

Notice of a meeting of the

Environment Committee

18th November at 7.45pm

All Saints Room, Civic Hall, Didcot



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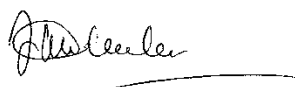
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Agenda

1. To receive apologies.
2. To receive declarations of interests. Members are reminded to declare any interests they may have on any item on this agenda in accordance with Didcot Town Council's code of conduct.
3. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2019 as a true and correct record **(attached)**
4. Questions on the minutes as to the progress of any item
5. To consider the details of the motion regarding single use plastic and climate change (motion 48 referred from full Council 2nd September 2019)
6. To consider and note the financial statements and budgets **(attached with appendix)**
7. To note the Outdoor Services Manager's Report **(attached) report on Pavilions to follow**
8. To note the report and consider a potential Laser Show **(attached)**
9. To note the report and consider its findings from the Lakes Working Group **(attached)**
10. To note the report and consider progression of a Splash park in Edmonds Park **(attached)**
11. To note the response from the Parents regarding a Sandpit at Ladygrove Park



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13th November 2019

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Agenda

Didcot Town Council

Environment Committee
Monday 16th September 2019 at 7.30pm
All Saints Room, Civic Hall



Minutes

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a true and correct record by the next meeting of this committee.

PRESENT

Councillors: D Macdonald (Chairman)
A Macdonald (Vice-Chair)
C Wilson
M Walsh
D Rouane
A Thompson
A Hudson

Officers: Mrs J Wheeler
Mr T Rudge (Outdoor Services Manager)

Others: Two members of the public
One non-Committee member of Council – Cllr P Davies

Public Participation

No one wished to speak.

31. Apologies

None

32. Declarations of interest

None

33. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2019

Following a lot of amendments, it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the 15th July 2019 as a true and correct record and that the Chairman sign them.

The amendments were as follows:

- The terms “bees” should be changed throughout the minutes to state either “bee-keeping” or “bee hives”.
- Minute 20 - spelling of Cllr D Rouane’s name and spelling of Cllr D Macdonald’s name.
- Minute 28 – delete the word “including”
- Minute 29 – delete the Twin Town Poland from the Flag Flying shedule

34. Questions on the Minutes as to the progress of any item

It was established that information was still awaited regarding the idea of bee-friendly bus shelters. The Councillors comments that the idea was to use a bus shelter owned by the Town Council as Clear Channel were not likely to be interested.

35. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BUDGETS

- i) The Committee considered a report on the financial statements and budgets to 31st August 2019.
 - It was clarified that the sum of £750,000 on 32524 should be removed as we do not have a grant for this sum. F&GP are likely to do this at their next meeting.
 - Cllr A Macdonald queried 90025 Election Fund and whether this was the right Committee.
 - It was noted that the reason fuel was over-spent was because the fuel could not be purchased in bulk whilst the Depot was being built.
 - Cllr Rouane wished to note that there would be no income from the fishing club due to Ladygrove Lakes being out of action.
 - Clarification was sought for 32597 Pavilions Project with £39,000 – it was confirmed to be monies towards the architect’s or professional fees.
 - Cllr Rouane queried the GDPR monies at £12,460 and whether this could now be released. The Town Clerk would see whether there was any further work planned.
 - The Depot Fund 90015 – it was confirmed that a full report on this over-spend would be considered at the next meeting of F&GP Committee.

The report was **NOTED** by the Committee.

- ii) The Committee considered the draft budget for 2020-2021. A spread sheet had been circulated with most cost centres being increased by a generic 3% as the predicted level of the RPI for December 2019. However other cost centres had been altered by the Town Clerk and detailed in a separate report. The Chairman went through the draft budget:
 - Salaries were discussed but it is difficult to know when the discussions with the unions will be resolved regarding the national pay award.
 - It was noted that now the Depot is finished – fuel costs will be more stable.
 - Future costs of Ladygrove Lakes were noted and the Committee assume that the issues of the lakes will be resolved before the end of the financial year.
 - The Committee wished to spend more on the Millennium Wood. Tony Rudge confirmed that money needs to be set aside to carry out thinning works in the woodland. A report would be brought to the next meeting. This would be a good project for a volunteer group – “Friends of Millennium Wood”.

- More investment is needed for the up-keep of the play areas. We are also struggling to get parts from Europe.
- The cancellation of the hanging baskets has seen the Council spend far less on plants.
- Cllr Walsh proposed putting in more trees. The wide verges do not belong to the Town Council. Cllr Rouane suggested planting on land owned by DTC first. Tony Rudge reported an increase in vandalism in Edmonds Park at the moment.
- Footpaths are under the jurisdiction of SODC.
- Security in Edmonds Park was needed. The Committee noted that it costs around £500 per tree to remove and around £150 in labour.
- 3159 – new verge cutting contract is increased from the last contract @ £24,400
- 325 projects – bring the list to the next meeting – preferably costed.
- It was confirmed that the £10k for bus shelters is part of a rolling programme.

36. OUTDOOR SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

Councillors noted the Outdoor Services Manager's report including an up-date on the Ladygrove Lakes. A number of issues were raised in relation to the report.

Wildflower planting – it was confirmed that we will need signage for the planting. Cllr Rouane wanted to do some education to show what it will look like.

Ladygrove Lakes

Cllr Wilson spoke to the report prepared by Tony Rudge. The working group has been concentrating on the water in the first instance. A lot of research has been done and various options have been put forward by the SODC engineers. The reality is that someone needs to care for the lakes on a regular, daily basis.

Work on the water quality is on-going. At the present we are pumping from the culvert but only for two hours a day. Tony Rudge has concerns over the safety of the smaller lake which is silt and quite dangerous to children in particular.

Tankers to get water into the small lake would cost around £1k per day. The Committee need to make a decision. Cllr A Macdonald was concerned about the long term viability of buying the water in by tanker to fill the lakes.

Under Standing Order 97g – proposed by Cllr D Macdonald; seconded by Cllr A Macdonald to allow Cllr Davies to speak as he is part of the Working Group. Cllr Davies spoke about the problems over the lake – there is no inlet and so the lakes dry out very quickly. There are still some fish in the small lake but the majority are now in the large lake. It is possible to move the fish from the small lake to the larger lake because both lakes are afflicted with contamination.

It was agreed that we would continue to pump from one of the manholes; move the fish into the larger lake and authorise a sum to tanker water and see what the result is. This would be for no longer than a few days. If the small lake cannot be rescued –

the working group and the Environment Committee would decide what could be done with it.

It was proposed by Councillor D Macdonald; seconded by Councillor D Rouane
RESOLVED to release up to £5k to tanker water in the short term to the larger lake.

The Committee agreed to amend the proposal to vire the money from code 32521 to meet the cost. It was noted that this was not considered to be a permanent solution.

Cllr M Walsh mentioned that if the lakes were resolved – a scheme for controlling the geese eggs should be considered.

37. To agree the purchase of a new vehicle and scarifier

It was proposed by Councillor D Macdonald; seconded by Councillor A Thompson
RESOLVED to purchase the vehicle and scarifer. It was noted that the vehicle would save the Council money. Tony Rudge had looked at the electric versions but they are not quite ready in terms of reliability. The Council resolved to review this after five years.

38. Allotment up-date and to confirm further site representatives

There was no report on the allotment up-date but it was AGREED that Cllr M Walsh as the site representative for Mereland Road and Cllr A Macdonald would be the rep for New Road allotment.

39. Report on bee-keeping on allotments

There was a discussion on this proposal. New Road allotments have made it clear that they are not in favour. It was felt that the wild flower areas are “bee-friendly”. It was confirmed that DTC would be responsible if we gave permission. Cllr D Rouane felt that the case had not been made and there was a lot of practical work that needed to be done – and who would police it. Tony Rudge said that the preferred spot was next to a public footpath.

