PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

12th June 2023

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Filham Park Masterplan

Phase 1 of the improvements to Filham Park are being finalised. Entrance gates have been removed and replaced with bollards making them more accessible for those with in wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs. A welcome board, noticeboards and waymark posts are also being introduced in the park.

ITC is directly managing the Access Track with John Grimes Partnership commencing the tender process and arranging the programme of works.

Phase 2 will include a new wheeled sports facility, café, toilets and a station for the Parks team.

DCC Visibility Splay Contract

The Town Council has commenced the annual verge cutting contract on behalf of Devon County Council. The first cut was below standard in places due to the wet weather conditions on the day of the cut, however the contractors have since returned to rectify areas where there had been concerns.

Play Areas

The play area tender for the design, supply and installation of play equipment at Victoria Park and MacAndrews Field play parks has been launched on the Government portal. The procurement timetable states an expected start date of August 2023.

Woodlands Cemetery

Signage has been installed at both entrances to the cemetery due to the ongoing issue of inappropriate items being left on graves and memorials, for example plastic and glass items. The signage requests fresh flowers and wreaths only, and highlights the restrictions set out in the cemetery booklet, which is now on the website and provided to plot owners at time of purchase and time of burial.

P3 Footpaths

The Devon County Council Parish Paths Liaison Officer has confirmed that the Town Council's application for funding of £2560 towards the P3 footpath maintenance has been successful. As part of this funding a portable pressure washer and leaf blower has been approved.