

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 24th FEBRUARY 2022

Item 10 – Open Spaces & Parks Winter Works Programme – Progress Report

Purpose

To receive a progress report on the Winter Works Programme for 2021/2022.

Background

It was noted that urgent work was required on the vehicular and pedestrian bridges that run over the brook at Mossdale Meadows and to repair the banks that have been damaged due to flooding. Plans and specifications for the proposed work has now been commissioned and received and work is currently in progress to prepare tender documents for the proposed works.

Further work was included in the 2021/2022 Winter Works programme to continue planting more trees on the open spaces and parks in Braunstone Town and Thorpe Astley areas. The Town Council as applied for and received 500 free whips and shrubs from the Woodland Trust and has purchased further trees and shrubs to plant throughout the Town. A further 1000 whips and 15 standard trees had also been received, free of charge, from the Forestry Commission via Leicestershire County Council and a further 1000 spring bulbs had been planted.

A list of Winter Works completed to date is attached at Appendix 1

Recommendation

That the progress of the Winter Works Programme 2021/2022 be received and noted.

Reason

To ensure that the winter works tasks are on schedule to be completed before the end of the winter works period.

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OPEN SPACE / PARK	ITEM	FAULT / ACTION	COMPLETED DATE/INITIAL
CIVIC CENTRE	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance	
	Hedges	Cut back overhanging trees	
	Borders	Prune back all borders	
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	
	Carpark fencing	Remove old fencing of car park and remove concrete posts, retarmac car park and reinstate white lines	
	Area behind Library	Hard standing/stone to provide storage area	
HIGHWAY SIGNS ALL AREAS OF TOWN	Highway signs "Welcome to Braunstone Town"	To undertake any necessary repairs and clean	

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MOSSDALE MEADOWS	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance	COMPLETED
	Brook	Work required to replace vehicular and pedestrian bridges Work on banks required to repair damage Sidearm work to trees by brook	
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
		Replace 2 Dog Bins	
TREES		Remove dead Cherry tree in ditch	
		Poplar tree adjacent to height barrier – remove limb	
		Raise trees in top field	

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MERRILEYS	Hedges and trees	Thin out trees and remove dead or damaged trees Prune and hedge cut pathways Undertake tree survey	
	Fencing	Remove or repair damaged fencing throughout	ON GOING
	Paths	Reinstate pathways	

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	Bins	Replace dog bin	
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	
FRANKLIN PARK	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance – sidearm work to all hedges	COMPLETED
	Meadow area	Rotavate and sow wild flower seeds	COMPLETED
	Path	Extend mill waste path through meadow area	
	Car Park	Undertake repairs to car park fence and re mark white lines	
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
	Fencing	Repairs to bow top fencing	
	Pond	Clear out pond	COMPLETED
	Safety surfaces in playground	Top up play bark/repair wet pour safety surfaces Replacement safety surfaces with Rubber mulch. Quotes obtained for replacement safety surfaces deferred from 2019/2020 Winter works programme due to Covid-19	
	Franklin Park orchard, pond and meadow area	To consider a management plan for ongoing annual maintenance.	

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SHAKESPEARE	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance	COMPLETED
	Playground	Tree bark under play equipment	
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
	Trees	Undertake a tree survey	
	Bowls green perimeter	Membrane to be laid round perimeter of bowls club to reduce growth of weeds Remove trees adjacent to bowls green and relocate if possible.	

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HOLMFIELD PARK	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance – Prune Lime trees	
	Fencing	Fence post rotting – to be removed - continuing	
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
	Play area	Remove brambles Repairs to swing	COMPLETED

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THORPE ASTLEY

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THORPE ASTLEY CENTRE	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance and tree crown lifting where required Remove several dead elm trees from spinney to the right of Thorpe Astley Centre	ONGOING
	Trees (400 whips)	Plant free trees from the Woodland trust	MARCH
	200 whips (small trees)	To continue boundary hedge from last year	MARCH
	18 standard trees and 2 replacement trees	Planted around Thorpe Astley Community Centre and open spaces	COMPLETED
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
	Notice boards	Replace two notice boards in Thorpe Astley area	
	Various sites	Knee rail fencing replacements at various sites	COMPLETED
	Storage	Racking for storage of parks equipment	
	Rails	To be replaced around path/pond area and MUGA	
	Meadow areas	Wild flowers to be planted	COMPLETED
	Bulb planting	1000 daffodil bulbs to be planted in various places	COMPLETED
	Football pitch	To top up with sand as required	COMPLETED
HIGHWAY SIGNS ALL AREAS OF TOWN	Highway signs "Welcome to Braunstone Town"	To undertake any necessary repairs and clean	COMPLETED

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TA MUGA AND TENNIS COURTS PLAY AREA TRIM TRAIL	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance and tree crown lifting where	ONGOING
	Trim trail	Plant wild seeds Gravel paths need topping up	COMPLETED
	Fencing MUGA	To replace where damaged	
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
	Basketball court	2 x nets to be replaced	

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	Litter	Deep annual litter pick of land between centre and M1	COMPLETED
ALL AREAS	Knee high fencing	To replacement missing/damaged fencing where essential Remove damaged knee high fencing at non-essential areas.	ONGOING
COOK CLOSE	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
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PRIESTMAN ROAD PLAY AREA	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance and tree crown lifting where required	
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
	ROSPA	All wet pour surfaces require repair or replacement	

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HILCOTT GREEN	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance and tree crown lifting where required	ONGOING
	Fruit trees	Require pruning	COMPLETED
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
	ROSPA	Wet pour surface requires repair or replacement	COMPLETED
ISOBELLA ROAD PLAY AREA	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance and tree crown lifting where required	
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
	ROSPA	Wet pour surface requires repair or replacement	

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IMPEY CLOSE PLAY AREA	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance and tree crown lifting where required	COMPLETED
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED

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FOXON WAY	Hedges	Cut back hedge from fence adjacent to properties	COMPLETED

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MARSHALL CLOSE PLAY AREA	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance and tree crown lifting where required	COMPLETED
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
	ROSPA	Wet pour surface needs repairing or replacing	

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LONG SPINNEY	Hedges and trees	General winter maintenance and crown topping where needed	COMPLETED
	Litter	Deep litter pick	
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
	Footpaths	To be cleared of trees and shrubs	

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OWEN CLOSE	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED

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LUBBESTHORPE ISLAND	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED

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VILLAGE GREEN	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
	Gravel path	Requires topping up	

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COLLINS CLOSE	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED

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LUBBESTHORPE BROOK		Annual walk through and clearance of brook where required	COMPLETED
	Litter bins	Disinfect all bins	COMPLETED
		Gabions to be placed in brook to support sides where required	
MERIDIAN WAY	Laurel shrubs	Reduce height of laurel shrubs adjacent to resident's boundary wall – phased implementation over three years	COMPLETED