It was AGREED to defer this item until we have had a chance to speak to the person who wishes to keep bees and whether they would be prepared to do some of the background work to enable the Councillors to make a decision. It was also AGREED that the Town Clerk should talk to the insurance company to see what our position is in terms of liability.

40. Up-date on the additional litterpick arrangements – Great Western Park

An up-date would be circulated to all Councillors via email.

41. Confirmation of CIL and S106 monies

The report was noted. Some of the monies need to be spent within the next 5 years. S106 is not necessary guaranteed as County may have other plans.

42. To consider the options relating to ways to progress the new pavilion at Edmonds Park and

43. To review the information about Council-owned splash parks

The Chairman decided to take these two items together. It was noted that the splash parks are not cheap to maintain but are very popular attractions. It would increase the foot fall in Edmonds Park and become a destination for Didcot residents. This would strengthen our bid for a better pavilion. It may mean that residents do not have to go out of Didcot to visit a splash park.

Cllr A Macdonald was in favour of keeping the splash park near The Wave which means residents could use the toilet facilities in The Wave and the car park. It was a conversation to have with SODC. He did not want to tie the two projects together.

There used to be a pool on that side of the park but further investigation would need to be carried out. It was noted that the disabled facilities at The Wave would be complemented by the splash park.

The other side of the park was also considered as the site for the new pavilion would be on the opposite side. Security was possibly better with the pavilion alongside Park Road.

Cllr A Hudson is in favour of the new pavilion alongside Park Road – there is a place for the pavilion and leaves more space for other sports.

It was noted that the current plans would need to be revised. It may be that the Public Works Loans Board would provide a loan to the Council. The Town Clerk spoke about how these loans work.

The Chairman wanted to also consider looking at grants. Cllr A Hudson said that building firms would be prepared to donate to the project. He also had a company that would be prepared to install the café. A tenant for part of the building may also work well in terms of security and income. A modular building would enable the Council to add on at a later stage. The tenant may have access to funding that the Council would not be able to apply for.

Cllr Rouane summarised the five decisions that need to be made:

- Installation of a splash park – yes or no
- Where the splash park would go
- Building of a new Pavilion yes or no
- Up-date of the plan but this may put the project back another year
- £39,000 in budget for preliminary work plus another £4000 from Milton Park
- Fund-raising – could launch a public appeal and fall back on the loans

The current plans are not fit for purpose due to safe-guarding purposes. Crowd-funding and the precept may also help to raise funds.

The Town Clerk suggested using the Contracts Finder website which would require a brief but does open the opportunity to more companies.

It was agreed that both projects should be progressed alongside each other. The splash park would strengthen the case for the pavilion. Cllr Hudson made the point that over ten football teams are using the park now and have a need for the changing facilities.

It may be possible to use the public art fund for the splash park but this may have to be agreed at Council.

It was proposed by Cllr A Macdonald; seconded by Cllr D Macdonald to agree the following:

- That the Council should continue with the splash park
- Progress would take place with the intention of trying to get the park in place by next summer
- The splash park to go near The Wave. Tony registered some concerns over the tree line. Another possibility was between the junior and senior play areas.
- Ask the public art working group if this project would be considered appropriate.
- The Pavilion would progress at the same time.
- The Pavilion would have changing rooms and a multi-use area – a communal area. The café would be intermittent depending on what is happening in the park. One or two break-out rooms. Room to extend.
- The up-dated plans need to be compliant with current standards and disabled use would also be appropriate. Green credentials should also be kept in mind.

It would be worth employing a professional grant-finder. The Councillors also requested costs on a temporary building as the current Pavilion is not fit for use.

44. Response to a request for a sand pit at Ladygrove Park

A letter had been received from a very young resident requesting a sand pit at Ladygrove Park. It was agreed to get costings. It was also agreed to write back to the young resident and suggest that he draws a picture of his favourite sand pit.

45. Firework and laser show for November 2020 and which park

It was AGREED that a laser show was preferred and more environmentally-friendly. It was also AGREED to have the laser show in Brasenose Park.

46. Review of notes from the Public Art Working Group meeting

The notes were noted.

47. To consider how DTC commemorates the 75 years since VE Day in May 2020

It was AGREED that a working group to plan any celebrations.

48. To discuss the environmental tasks from the recent motion and how the work can be implemented

There was confusion as to which motion was deferred. The Chairman stated that A and B were agreed and the rest would come to the Environment Committee. Cllr Davis stated that he had re-worded the motion. There were lots of bodies already achieving sustainable swaps such as the Chamber of Commerce and Sustainable Didcot. Cllr Davies wanted the Town Council staff to write to the food outlets regarding their use of plastics and to encourage a more carbon friendly way of working.

There was concern over doubling up with Sustainable Didcot. It may be possible to link Sustainable Didcot to DTC letters. Many of the proposals were already happening. It was AGREED to put this item at the top of the next Environment Committee agenda to decide the detail.

The meeting ended at 10:20pm.

Signed _____ Chairman Date: _____

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
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Environment

301	<u>External Works-Central Costs</u>						
3101	Salaries - Basic	19,156	134,528	236,000	101,472	101,472	57.0 %
3103	Events Staffing	0	946	2,000	1,054	1,054	47.3 %
3108	Staff Travel	140	1,370	2,200	830	830	62.3 %
3120	Protective Clothing	0	1,021	3,500	2,479	2,479	29.2 %
3124	Telephone-Works	0	81	1,000	919	919	8.1 %
3127	Subscriptions	0	55	200	145	145	27.5 %
3140	Vehicle Insurance	0	1,138	4,000	2,862	2,862	28.5 %
3141	Vehicle Fuel	313	5,107	4,000	-1,107	-1,107	127.7 %
3145	Machinery Costs	638	5,234	11,500	6,266	6,266	45.5 %
9034	Ford Ranger Pick Up	266	1,877	3,000	1,123	1,123	62.6 %
9039	Ransomes HR300 Rotary	426	2,980	5,200	2,220	2,220	57.3 %
9045	Ransomes Parkway 3	548	3,873	6,600	2,727	2,727	58.7 %
32504	Nissan Tipper Van Lease	358	2,398	6,600	4,202	4,202	36.3 %
	External Works-Central Costs :- Expenditure	21,845	160,608	285,800	125,192	0	125,192 56.2 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	21,845	160,608	285,800	125,192		
302	<u>Allotments</u>						
3151	Water Charges	328	768	1,000	232	232	76.8 %
3152	Electricity	0	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
3233	Allotment Competition	0	125	250	125	125	50.0 %
3244	Allotment Maintenance	0	1,737	2,500	763	763	69.5 %
	Allotments :- Expenditure	328	2,631	3,750	1,119	0	1,119 70.1 %
3282	Allotment Rents	0	11,680	10,800	880		108.2 %
	Allotments :- Income	0	11,680	10,800	880		108.2 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	328	-9,050	-7,050	2,000		
303	<u>Cemetery</u>						
3151	Water Charges	10	63	200	137	137	31.3 %
3154	Maintenance	131	460	2,500	2,040	2,040	18.4 %
	Cemetery :- Expenditure	141	523	2,700	2,177	0	2,177 19.4 %
3383	Cemetery Fees	1,765	14,541	21,000	-6,459		69.2 %
	Cemetery :- Income	1,765	14,541	21,000	-6,459		69.2 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	-1,624	-14,018	-18,300	-4,282		

