



WALTHAM ABBEY TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE NAME	Leisure and Community Committee
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SUBJECT	Recreation Report
RECOMMENDATION	This report is to be noted.
BACKGROUND	This report is to provide The Town Council with an update on the recreation facilities including recreation grounds, other open spaces, cemeteries, plant & equipment, and allotments.
INFORMATION	
TOWN MEAD	<p>Since the start of the 2nd Covid lockdown, no grass football pitches are being used and the 3G facility is being kept locked.</p> <p>Four of the 3G floodlight bulbs have been replaced by using the Councils Iveco high-lift and a new switch-on timer has been fitted at the control box.</p> <p>Floodlight timers on the 3G and skate park have been re-set for the winter season.</p> <p>New CCTV cameras have been installed at the baseball site overlooking four separate areas to deter vandals.</p> <p>Nine new litter bins have been installed at various locations of Town Mead. Weather permitting (can't use high-lift on soft grass) four new LED lamp post heads should be fitted at the Orchard Gardens entrance to the park.</p> <p>Some paved areas have been edged up and quotations are being procured to have the track from the car park to the 3G entrance tarmacked.</p>
LARSENS	<p>Both grass pitches are not being hired due to the latest lockdown.</p> <p>Two new litter bins have been installed at the site.</p>
NINEFIELDS	<p>7-a side grass pitch is not being hired due to the latest Covid restrictions.</p>
CEMETERY AND GARDEN OF REST	<p>The cemetery and garden of rest have been kept to a good standard over the summer. Maintenance of shrubs, hedges and edging up paths ongoing.</p>
CHURCHYARD AND GARDEN OF REST	<p>Areas of the church yard and garden of rest have been maintained.</p> <p>Gullies to be swept and edged up.</p>

OPEN SPACES	<p>Consent from Essex Highways to erect festive lights has been passed and structural tests completed on the street lamp posts. The steel columns were installed in the town a few weeks ago and the ground staff are in the process of putting up the Christmas lights. Two large Christmas trees have been ordered and the smaller trees have been delivered and are being dressed with LED pea lights.</p> <p>The War Memorial was replanted and maintained for Remembrance Sunday.</p> <p>EFDC have carried out remedial asbestos repairs to all rented units at Town Mead Depot. They are now in the process of electrical repairs and updates to the site, all from their budget.</p>
ALLOTMENTS	All plots are rented. Paths and entrances have been maintained.
PLANT & EQUIPMENT	<p>The Iveco high lift has recently passed its MOT test and had the mandatory six month LOLER test and service.</p> <p>New tyres have been fitted to the New Holland tractor.</p>
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	None
ENCLOSURES	None
DATA PROTECTION	None
CARBON NEUTRAL	None
CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1997	None