



## BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

### ***CAPITAL PLAN 2021/2022***

The Council's Capital Projects have been identified through identified emerging priorities, the Annual Survey, the Citizens' Advisory Panel and the Parish Plan. A review of the Council's Open Spaces and Parks identified priorities for Capital improvements should external funding arise, as a result Policy & Resources Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013 adopted "Proposals and Priorities for Improvements to Our Parks and Open Spaces", which form part of this programme.

Each year Policy & Resources Committee, when considering the budget estimates and precept for the forthcoming financial year, reviews progress with Capital Projects and updates the list according to funding and priorities. The Capital Plan forms the foundation of the strategic investment and improvement works undertaken by the Town Council in the year ahead. The Capital Plan proposals are considered and approved at Full Council in January when the budget and precept is set.

<b>Parks and Open Spaces Projects</b>		
<b>Park</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Franklin park	Improvement items identified by the Franklin Park Working Group: completion of gravel path in orchard (to enable access to lower part when the ground is water logged)	Currently scheduled for 2021/22
Impey Close playground	Resurface playground with rubber mulch under play equipment and pathway (Rubber tiles damaged and in places missing. Surfaces having been damaged subject to continued vandalism).	Once open space registered with the Council
Mosssdale Meadows & Merrileys	Replace vehicle and pedestrian culvert bridges at Mosssdale Meadows. <i>Existing culverts are not suitable for flow of water which causes flooding on the park on a regular basis</i>	<b>Priority Project for 2021/22</b>
	Bridlepath resurfacing (from Kingsway entrance through to Jelson owned land)	On-hold pending review and availability of resources
	Possible resurfacing of footpaths	
	Toddler swings (estimated five year life span – medium risk) MM	
	Refurbishment of Changing Rooms and Sports facilities at Mosssdale Pavilion. <i>The Changing Facilities and Social Facilities could make more effective use of the space and are in need of improvement and modernisation.</i>	Once Shakespeare Park Improvements completed – scheduled 2021

Parks and Open Spaces Projects (continued)		
Park	Project	Notes
Mosssdale Meadows & Merrileys <i>Continued</i>	Roof Insulation at Mosssdale Depot and Sports Changing Rooms. <i>There is currently no central heating at the premises, with electric heaters for the staff room at the Depot. The building is not energy efficient and needs to be both in the short and long term to reduce energy use and costs.</i>	Once Shakespeare Park Improvements completed – scheduled 2021
	Flood Prevention at Parks Depot. <i>Depot has recently been the subject of flooding incidents following heavy and prolonged rain. The depot is lower than the adjacent concrete pathway. Engineer to design drainage/flood prevention scheme.</i>	Work in progress to undertake the work
	Installation of bio-fuel boiler at Mosssdale Pavilion for heating the Sports Facilities and Parks Depot. There is no heating at the premises. There are electric heaters for the staff room at the Depot, which are inefficient and a higher risk for fire. The Town Council has to pay at the Waste Disposal site to tip hedge and tree cuttings, which could be reused to fuel heating system.	Once Shakespeare Park Improvements completed – scheduled 2020
Shakespeare Park	Consider alternatives to respond to problems of burst water pipes from the water tank currently sited on top of the football changing rooms (possible options, heating of tank or removal and installation of electric showers in the changing rooms)	Part of Shakespeare Park Improvement and Development Project, currently scheduled for completion in Spring 2021.  <b>Priority Project underway and scheduled for completion in 2021/22</b>
	Replacement to Perimeter fencing of Tennis Courts	
	Bowling Club Pavilion – (has an expected 10 – 15 year life span remaining) Consider options for the long term future of the building and possible future wider community use, and replacement of building, and the existing club's involvement in sourcing funding opportunities for the replacement.	
	Provide additional basketball/netball nets/markings to existing tennis courts to provide an all-year use for the facility.	
	Additional balance in play area (2-5 or 5 – 12 age group)	
	Additional Spinning Equipment in play area (2-5 year or 5 – 12 year age group) including installation	

<b>Parks and Open Spaces Projects (continued)</b>		
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Shakespeare Park <i>Continued</i>	Safety Surface installed at toddler area	<b>Priority Project underway and scheduled for completion in 2021/22</b> (see above)
	Additional seat in play area	
	Improvements to the entrance to the park area (access from the car park to the park)	
	Safety Surface in play area	
All Parks	Purchase of a wood chipper. <i>To enable the installation of a bio-fuel boiler at Mossdale Depot and Sports Changing Rooms. To reduce waste and waste tipping costs to tip hedge and tree cuttings, which could be reused to fuel heating system in pavilion. Chippings can also be used to make natural pathways.</i>	To be scheduled.