Month No : 7

Committee Report

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
310 Environmental Services							
3150 Plants	83	1,123	12,000	10,877		10,877	9.4 %
3156 Seats and Litter Bins	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0 %
3157 Dog Fouling Clean-up Service	0	299	1,200	901		901	24.9 %
3158 Trees	0	293	7,500	7,207		7,207	3.9 %
3159 Grass Cutting	0	18,730	22,000	3,270		3,270	85.1 %
3162 Football pitch maintenance	4,400	5,743	8,000	2,257		2,257	71.8 %
3168 Street Furniture Maintenance	0	0	250	250		250	0.0 %
Environmental Services :- Expenditure	4,483	26,189	52,950	26,761	0	26,761	49.5 %
1183 Bowls Club Rent	0	50	50	0			100.0 %
3180 Sports Hire	0	-192	3,500	-3,692			-5.5 %
3184 Funfair Hires	0	960	3,300	-2,340			29.1 %
3186 Agency Income OCC	0	13,424	13,424	0			100.0 %
Environmental Services :- Income	0	14,242	20,274	-6,032			70.2 %
Net Expenditure over Income	4,483	11,946	32,676	20,730			
325 Projects							
9033 Ladygrove Lakes Bank Repair	0	0	0	0		0	0.0 %
9058 Building projects fees	0	10,335	25,000	14,665		14,665	41.3 %
9060 Noticeboard Replacement	0	0	900	900		900	0.0 %
32503 Ladygrove Lakes	0	2,654	17,600	14,946		14,946	15.1 %
32519 New Vehicle	0	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0 %
32520 Cemetery	0	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0 %
32521 Ladygrove Park	0	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0 %
32522 Green Waste Disposal	228	684	2,500	1,816		1,816	27.4 %
32525 Pavilion build	0	0	750,000	750,000		750,000	0.0 %
32590 Smallbones Play Area Refurbish	0	0	77,500	77,500		77,500	0.0 %
32597 Pavilions Project	0	0	39,000	39,000		39,000	0.0 %
Projects :- Expenditure	228	13,673	923,000	909,327	0	909,327	1.5 %
32524 Grant - Pavilion	0	0	750,000	-750,000			0.0 %
32581 Grant Received	0	0	50,000	-50,000			0.0 %
32587 CIL S106 Income	0	45,914	0	45,914			0.0 %
Projects :- Income	0	45,914	800,000	-754,086			5.7 %
Net Expenditure over Income	228	-32,240	123,000	155,240			
Environment :- Expenditure	30,797	240,523	1,325,400	1,084,877	0	1,084,877	18.1 %
Income	1,765	86,377	855,074	-768,697			10.1 %
Net Expenditure over Income	29,032	154,146	470,326	316,180			

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<u>304</u> <u>Edmonds Park</u>							
3151 Water Charges	18	145	1,200	1,055		1,055	12.0 %
3152 Electricity	0	563	750	187		187	75.1 %
3154 Maintenance	262	4,406	8,400	3,994		3,994	52.5 %
3155 Security	216	843	1,400	557		557	60.2 %
3170 Waste Recycling	392	4,296	8,200	3,904		3,904	52.4 %
Edmonds Park :- Expenditure	888	10,253	19,950	9,697	0	9,697	51.4 %
Net Expenditure over Income	888	10,253	19,950	9,697			
<u>305</u> <u>Ladygrove Park</u>							
3154 Maintenance	0	3,293	4,000	707		707	82.3 %
3165 Ladygrove Lakes	1,106	9,742	10,000	258		258	97.4 %
Ladygrove Park :- Expenditure	1,106	13,035	14,000	965	0	965	93.1 %
3185 Ladygrove Lakes Income	0	0	3,000	-3,000			0.0 %
Ladygrove Park :- Income	0	0	3,000	-3,000			0.0 %
Net Expenditure over Income	1,106	13,035	11,000	-2,035			
<u>306</u> <u>Loyd Park</u>							
3151 Water Charges	0	19	100	81		81	18.9 %
3152 Electricity	48	141	150	9		9	93.9 %
Loyd Park :- Expenditure	48	160	250	90	0	90	63.9 %
Net Expenditure over Income	48	160	250	90			
<u>308</u> <u>Other Parks & Recreation Areas</u>							
3154 Maintenance	1,677	3,628	5,500	1,872		1,872	66.0 %
3166 Millennium Wood Upkeep	51	1,122	1,500	378		378	74.8 %
Other Parks & Recreation Areas :- Expenditure	1,728	4,750	7,000	2,250	0	2,250	67.9 %
Net Expenditure over Income	1,728	4,750	7,000	2,250			
<u>309</u> <u>Play Areas</u>							
3149 Bark Top-up	0	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0 %
3153 Play Equipment Maintenance	0	8,702	13,000	4,298		4,298	66.9 %
Play Areas :- Expenditure	0	8,702	16,000	7,298	0	7,298	54.4 %
Net Expenditure over Income	0	8,702	16,000	7,298			

Note :

	Agreed Budget	Actual YTD	Next Year Budget
308	Other Parks & Recreation Areas		
3154	Maintenance	5,500	3,628
3166	Millennium Wood Upkeep	1,500	1,122
	OverHead Expenditure	7,000	4,750
	308	Net Expenditure	7,000
309	Play Areas		
3149	Bark Top-up	3,000	0
3153	Play Equipment Maintenance	13,000	8,702
	OverHead Expenditure	16,000	8,702
	309	Net Expenditure	16,000
310	Environmental Services		
3150	Plants	12,000	1,123
3156	Seats and Litter Bins	2,000	0
3157	Dog Fouling Clean-up Service	1,200	299
3158	Trees	7,500	293
3159	Grass Cutting	22,000	18,730
3162	Football pitch maintenance	8,000	5,743

Note :

	Agreed Budget	Actual YTD	Next Year Budget
32521 Ladygrove Park	5,000	0	0
32522 Green Waste Disposal	2,500	684	0
32525 Pavilion build	750,000	0	1,000,000
32588 Edmonds Park Pitch Maintenance	0	0	0
32589 Loyd Rec Pitch Maintenance	0	0	0
32590 Smallbones Play Area Refurbish	77,500	0	0
32593 CCTV Additional Camera	0	0	0
32596 Disabled Access Stubbings Land	0	0	0
32597 Pavilions Project	39,000	0	0
32598 Depot Proj Temp Accommodation	0	0	0
32599 Splash Park	0	0	200,000
OverHead Expenditure	923,000	13,673	1,271,900
32524 Grant - Pavilion	750,000	0	0
32581 Grant Received	50,000	0	120,000
32582 Sale of Assets	0	0	0
32587 CIL S106 Income	0	45,914	45,914
Total Income	800,000	45,914	165,914
325 Net Expenditure	123,000	-32,240	1,105,986
Total Budget Expenditure	1,325,400	240,523	1,689,584
Income	855,074	86,377	216,863
Net Expenditure	470,326	154,146	1,472,721

Note :

Note : (-) Net Expenditure means Income is greater than Expenditure

	Agreed Budget	Actual YTD	Next Year Budget
3168 Street Furniture Maintenance	250	0	250
OverHead Expenditure	52,950	26,189	44,190
1183 Bowls Club Rent	50	50	50
3180 Sports Hire	3,500	-192	3,000
3184 Funfair Hires	3,300	960	3,300
3186 Agency Income OCC	13,424	13,424	13,424
Total Income	20,274	14,242	19,774
310 Net Expenditure	32,676	11,946	24,416
325 Projects			
9031 Tree Management - Contract	0	0	5,000
9033 Ladygrove Lakes Bank Repair	0	0	0
9051 MemorialWW1 Commemorative Seat	0	0	0
9056 Ladygrove Lks: staging replace	0	0	25,000
9058 Building projects fees	25,000	10,335	25,000
9059 Bus shelters	0	0	0
9060 Noticeboard Replacement	900	0	900
32503 Ladygrove Lakes	17,600	2,654	10,000
32519 New Vehicle	4,000	0	4,000
32520 Cemetary	1,500	0	2,000

