

5. Community Impact

Positive: users will benefit from the regular maintenance of the play area, and injury risk should reduce.

6. Governance

ScG Parish Council Financial Regulation
ScG Parish Council Scheme of Delegation

7. Financial Impact

To be confirmed



8. Resource Impact

Clerk time

9. Conclusions

Members are asked to note the report and to consider any actions needed to reduce those risk highlighted in the report.

10. Consideration Sought

That the report is noted, and that the Clerk is instructed to progress with any actions needed.

Inspection Report

This report shows Findings and Tasks recorded during the Inspection(s) matching the selection criteria set in the Report Wizard. If no Findings or Tasks are shown, none were recorded.

Each Inspection includes a declaration signed by the Inspector stating that no defects were found other than those recorded.

Inspections included in this report

Provider	Play Areas	 13/09/2022
Site Name	Vine Tree Avenue	
Actual Date	13/09/2022 11:07:32	
Inspection Type	Playground-Annual	
Inspector	Zoe Masters	
Inspection Status	Completed	

Finding Summary

Vine Tree Avenue Findings

Asset	Finding Title	Creation Date	Resolve By Date	Risk Level
Multiplay Unit - Junior	overhead	13/09/2022 11:13:04		Medium
Swing - Toddler - 1 Bay 2 Seat	Bird droppings	13/09/2022 11:18:59		Medium
Swing - Junior - 1 Bay 2 Seat	Swing - Seat(s) - Damaged	13/09/2022 11:11:07		Low

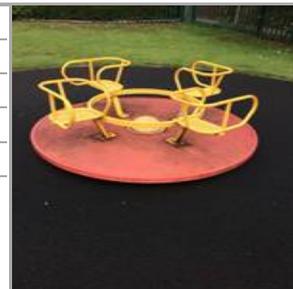
Inspection - Vine Tree Avenue - 13/09/2022 11:07:32

Provider	Play Areas	
Site Name	Vine Tree Avenue	
Actual Date	13/09/2022 11:07:32	
Inspection Type	Playground-Annual	
Inspector	Zoe Masters	
Inspection Status	Completed	

Site Name	Vine Tree Avenue
Address	Shavington
Postcode	CW2 5BS
Notes	

Vine Tree Avenue Inspected Asset List (see Inspection Notes for exceptions)

Asset Name	Carousel - Roundabout
Asset Sub Type	Type B Classic - 110 to 400 mm (Pre EN1176-5:2019)
Asset Type	Carousel
Asset Category	Equipment (Outdoor Play)
Manufacturer	



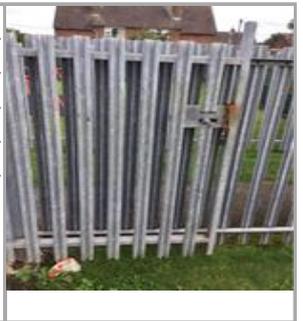
Asset Name	Carousel - Roundabout - Surface
Asset Sub Type	Wet Pour
Asset Type	Safer Surface
Asset Category	Surface
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Fencing
Asset Sub Type	Palisade Fence
Asset Type	Fencing
Asset Category	Perimeter
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Gates
Asset Sub Type	Metal Barrier Gate
Asset Type	Entrance
Asset Category	Perimeter
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Litter Bins
Asset Sub Type	Litter Bins
Asset Type	Bins
Asset Category	Facilities
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Multiplay Unit - Junior
Asset Sub Type	Multiplay Unit - Junior
Asset Type	Multiplay
Asset Category	Equipment (Outdoor Play)
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Multiplay Unit - Junior - Surface
Asset Sub Type	Wet Pour
Asset Type	Safer Surface
Asset Category	Surface
Manufacturer	



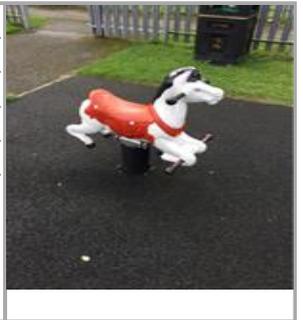
Asset Name	Rocker - Elephant
Asset Sub Type	Type 2B - Single Point - Multi-directional
Asset Type	Rocker
Asset Category	Equipment (Outdoor Play)
Manufacturer	



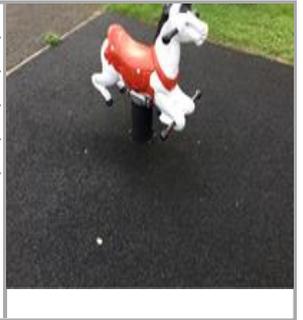
Asset Name	Rocker - Elephant - Surface
Asset Sub Type	Wet Pour
Asset Type	Safer Surface
Asset Category	Surface
Manufacturer	



