

DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING: 13th March 2023

AGENDA ITEMS: 14

1. Report to Council

Dated: 03rd March 2023

2. Subject: GROUNDS

3. Report Prepared By: Cllr Thompson.

Lead Members Report

GROUNDS REPORT

1. Re Culverting Part of the rec ditch. Project. Part 1.
Following the previous DPC meeting an order has been placed with Maydencroft Ltd to produce construction drawings for approval and comment by the DPC, the EA, the Borough, and to provide a basis for quotations for the works.
2. The proposal for the landscaping of the remainder of the ditch was shown to the DPC, this is a future project and is Part 2 and not within the Part 1 scope.
3. The Borough has been given permission to start preliminary works for the Barrel Arch Project on The Cut, at present these are exploratory starting 2nd 3rd March 2023, to the main works intended to start later in the year. Borough Project.
4. A resurvey of the recreation Ground paths following the heat problems experienced last year has taken place. The work content has been evaluated and new quotations are being obtained. Project.
5. An intention to provide additional quotations for the central Greens edging is proving difficult. We have obtained one quotation, and this is in budget, but further quotations are proving difficult. Project.
6. The DPC logo and anti-theft notices have been completed re the Kubota and trailer.
7. The new steel posts for the Medical Centre drive in have been painted , the concrete fill will be inserted when the temperature rises. Then they will be installed.
8. Seat slat rectification and finishing is ongoing.
9. Clearing of bramble and weed growth affecting the rec railway footpath has been cleared, further work will extend into the Mill Place land and pathways.

Cllr Ian Thompson - Lead Member for Grounds and Flooding and Drainage.

10. The charging unit for the Defibrillator located on the DPC office wall has been stolen.

11. Following a resident enquiry re the oak tree on North Green, taking a view of the tree it is healthy and not obstructing traffic or overhanging resident's properties, currently I see no reason to take any action. It must be born in mind that the DPC expenditure on trees in this financial year exceeded the budget.

12. I fully support Cllr Larcombe's proposal to plant additional trees on the Sabatini land. He is initially proposing some oak trees. These weather resistant trees are vital to retain the long-term character of the village. Any further more decorative species can be incorporated in Rec Ditch landscaping project Part 2.

13. The Children's play area equipment is due for inspection and some items are under replacement and offsite rectification.