Note :

	Agreed Budget	Actual YTD	Next Year Budget
3152 Electricity	0	0	0
3233 Allotment Competition	250	125	250
3244 Allotment Maintenance	2,500	1,737	2,600
3386 Allotment Noticeboards	0	0	0
OverHead Expenditure	3,750	2,631	3,880
3282 Allotment Rents	10,800	11,680	11,500
Total Income	10,800	11,680	11,500
302 Net Expenditure	-7,050	-9,050	-7,620
303 Cemetery			
3151 Water Charges	200	63	210
3154 Maintenance	2,500	460	2,575
OverHead Expenditure	2,700	523	2,785
3383 Cemetery Fees	21,000	14,541	16,675
Total Income	21,000	14,541	16,675
303 Net Expenditure	-18,300	-14,018	-13,890
304 Edmonds Park			

Note :

	Agreed Budget	Actual YTD	Next Year Budget
3151 Water Charges	1,200	145	1,200
3152 Electricity	750	563	1,126
3154 Maintenance	8,400	4,406	8,660
3155 Security	1,400	843	1,443
3170 Waste Recycling	8,200	4,296	8,454
OverHead Expenditure	19,950	10,253	20,883
304 Net Expenditure	19,950	10,253	20,883
305 Ladygrove Park			
3154 Maintenance	4,000	3,293	7,000
3165 Ladygrove Lakes	10,000	9,742	11,000
OverHead Expenditure	14,000	13,035	18,000
3185 Ladygrove Lakes Income	3,000	0	3,000
Total Income	3,000	0	3,000
305 Net Expenditure	11,000	13,035	15,000
306 Loyd Park			
3151 Water Charges	100	19	100
3152 Electricity	150	141	150
OverHead Expenditure	250	160	250
306 Net Expenditure	250	160	250

Note :

	Agreed Budget	Actual YTD	Next Year Budget
301 External Works-Central Costs			
3101 Salaries - Basic	236,000	134,528	250,000
3103 Events Staffing	2,000	946	2,200
3104 Agency Staffing	0	0	1,000
3108 Staff Travel	2,200	1,370	2,300
3120 Protective Clothing	3,500	1,021	3,500
3124 Telephone-Works	1,000	81	1,000
3127 Subscriptions	200	55	400
3140 Vehicle Insurance	4,000	1,138	5,000
3141 Vehicle Fuel	4,000	5,107	5,500
3145 Machinery Costs	11,500	5,234	12,500
9034 Ford Ranger Pick Up	3,000	1,877	3,400
9039 Ransomes HR300 Rotary	5,200	2,980	7,246
9045 Ransomes Parkway 3	6,600	3,873	1,650
32504 Nissan Tipper Van Lease	6,600	2,398	7,000
OverHead Expenditure	285,800	160,608	302,696
301 Net Expenditure	285,800	160,608	302,696
302 Allotments			
3151 Water Charges	1,000	768	1,030

Didcot Town Council



Environment Committee

18th November 2019

Report author: Tony Rudge

Outdoor Services Manager Report

Introduction

1. The report lists all the grounds works completed along with updates on allotment availability. Also includes contract work.
2. Feedback on recent events within the report period and vandalism.
3. Staff updates and training.

Recommendation

4. That the Committee reviews the report, notes works completed and considers how to proceed with discussions regarding land ownership on Tyne Avenue.

Allotments

5. Allotment works are ongoing. During the winter period any unused plots will be cleared of rubbish and strimmed as required.
6. Plots will be re-pegged & numbered during the winter period.
7. Due to wet ground conditions at Mereland Road & New Road it is proposed to restrict cars during the winter period. Cars will only be allowed to park in the first car park at both sites, this is to prevent damage to grass roadways, notices will be placed showing parking areas.
8. Following a successful trial period the Committee is asked to consider allowing dogs on allotment plots to become permanent.

9. The allotment Liason Group have requested 3 burn dates for next year instead of the usual 2, they have requested 4th-19th April (2 weeks), 23rd- 30th August (1 week) and 26th October - 9th November (2 weeks).
10. Site reps have been asked to identify areas that could be used to plant wild flower meadows.

Play Equipment

11. Formal weekly recorded inspections are being carried out by ROSPA trained staff. The annual inspection has been carried out by ROSPA and no major problems were found although some low risk faults have been notified and these are being dealt with.
12. The self closing gate at Ladygrove Park which leads onto Tyne Avenue has been replaced at a cost of £1,655.

Cemetery

13. To date in 2019 there have been 20 full burials & 19 cremated remains burials.

General Maintenance

14. Litter collection is ongoing at all sites and waste is disposed of into a skip at Edmonds Park which is then taken to a waste transfer station.
15. Leaf collection is ongoing on all sites.
16. Winter bedding has been planted at the Cemetery and around the Civic Hall. The borders along the wall at the front of Broadway allotments have not been planted as these are going to be planted with perennial plants in the spring.
17. OCC verges contract. The contractor has just completed cut 7 of 8.

Events

18. The annual Remembrance Parade and service took place on Sunday 10th November and was well attended.

Future Events Booked

19. A request has been made by Margaret Read to scatter the ashes of her late husband Peter David Read who was Town Mayor in 2012/13 near the memorial.

20. The Town Council is planning to prepare an area on the Ladygrove mounds off Tyne Avenue for an area of wild flowers. The grass will be cut and collected within the next month and ground preparation will be carried out over the winter period for a spring sowing of wildflowers.

Nissan Cabstar

21. The Outdoor services department currently lease a Nissan Cabstar, the lease expired in October 2019 and we are looking for a replacement vehicle in the meantime we have extended the lease on the current vehicle by 6 months. Quotes have been requested for several hybrid vehicles.

Environment Committee

18th November 2019

Report authors: Lucy Blake & Chelsey Lordan



Laser Show at Loyd Recreation Ground, October 2020

Introduction

1. This report requests that the Committee considers hosting a Laser Show at Loyd Recreation ground, considers the financial costs involved and decide if they would like to consider setting a budget for the event.
2. A Laser Show would be very environmentally friendly, would cause less damage to the surrounding areas and would cause less noise pollution.

3. Recommendation

The Committee should decide

- a. To consider creating a budget for the event (examples of some quotes for an initial Laser Show, are attached to this report, page 5)
- b. To consider what date to hold the event – Friday 23rd October or Saturday 24th October could be good suggestions, depending on football schedules and what times would be suitable. This would bring the event away from the traditional firework date and allow it to be
- c. To consider adding to the Laser Show to boost the event, making it a more fulfilling experience; fun fair rides, food stalls (as used in previous Firework shows at Loyd Recreation Ground), entertainment including 'light up' performers, maybe on a raised stage so that everyone can see– costs may occur (some examples are shown on page 6)
- d. To consider how much to charge per person/family – tickets can be sold from the Civic Hall, or to follow suit of Aston Tirrold and Wallingford by making the event 'donations only' - both are extremely popular (Traditional firework performances can work out extremely expensive for families)

- e. To consider supplying a 'recycle point' for all plastic bottles and containers used by the food stalls and to encourage any/all vendors to be plastic free
- f. To consider whether the event should be 'manned' by a charity, a special events security company or Didcot Town Council staff; which could incur costs – extra help can always be drafted in by asking the Army Cadets for support
- g. To consider asking St Johns Ambulance to assist at the event, in case of any injuries
- h. To consider what will be done with the money made from the event. For example if this event were to be annual, proceeds could fund the following year

Background

4. The Environment Committee were asked at their last meeting to consider hosting a Laser Show instead of a Firework Show at Loyd Recreation Ground. It was agreed that Didcot Town Council could look into this more closely as a Laser Show would be environmentally friendly and cause less noise pollution. The Information Centre Manager and the Environment and Events Officer have contacted numerous Laser Show companies for rough estimations of costs involved. Three response have been received and their estimates are included at the end of this report.