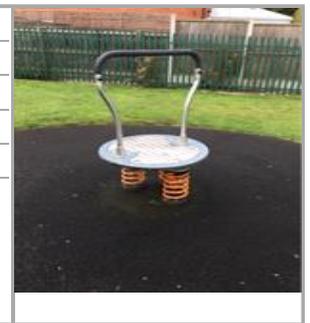
Asset Name	Rocker - Horse
Asset Sub Type	Type 2B - Single Point - Multi-directional
Asset Type	Rocker
Asset Category	Equipment (Outdoor Play)
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Rocker - Horse - Surface
Asset Sub Type	Wet Pour
Asset Type	Safer Surface
Asset Category	Surface
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Rocker - Rodeo Board
Asset Sub Type	Type 3B - Multi-point - Multi-directional
Asset Type	Rocker
Asset Category	Equipment (Outdoor Play)
Manufacturer	



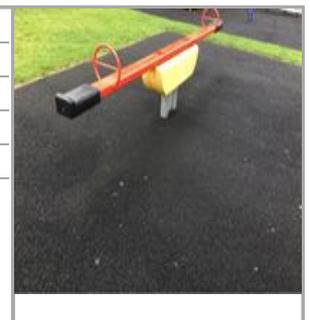
Asset Name	Rocker - Rodeo Board - Surface
Asset Sub Type	Wet Pour
Asset Type	Safer Surface
Asset Category	Surface
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Rocker - Seesaw
Asset Sub Type	Type 1 - Axial Seesaw
Asset Type	Rocker
Asset Category	Equipment (Outdoor Play)
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Rocker - Seesaw - Surface
Asset Sub Type	Wet Pour
Asset Type	Safer Surface
Asset Category	Surface
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Seating
Asset Sub Type	Bench
Asset Type	Seating
Asset Category	Facilities
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Signage
Asset Sub Type	Information
Asset Type	Signage
Asset Category	Site
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Site - Vine Tree Avenue
Asset Sub Type	The Overall Site
Asset Type	Site
Asset Category	Site
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Swing - Junior - 1 Bay 2 Seat
Asset Sub Type	Type 1 - Traditional (Junior Seats)
Asset Type	Swing
Asset Category	Equipment (Outdoor Play)
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Swing - Junior - 1 Bay 2 Seat - Surface
Asset Sub Type	Wet Pour
Asset Type	Safer Surface
Asset Category	Surface
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Swing - Toddler - 1 Bay 2 Seat
Asset Sub Type	Type 1 - Traditional (Toddler Seats)
Asset Type	Swing
Asset Category	Equipment (Outdoor Play)
Manufacturer	



Asset Name	Swing - Toddler - 1 Bay 2 Seat - Surface
Asset Sub Type	Wet Pour
Asset Type	Safer Surface
Asset Category	Surface
Manufacturer	



Findings and Tasks reported within the Inspection

Multiplay Unit - Junior - Finding

Finding ID	F12996	 <p>Asset Photo</p>
Finding Title	overhead	
Asset	Multiplay Unit - Junior	
Cause		
Finding Creation Date	13/09/2022 11:13:04	
Finding Group	RoSPA	
Finding Notes		
Finding Resolved Date		
Finding Status	Open	
Location		
Resolve By Date		
Risk Level	Medium	

Finding Photos



overhead - Task

Task Title	The protective surface under all bars and rings must be kept in good condition.
Resolve By Date	
Task Completed Date	
Task ID	14150
Task Notes	
Task Status	Unapproved

Swing - Junior - 1 Bay 2 Seat - Finding

Finding ID	F12976	 <p>Asset Photo</p>
Finding Title	Swing - Seat(s) - Damaged	
Asset	Swing - Junior - 1 Bay 2 Seat	
Cause		
Finding Creation Date	13/09/2022 11:11:07	
Finding Group	Maintenance	
Finding Notes		
Finding Resolved Date		
Finding Status	Open	
Location		
Resolve By Date		
Risk Level	Low	

Finding Photos



Swing - Seat(s) - Damaged - Task

Task Title	Monitor
Resolve By Date	
Task Completed Date	
Task ID	14153
Task Notes	
Task Status	Unapproved

Swing - Toddler - 1 Bay 2 Seat - Finding

Finding ID	F12969	 <p style="text-align: center;">Asset Photo</p>
Finding Title	Bird droppings	
Asset	Swing - Toddler - 1 Bay 2 Seat	
Cause		
Finding Creation Date	13/09/2022 11:18:59	
Finding Group	Maintenance	
Finding Notes		
Finding Resolved Date		
Finding Status	Open	
Location		
Resolve By Date		
Risk Level	Medium	

Finding Photos



Bird droppings - Task

Task Title	Remove animal fouling and clean area
Resolve By Date	
Task Completed Date	
Task ID	14136
Task Notes	
Task Status	Unapproved

**Findings and Tasks Reported Outside of the Inspection
(unresolved at time of Inspection)**

None Recorded.