<b>Community Centres Projects</b>		
<b>Building</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Civic Centre	Refurbishment of both sets of Toilets including exploring the provision of a Changing Places Toilet. <i>The current toilets are approximately 20 years old. The refurbishment of the toilets provided an opportunity to ensure that the Civic Centre toilet facilities are fully accessible.</i>	<b>Priority Project for 2021/22</b>
	Refurbishment of the Civic Centre Bar, Kitchen and Store Facilities (To enable the expansion of the facility to provide a café service during the day and additional lunches and meals, utilising the space more effectively and providing a wider community social space).	<b>Priority Project for 2021/22</b>
	Council Chamber internal refurbishment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heating/Air Conditioning</li> <li>• Mood Lighting</li> </ul> Audio / Visual Equipment, including sound and loop system and fixed projector. <i>The facilities are in need of modernisation for users and hirers: the room is used for meetings, consultations, seminars, training and social events.</i>	On-hold pending review and availability of resources
	Sound proofing of Partition Doors between Ravenhurst / Winstanley Rooms. <i>Complaints from hirers about noise from adjoining room, potential impact on ability to hire both rooms separately.</i>	Not required if current proposals to refurbish toilets and provide a new kitchen facility go ahead.

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Civic Centre Continued	Refurbishment/Replacement of Fire Doors in Council Chamber. <i>Some doors and frames are rotten and doors stick when the frames swell in the damp. Potential to hinder exit in an emergency.</i>	Currently scheduled for 2021/22
	Fosse Room – Audio / Visual Equipment, including sound and loop system and fixed projector (The facilities are in need of modernisation for users and hirers: the room is used for meetings, consultations, seminars and training).	Currently scheduled for 2021/22
	Civic Centre Roof Refurbishment; Council Chamber side. <i>The roof on the Council Chamber and Fosse Room is leaking and has received several patches. Advice is that the roof has passed its life expectancy and will need refurbishing in the short term.</i>	To be scheduled.
	Replacement of Civic Centre Windows. <i>The windows are over 20 years old and do not meet modern insulation standards. Some are unsafe to open.</i>	To be scheduled.
Both Centres	Repainting of Rooms in both Civic Centre and Thorpe Astley Community Centre where there is dirt or damage (to ensure rooms are attractive to hirers).	<b>Priority Project for 2021/22</b>
	Installation of hearing loop systems in main rooms at both Community Centres. <i>Item already included where refurbishment of specific rooms has been identified.</i>	To be scheduled.

Library Projects	
Project	Notes
Installation of LED lighting at the Library. <i>The Library building has not been converted to LED lighting; conversion will reduce energy use and costs.</i>	Scheduled for 2021/22.

<b>General Projects</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Civic Centre and Franklin Park Car Parks	Resurfacing/ Relining of Civic Centre, including exploring new handrails along footpath on entrance slope from Welcome Avenue, and Franklin Park Car Parks. <i>Poor quality of the surface, particularly near entrances and patching is costly and inefficient. Lines are currently fading and can be relined following resurfacing. The slope at the Civic Centre is considered steep and potentially presented difficulties for wheel chair users and those who are less able.</i>	Currently scheduled for 2021/22
Installation of Solar Panels at both Community Centres and Shakespeare Park Pavilion	The Town Council has undertaken energy saving projects such as LED Lighting and installation of new heating and air conditioning systems. Shakespeare Park Pavilion will be built to current efficiency standards. The next stage for both reducing the impact on climate change and making savings is generation of some of the Council's electricity from renewable sources.	To be scheduled.
Improvements to Cycling Facilities	Cycle lock-up rails are available at both Centres and will be available at the new Shakespeare Pavilion. To encourage cycling and to ensure parked cycles are safe – consider covers, lock ups, better signage and CCTV coverage.	To be scheduled.
Gateway signage to the Town on the new road from Lubbesthorpe	The Town Council was responsible for the Town's place signs and would be responsible for installation of such signs at the new gateway and could explore incorporating speed reminders and/or safety messages.	To be scheduled once the road has been adopted by Leicestershire County Council.
Thorpe Astley Gateways	Gateway signage at the entrances to Thorpe Astley estate	Scheduled February / March 2021.
Provide new, improved and enhanced notice boards at key locations	Over the past few years, many notice boards have fallen into disrepair and have been removed. Some existing notice boards are in need of refurbishment and replacement. Some notice boards are located where there isn't a high level of footfall, while some key locations do not have notice boards.	Rolling programme over 5 years.

*Adopted by Council 28th January 2021 (Minute Reference 5896).*