Historically Didcot has had Firework displays and bonfires at the Loyd Recreation Ground, with the event being run by the Didcot Rotary Club and Didcot Chamber of Commerce. The event was always well attended.

In addition to the Firework display they used to provide stalls which sold hot food, doughnuts, candy floss and hot drinks; small fun fair types of rides and an inflatable slide and stalls which sold 'light up' toys.

Didcot Town Football Club have held a firework show on a few occasions since, but many residents are now choosing to visit surrounding towns and villages to view their firework shows as they are 'donation' based (more cost effective for families).

Numerous companies have been contacted for quotes on fun fair rides and hot food stalls but we have yet to have a response. These can be added to this report when we do receive them.

Didcot Town Council need to advertise this Laser Show as a new and exciting event.

Legal Implications

5. The Town Council will have a duty of care towards the general public at the event, the stall holders, the laser show employees and their staff.
6. The Town Council will have to make sure each and every company and individual supplier has the correct liability insurance cover (up to 10 million pounds) and can produce risk assessments for the event.
7. The Town Council will have to have a designated person or team, to monitor crowd control to reduce the risk of injury.

Financial Implications

8. The cost of the Laser Show – quotes are coming in roughly between £4500 and £11800. Breakdowns of these quotes have been requested but the companies need dates and times confirmed.
9. Added staff costs may incur if the Committee decide that Town Council Staff should manage the event, instead of a charity. A Charity may take the tickets and 'man the gates' free of charge if Didcot Town Council allow them to advertise and collect for their own charity.
Stewards and security staff may need radios purchasing.
Alternatively using a special events security company would incur an additional cost.
10. Tickets – an initial cost may incur if Didcot Town Council outsource the production of the tickets
11. Advertising – As this would be the first Laser Show in Didcot, **as much advertising as possible is needed**. Using the local press would incur a cost but social media advertising is free
12. Fun fair rides and food stalls may incur an initial cost but the Town Council will be able to take a percentage of takings on the evening.
13. Hot food and drink stalls – companies have been contacted for a quote. A local Butcher has stated that they can do a hot food stall for free (they have all Gas and Electric safety certificates, 10 million pound public liability etc) and if the event is successful, a contribution will be made.

Risk Implications

14. This would be the first Laser Show event in Didcot and could possibly have a mixed reaction.
15. Overcrowding – All gates will need to be lit and stewarded. All fences secure and manned with lots of signage.
16. Children falling on fun fair rides – Risk Assessments and Insurance will be provided by the fun fair providers. St Johns Ambulance could be the first aiders on site, if required.

17. Refreshment risks - Didcot Town Council will make sure that the catering staff are fully qualified, insured and have completed risk assessments prior to the event. St Johns Ambulance could be the first aiders on site, if required.
18. Outdoor stage – Didcot Town Council will make sure that any company hired to provide a stage for entertainers will have the appropriate insurance and have completed the relevant risk assessments.
19. In the event of a major incident situation, the site will require evacuating immediately. All stewards and security staff will be alerted to a pre-arranged site evacuation point prior to a public announcement, so all access points can be prepared. The evacuation procedure will be organised prior to the event.

Laser Show Company A, email:

“Currently rough guide prices are as followed:

5 Minute Laser Show with 3 x High Powered Lasers – To Music	- £4500
5 Minute Laser & Firework Show with 3 x High Powered Lasers – To Music	- £6000
10 Minute Laser Show with 5 x High Powered Lasers – To Music	- £7200
10 Minute Laser & Firework Show with 3 x High Powered Lasers – To Music	- £8000
15 Minute Laser Show with 5 x High Powered Lasers – To Music	-£7800
15 Minute Laser & Firework Show with 3 x High Powered Lasers – To Music	£11,800

All prices are plus Vat.

These are only rough guide prices, if you had an exact budget to mind we potentially could work towards that.

I look forward to hearing back from you” – 22nd October 2019

Laser Show Company B, email:

“Looking at a 30 minute show set to music would be around **£5000 - £6000 + VAT** depending on the site (as this would affect rigging, equipment needed & PA system required)

Hope that helps” – 29th October 2019

Laser Show Company C, email:

“The company I use for big, up-scale shows have given me the following prices:

3 x Lasers - 5 Minutes - £5100
 3 x Lasers - 10 Minutes - £5600
 3 x Lasers - 15 Minutes - £6100
 3 x Lasers - 20 Minutes - £6600
 3 x Lasers - 25 Minutes - £7100

5 x Lasers - 5 Minutes - £7800
 5 x Lasers - 10 Minutes - £8300
 5 x Lasers - 15 Minutes - £8800
 5 x Lasers - 20 Minutes - £9300
 5 x Lasers - 25 Minutes - £9800

Please let me know if you need any further info from me.”

Entertainment Company quotes:

Company 1:

“The guide price for the ‘laser violinist’ is **£1950 + VAT** (includes travel).

The guide price for Glow Show performers is **£1850 + VAT** (includes travel).

I work alongside a couple of different laser companies if you want a big laser show as well. I can get a separate quote for you for this.

I also have a new act which is an LED violinist. I don't have any photos or video footage yet as we are literally working on this right now. If you would like this and the ‘Laser Violinist’ combined we can do this for you.

The other act which works brilliantly outside is a fire act. Their price is again around **£1850 + VAT**.

Obviously if you were to book a number of these acts we can drop the prices for you.” – 30th October 2019.

Outdoor stage quotes:

Company 1:

“8m x 6m mobile stage . **£1250 plus vat**. This takes 90 minutes to set up.

12m x 10m stage; **Cost £5400 plus vat**. This stage takes 5/6 hours to set up as it has to be built on site.” - 31st October 2019

Company2:

7.5m x 6m covered performance space – floor at approx. 1.2m height.

Installation and De-rig crew, 60 minutes to install with 1 crew member. £1297.00 plus VAT of £259.40. Total **£1556.40**

10m x 6m covered performance space – platform at approx. 1.5m height.

Solid black PVC or Mesh walls to three sides with doors, 90 minutes to install with 2 crew members.

Installation and removal £1718.00 plus VAT of £343.60. Total **£2061.60**

– 6th November 2019

Food quotes:**Butchers quote:**

FREE – if the event is successful, a contribution will be made.

Didcot Town Council

Environment Committee

18th November 2019



Report author: Tony Rudge following input from the Working Group.

Update Report on Ladygrove Lakes

1. Introduction

This report updates the Committee according to the terms of reference of the Ladygrove Lakes working group regarding the current problems with the lakes which have been in an extremely poor state and still require drastic action.

Subject to permission for its recommendation being agreed by Thames water, the group is now able to recommend an approach to the water problem. This has been regarded by the Environment Committee as essential to proceed with the work of re-establishing the Lakes as a resource for the community.

2. Recommendation

That the Committee reviews the report and notes the ongoing works and recognises the present document as an interim report. The Committee is asked to

- Decide on the approach to the water problems, subject to TW approval.
- Agree that the works will concentrate on the large lake until success is demonstrated there, filling the small lake at a later stage.
- Decide on its preferred approach to the required power source.
- Agree to recommend the appropriate expenditure.
- Agree the aim to open the large lake to fishing by April 2020
- Ask the Working Group to continue its task.