Previously Reported Findings Marked Complete During Inspection

None Recorded.



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Report Statement

Meeting: E&R Committee, 16.11.2022

Report Purpose: To present Members the project 'Plant a tree in '23...! Plant some more in '24!

Version Control: v1

Author: Cllr Jones

Plant a tree in '23...! Plant some more in '24!

'As set out in my initial email idea, we would want to run a campaign with the aim of planting one tree for every person with the boundary of ScG.

Now, obviously as a Parish, we don't have the money or even the available ground to fulfil this goal. What we do have are residents, residents with houses, most with gardens. We also have businesses, businesses with grounds. The new warehouses off of Jack Mills Way are being built with huge areas of green space around their perimeters. The petrol station with the Esso and the surrounding land is prime tree planting area. Critically these areas are NOT owned by CEC and therefore are not subject to the same planning and licensing for CEC land.

Ideally, I'd like to breakdown the initiative into 3 distinct groups:

1. Residential:

We aim for residents to plant at least one tree in their gardens or around their property. For those residents without access to a garden, we encourage them to plant a potted tree. For those with the space to plant more than one ie one for each member of their household, then we push for that.

Potentially, we could use the idea of "Tree Sponsoring" in that for those that are unable to plant a tree because of health reasons, lack of space etc, we invite others residents to plant one in their gardens instead. This has the potential to strengthen inter household community ties.

2. Businesses:

As with Residential, we aim for businesses to plant at least one tree within their grounds for either the owner or the amount of people working there. Now, this works with somewhere like the Elephant or Hickory's, where the number of employees is relatively low. We're not going to push for somewhere like Boughey's or AO to plants trees for the 200 or so employees at each site. However, once again we can push "Tree Sponsoring" idea. Companies will be invited to plant trees for those who can't.



3. Cheshire East:

The reason why I've left CEC until the end is simply because the first two have relatively little financial impact for the PC. Whereas, we know that to plant trees on CEC land, permits and licenses are required which in themselves don't appear to be too expensive, I doubt we could get one single license to cover the whole village.

Having said that, there are plenty of areas within the Parish that are owned or controlled by CEC that are desperately in need of trees. If we are able to fund this idea, I'm reluctant to spend £500 on a permit or licence to plant a few trees on CEC land, when that money could go towards purchasing hundreds of trees for the public to use.

I believe it would be worth an email to the relevant officer or department, expelling the idea and seeing if there were a way to 'review' the correct rules in exceptional circumstances, such as this.

The Trees

When we're talking about planting trees, people automatically see an image of a sapling or establish tree, which is correct. However, all trees come from seeds. There are a fair few charitable organisations and groups that are giving away free trees, I believe we've already had some from the Woodland Trust?

Seeds are a relatively cheap and very easy way of achieving our goal. We could purchase 5000 English Oak seeds for roughly £300 from Amazon. Seeds can be used in conjunction with Sara Randle's idea of "Seed Bombs" that were being demonstrated at last year's Festival. They're a great way to get kids and young people involved in tree planting and I believe they're very popular.

We have a number of local Nurseries within and close to the Parish. We can get in touch with them and see if they'd be happy to donate saplings or 'whips' (small branches from trees that can be planted). If that's not possible, we'd happily say "these trees/saplings/seeds were kindly donated by"

Finally, we can just go and collect the seeds ourselves at the right time of the year. Although, the hit rate for those seeds germinating is far lower than from other sources.

For the purposes of this initiative, the PC would take the lead in the procurement of the trees/saplings/seeds and distribute them out to members of the public and businesses with advice and guidance on how best to plant them. That way, we can keep tabs on the numbers being planted.

The Positive



Planting trees is fantastic for the environment. This will promote the environment. It's an initiative that can link up with community groups and communities across the Parish.

The Negative

Potentially a cost from BLT and if we were forced to purchase trees/saplings/seeds.
Community Managers hours.

The government website outlines grants and funding available for initiatives like this:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tree-planting-and-woodland-creation-funding-and-advice>

Other organisations that are offering free trees are:

<https://eforests.co.uk/freetrees/>

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>

1. Conclusions

Councillors are asked to note the report and to consider:

- a. To support the project in principle, and make a recommendation to F&S Committee for this project to be considered
- b. To support the project in principle, request the Clerk to make further analysis, and report this back to the E&R Committee for consideration
- c. Not to support the project