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| Report No. TC01121 Appendix: D Agenda Item No.11 | Council 31ST March 2021 |
| Oakham Town Council | |
| Report Author: Cllr Adam Lowe | Title: Councillor |
| Subject: Centenary Field Decision Regarding Development | |
| Strategic Aims. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with and in partnership with Rutland County Council and other partner groups. • Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play. • Improve and increase facilities within the town. • Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay. | |

Updates Following Meeting in January 2021

Fitness Trail has been installed.

Meeting with Stuart Kidd (Tree Man) from RCC, we agreed that the ASB hide bush area with Ash trees can be removed without planning permission, opening the area towards the Centenary Field.

He also recommended planting Hollybush/Snow Berry/Cotoneaster (evergreen shrub) along the fence line towards Huntsmans Close and along Barleythorpe Road.

Geoff Gregg has removed the concrete blocks also the old Tresham signs have been removed.

We have asked our contractors to quote for the removal of the Ash trees and the fallen trees to ensure the area is safe.

On speaking to our contractor, the challenge with removing the chain link, we would need to hire a skip and the job is very labour intensify due the Ivy being grown between the links as well as some of the fallen trees.

Attached are the photographs of choice of decking and litter bins.

Once we have more quotes, we will come back to you for your decisions.

Having spoken to the Chairman, Cllr Romney feels that a Working Group could manage this moving forward, or perhaps it would become a key element to the T&C of the Parks and Planning element of the Councils structure where a consultation policy is introduced, one for Policies and Procedures to explore.

CCTV – Cllr Lowe emailed Rutland County Council and ask that the CCTV is moved onto Huntsman drive. (actioned - RCC are in talks with the residents regarding this).

Referring to the pictures I have outlined what could be actioned because of this meeting.

Here I have captured all the points discussed with the resident:

- 1) Entrance points could do with underfoot matting. Off Barleythorpe Rd & Huntsman Drive.
- 2) Kissing Gate at the Barleythorpe Entrance.
- 3) Significant gaps in the outer perimeter fenced are repaired or filled in. This would be to encourage main access usage. Planting of hedges and installation of fencing would address the gaps.
- 4) Two-meter-wide wildflower strip introduced to the frontage of the houses to discourage people climbing over the metal fence. Residents may choose to plant bushes in time.
- 5) Particular attention to the anti-social behaviour smoking den, with wild screening being removed to open the area up to the rest of the field, this would involve removing part of an old long jump pit into this. (actioned - being addressed)
- 6) The cope or wood - Chain link fencing to be removed as it is a danger to animals and humans. Concrete posts may be left if they are not an issue.

Proposals:

- (a) The pictures that show a small tree that is partly fallen and at risk of falling further and the large fallen tree which is also unstable despite being almost at ground level are both cut down and removed by the Council's tree surgeon

Note: Removing the tree removes seating areas which is where anti-social behaviour is happening.

- (b) The picture that shows the chain link - Council authorise Cllr Lowe/Councillors to cut the damaged chain link away and remove it.

Note: Cllr Lowe feels this is within his capability and it would not cost the Council, other Councillors may choose to assist. The Council Insurance would cover the Councillors if the Council agreed.

- (c) The picture that shows small access needs to be closed off and bolstered with some additional wooden straight beams. Council authorises Cllr Lowe to action this.

Note: Cllr Lowe feels this within his capability, and this would also save the Council money, it is a straightforward piece of work. Estimated materials £100.00 incl VAT

- (d) The picture that shows fence 01 and 02. The resident has asked if a 2-meter-wide wildflower bed can be created. Council approves the removal of the turf and plant seed and scrubs accordingly.

Note: Kissing Gate and additional hedge line work is an area where Cllr Lowe would be prepared to be involved in making and installing as we move into the warmer months.

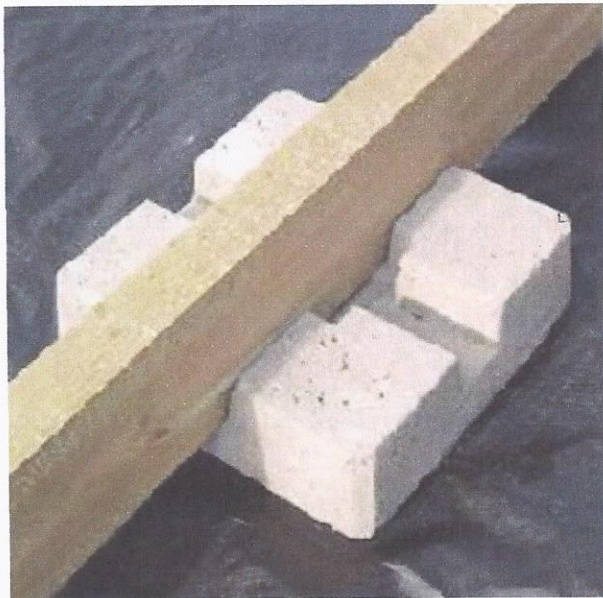
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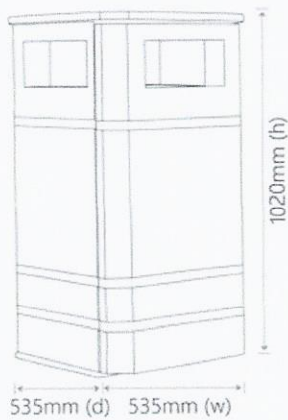
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