3. Background

The Ladygrove Lakes Working Group which consists of Cllr C.Wilson, Cllr S Hewerdine, Cllr P Davies, J Coster (LFA) & T Rudge (OSM) have held several meetings during the past two months. The group have continued to look into the agreed areas of Water, Oxygen, Animals and People. During the months July to November, the working group has investigated three possible ways water in addition to rainfall might be input to the lakes. It is still unclear how the lakes were originally planned to be fed. It is, however clear that since then, the water supplies, now

culverted, are no longer able to provide a gravity feed to the lakes. In due course a map and explanation will be supplied to record these investigations for future reference.

Water - a verbal agreement had been made with Thames Water allowing water to be pumped from an adjoining underground culvert for 2 hours daily (Mon-Fri) into the large lake. This has been successful and the depth of water in the lake has increased by approximately 150mm although some of the increase is due to an increase in rainfall during the past few weeks.

If the committee agrees it is proposed to request permission from Thames Water & SODC to fit a pumping station into the manhole above the culvert which would increase the amount of water that could be pumped, agreement on the quantity allowed per week would have to be agreed with Thames Water. It is also possible to fit a filter system between the pumping station and the lake which could remove any impurities. The existing fence around the lake will be extended to take in the manhole.

The pump could be powered either by mains electricity, solar power or a LPG generator.

Issues of water quality remain to be finalised and may include the installation of a reed bed.

The works need to include provision for flooding should the lakes become over-full in the future.

Oxygen – One aerator is currently fitted on the large lake which is powered by a LPG generator, this has been successful but a lake of this size needs more than one aerator in warm dry conditions, the current generator could power up to 4 similar aerators if required. If preferred the aerators could be powered by solar power.

Animals - An over population of ducks & geese during spring and summer causes a problem. The working group have looked at several methods to reduce the number, with the Canada geese seen as the biggest nuisance. It is proposed to discourage the feeding of bread to the geese by members of the public using signage giving information on what can be fed to all wildfowl instead of bread.

During the breeding season, eggs will be taken from the nests where possible and either pricked or treated with liquid paraffin.

It is also proposed to place either wire netting or stacking up old branches around the islands to make them more difficult for the geese to climb up.

People – More signage and educational notices to be placed around the lakes explaining the works that are being carried out and to encourage local people to be involved in the upkeep of the lakes going forward.

Currently no work is being carried out on the small lake, this is slowly filling with rain water but is still less than 600mm deep and large areas around the margin are still not covered by water. The group will make further suggestions on this lake once the large lake is back to an acceptable condition.

The group is working towards reopening the large lake for fishing in April 2020 subject to agreement with the Committee on the agreed works to be carried out.

Once the lake is ready for reopening it will be necessary to replenish some of the fish stock, at present only the Carp have survived and other types ie Tench & Bream will need to be purchased to give the lake a more balanced fish content.

Before the lake can be reopened for fishing many of the fishing platforms will need to be replaced as they are not safe. This work went out to tender last year and prices ranged from £20,000 - £44,000. Copy of suggested platform attached.

The working group have yet to complete the task and will continue to meet and carry out further investigations into improving the future for the lakes.

Legal Implications

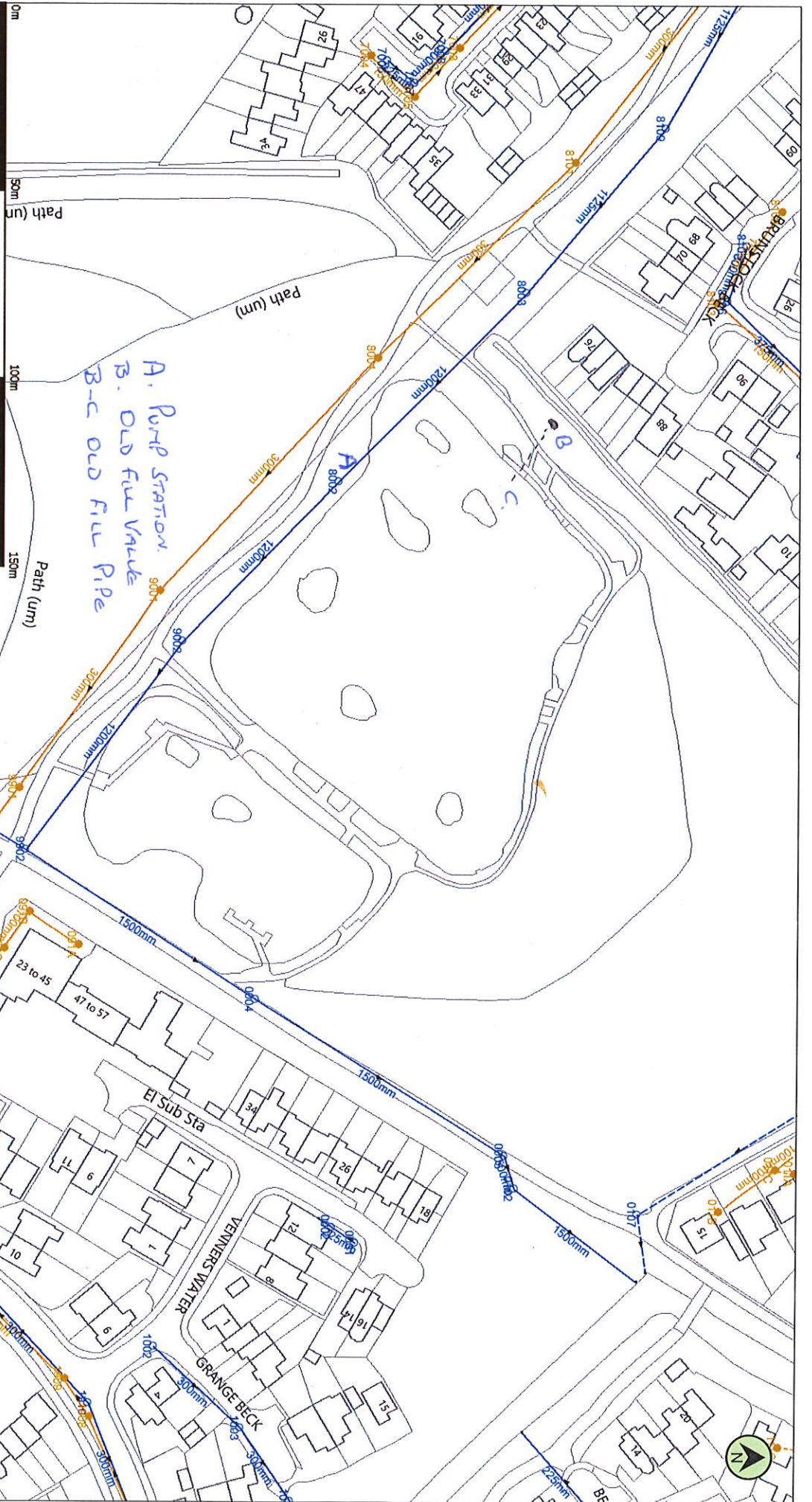
- Public Safety

Financial Implications

- The Fishing Association are willing to help with costs and volunteer labour.

Risk Implications

- The Town Council must ensure all works are suitably risk assessed before any work takes place.



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	Surface Sewer		Foul Sewer
	Combined Sewer		Pressure Main
	Abandoned Sewer		Private Asset
	Surface Manhole		Proposed Asset
	Combined Manhole		ST04 Boundary
	Abandoned Manhole		
	Other Manhole		
	End Item		

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Didcot Town Council



Environment Committee

18th November 2019

Report authors: Lucy Blake & Chelsey Lordan

Splash Park in Edmonds Park

Introduction

1. This report requests that the Committee considers budgeting for a Splash Park to be installed in Edmonds Park and to consider applying for funding to help with the costs.
2. A Splash Park in Edmonds park has previously been agreed as a good idea to explore. This report explains some of the funding options, the basic process and the next steps, should this project move forward.

3. Recommendation

The Committee should decide

- a. To consider creating a budget for a new Splash Park area to be installed in Edmonds Park, similar to those in neighbouring villages and towns (Wantage, Wallingford and Abingdon) – as this project is predicted to cost around the £200,000 mark, it will need to go to tender
- b. To consider 'surveying' Didcot residents for ideas on what equipment should be included in a new Splash park and to suggest a location

- c. To consider applying to SODC for grants to assist with the Splash Park project (individual grants that can be applied for are specified under 'Financial Implications')
- d. To consider if this Splash Park will use a 'once used system' or a 'recirculated system' – basic explanations of both types are attached to the end of this report, page 6
- e. To consider the location and size of the Splash Park (see page 7)
- f. To consider commissioning an Artist(s) to create and design aspects of the Splash Park, whether this is fencing, benches or other parts of the project. The artist chosen, if not local, could agree to mentor a local artist. There is an option to draw down 5% of the Public Art Fund to do some preliminary work with an artist
- g. To consider asking a surveyor and/or tree surgeon to check the suggested location for suitability
- h. To consider looking into further funding - from the National Lottery for example

Background

4. The Environment Committee agreed at their meeting held on 16th September, that the Council should continue with the splash park project. Didcot is a fast growing town with many more houses continuing to be built. In the summer there is a lack of outdoor water play space for children to play in. Many families visit the hugely popular splash parks in the local areas, including Wantage, Wallingford and Abingdon.

It has previously been noted that splash parks are not cheap to maintain but are very popular attractions. One would increase the foot fall in Edmonds Park and help make it become a destination for Didcot residents (quoted from Environment Committee Meeting Minutes - 16th September 2019). Maintenance contributions can be included with the Public Art Contribution fund.

Didcot is a big town and is still expanding. The numbers of families in the area have grown dramatically, increasing the need for more facilities for families and children.

Didcot residents have called for Didcot Town Council to consider installing their own Splash Park on more than one occasion. The subject is continually discussed on social media. Didcot Town Council could call upon residents to get

involved by making suggestions on social media, or on forms and feeding those ideas back to the Town Council.

Artists could engage with local children whilst drawing up designs by organising workshops. This will encourage enthusiasm with residents.

Edmonds Park is Didcot Town Council's largest and most known park and caters for a variety of people, whether this is dog walkers, footballers, tennis players, fitness enthusiasts, families or children. Installing a Splash Park can only improve this location and make it a very popular attraction in Didcot.

Legal Implications

5. The Town Council will have a duty of care towards the general public at the Splash Park and will have the responsibility to ensure it is built to a high standard and maintained well.
6. Didcot Town Council will have to make sure they adhere to the rules and regulations of applying for funding using the correct procedures. They will need to make sure they work to the timelines needed to qualify for the funds.
7. The Town Council will have to make sure that the chosen company has the correct liability insurance cover (up to 10 million pounds) and can produce risk assessments for the project.
8. The Town Council will have to have a designated team to take on this project and oversee the process, who will work closely with the South and Vale District Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Oxfordshire County Council, the Artist(s), the Splash Park Company, the general public and any other group/company who may need to be involved.

Financial Implications

9. The cost of a Splash Park in Edmonds Park will vary due to the chosen size, location and play equipment wanted. (Wantage Splash Park cost £135,000 in 2008).
10. Didcot Town Council can apply for s106 monies, but they are subject to Oxfordshire County Council agreement that the splash park project meets the criteria of each fund (after meeting with representatives from South and Vale and South Oxfordshire District Council, Didcot Town Council could potentially apply for approximately **£115,000** in funding – this includes 08s48 'the Play Area Contribution' **£9687.50**, 10s02 'Play Capital Contribution' plus maintenance

£2223.58 + £1607, 14s16 'Public Art Capital Contribution, in the vicinity of the site' **£37622.66 + £5158** maintenance and **£62000** for a 'Capital Project').

11. There will be costs involved with the initial starting stages of this project (The Public Art Capital Contribution money could be used for artist's fees and fabrication of the designed elements). Independent Artists will need to be commissioned to work with the Community to create designs within functional elements of the splash park and seating area (such as the design within the rubber crumb, fencing and benches), maybe incorporating The Didcot Wave into these workshops – it will be paramount to get the support from The Wave for this project as people may wish to use their facilities.
"Public art can be anything physical, that is made by a professional artist, is bespoke and of high quality" – Vale of White Horse District Council on behalf of South Oxfordshire District Council.
12. There will be maintenance costs once the project is up and running, but Didcot Town Council can potentially apply for maintenance funding for this. Depending on which system is chosen, costs will vary (the recirculated system will need Didcot Town Council staff to work over the weekends which will add to staffing costs). The Wantage Splash park maintenance costs consist of (approximately) £500 pa Electric, £5000 pa Water, £1200 Annual commissioning and decommissioning. In 2015 they spent £3100 on part replacements and £1800 surfacing repairs and in 2017 £7500 was paid out on surfacing part replacement.
13. Tree surveyors will be needed to assess the trees and their roots, in the suggested area for the Splash Park. This will incur a cost. Didcot Town Council made enquiries and made sure that the trees in the suggested location are not covered by Tree Protection Orders.
14. There will be small costs involved with sending the project to tender. This will include sending the specifications out in the post and all the stationary involved with this process.

Risk Implications

15. Didcot Town Council will have the responsibility to keep working to time deadlines, especially when/if applying for grants.
16. Didcot Town Council will need to make sure all Planning Applications are approved before anything progresses.
17. The Splash Park, once built, will need to be monitored for general wear and tear. Any imperfections could cause slips, trips or falls.

18. If a recirculated system is chosen, the chemical levels of the chlorine will need to be closely monitored for the public's safety.

Water systems

Once used system:

This system will run from the main water supply and use a holding tank underground. It will use fresh water with no added chemicals. As such this system does not require daily checks.

The system will need to be turned off in winter. It will also need to be sterilised and checked March/April time, after months of not being used. A sample of water will be taken and sent to an independent laboratory. Results from the tests should be back within a week.

This is the system used by Abingdon and Wantage.

Positive points of using this system are:

- More cost effective, especially for a smaller splash park
- Very low maintenance
- Environmentally friendly – Some companies can add a tank underground to collect the used water. This can then be reused to water flower beds etc.

Negative points are:

- The Splash Park will only be as good as the water supply

Recirculated system:

This system will require treating more thoroughly than a swimming pool. The water and chlorine levels will need to be checked at least twice a day. There will be 2 water tanks underground, 1 for the clean water and 1 for the dirty water.

Every few days the filter may need to be 'backwashed'. This is usually done at night time so the system and the water have time to recover.

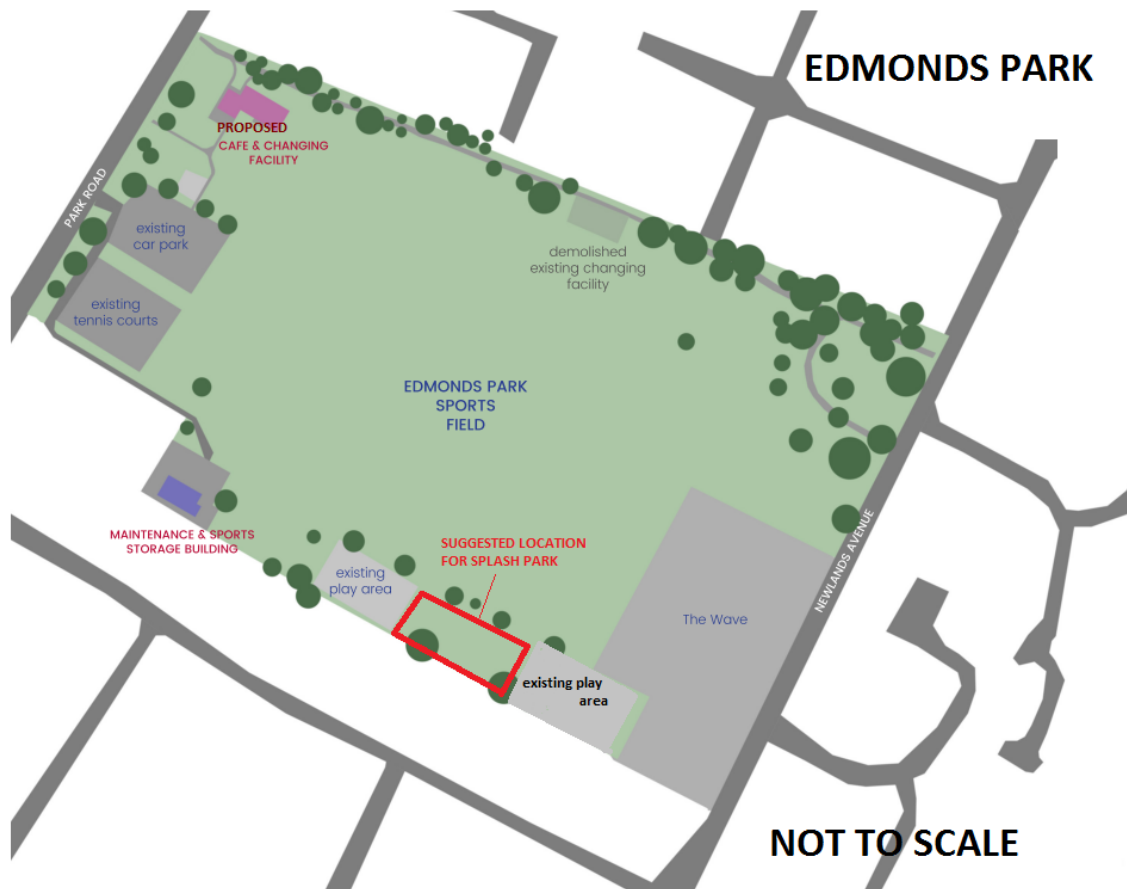
Positive points of using this system are:

- It is not restricted

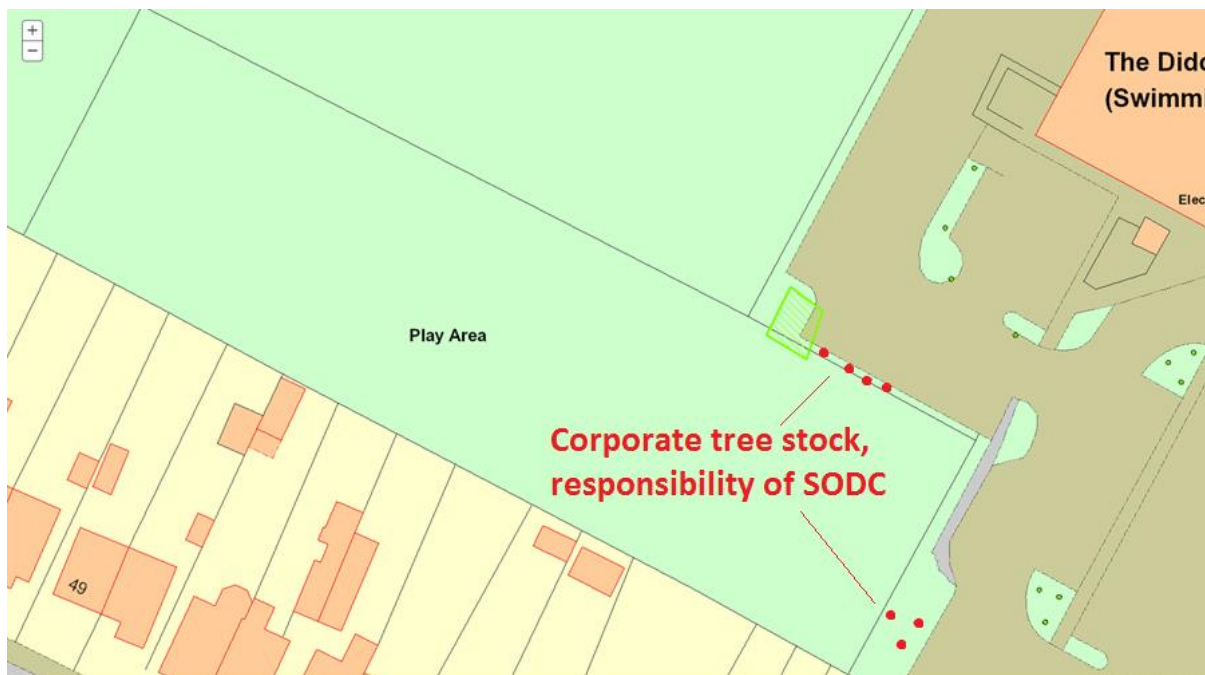
Negative points are:

- More expensive
- Will need more monitoring and tests

Suggested Location for the Splash Park:



- This suggestion is located between two existing play areas and is already fenced in making it secure for children and difficult for dogs to enter
- Having the Splash Park here will not affect the football pitches at all
- An outdoor pool was once situated in the vicinity of this location and it is hoped that the water pipes will be easily accessible for this project
- The trees in this area could cause a nuisance with their roots. Didcot Town Council will need to consult a Tree Surveyor to assess these. There are no Trees in this area which are covered by Protection orders.
- There are 7 trees in and around one of the existing play areas, which are 'corporate stock' and are the responsibility of the District Council (these are shown in the picture below). These will not affect the potential Splash Park.



Dear Lucy

Thank you again for replying to [redacted] about the sandpit on Ladygrove park.

He's had lots of ideas including an icecream hut, a train, a buried coin (he saw buried fossils in the Exeter Hall sandpit in Kidlington), a bucket lift.

[redacted] thought a good place for the sandpit would be near the new roundabout.

I hope you can understand his drawing! Any questions my email address is [redacted]

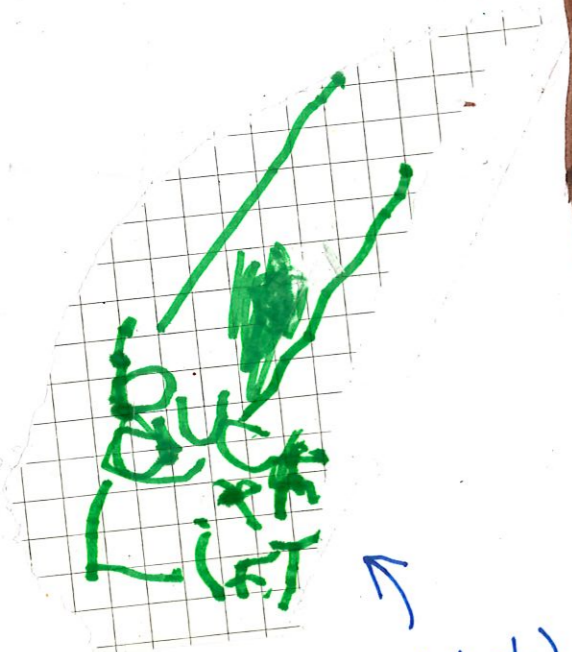
Thank you

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Tommy's
Sandpit idea!

ice cream
hut

rocks



(Bucket lift)

Sand
bin

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