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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to attend a Meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE which will be held in THE COUNCIL CHAMBER at MAGHULL TOWN HALL on Wednesday 05 October 2022 at 6:30 PM

Note: *DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the Town Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.*

1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Members are asked to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the 2022-23 Municipal Year

2 Apologies for Absence

3 Declarations of Interest

4 Public Participation.

5 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members are asked to confirm that the minutes of the last meeting on 9 February 2022 are a correct record (ages 1 - 4)

6 Park Signage

Members are asked to consider the report (pages 5 - 7)

7 Tree Survey

Members are asked to consider the verbal report

8 Play Equipment Upgrades

Members are asked to consider the verbal report

9 Work Programme Update

Members are asked to consider the verbal report

10 Chair's Report

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. McIntyre'.

Miss A. McIntyre FSLCC
Town Clerk

Minutes of Amenities Committee Meeting Held Wednesday 09 February 2022 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Y Sayers

Councillors : Cllr J Desmond, Cllr S Doherty, Cllr K Hughes

Officers : S Larking, A Mc Intyre, D Stephens

1 Apologies for Absence

The Chair thanked everyone for attending. It was agreed to reorder the agenda to ensure the meeting was quorate for those items requiring a decision.

Apologies have been received from Cllr Ju Burns, Cllr A Lloyd, Cllr D Mullen, Cllr R Ferguson, Cllr Jo Burns, Cllr J Sayers

2 Declarations of Interest

None received

3 Public Participation.

None received

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members present at the meeting considered the minutes of the last meeting.

RESOLVED that the minutes of 24th November 2021 be approved as a correct record

5 Phase Two Tree Planting - Urban Tree Challenge Fund

Members considered proposals for taking forward works to improve green spaces by planting trees in Maghull. Maghull is the only Parish Council receiving funding, over 3 years, via the Urban Tree Challenge Fund. Phase 1 (Old Hall Park and Pimbley) completed. Phase 2 is 60 standard/well established trees across 5 sites (Old Hall Field, Dodd's Park, Mersey Avenue, Moss Park and South Meade Park). Grant revised to provide more funding up front to purchase trees and pay for a sub contractor to plant trees. Trees to be planted by the end of March. Grant available in years 2 and 3 *if* trees are established. Grounds Maintenance Team to receive training on planting and maintenance. Robust process in place to help get trees established including watering and stakes/ties.

Cllrs were pleased to note that the trees planted on Old Hall Park had not been vandalised.

RESOLVED that:

1. To continue with the Urban Tree Challenge fund as outlined within the report presented

2. Approved Officer proposals for taking forward tree planning and future maintenance as part of Urban Tree Challenge Fund:

1. The species of trees at site location

2. Utilising J.A. Jones and Sons (an approved sub-contractor of Mersey Forest) to undertake planting at each site.

3. Maghull Town Council Grounds Maintenance Operatives to undertake a maintenance programme from 2022/23 onwards to ensure the successful establishment of planted trees.

4. Explore the potential of "friends of" groups supporting Grounds

Maintenance Operatives in delivering against maintenance programme for planted trees

3. The contents of the report be noted.

6 Phase Three Tree Planting - Mersey Forest Grant Fund

Members were informed about the third and final tranche of tree planting. 28 trees - 13 for Pimbley and 15 for Old Hall Park. Type of trees to be agreed, preference for British native trees to broaden the wildlife habitat. In Pimbley trees to be interspersed between lighting columns. Issues raised about safety on Old Hall Park. Trees to be spaced to give good sight lines. Options for photo sensitive lighting as trees grow for additional security. Urgent decision needed to meet timetable for planting

Cllrs suggested that trees could be planted away from the footpath to reduce safety concerns. The Amenities Manager will discuss the proposed planting with Mersey Forest.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Standard tree planting schemes approved as per Mersey Forest Northern Grant with a grant of £11,564.00 to be made available to Maghull Town Council for tree planting and future maintenance of 28 standard trees.**
- 2. Officers authorised to sign off grant documentation relating to Mersey Forest Northern Grant when it is submitted by Mersey Forest.**
- 3. Amenities Manager authorised to determine the species of trees for each site having due consideration to funds made available under the grant and/or labour charges.**
- 4. The contents of the report be noted.**

7 Scrummies

The Amenities Manager informed Members that Scrummies Catering were in the process of moving out of the Bowling Hut to alternative premises. A landlord inspection would be carried out once Scrummies had left - expected by 11 February 2022. Cllrs noted that the kitchen should remain as rent had been reduced to cover installation.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

8 Review of 2021/22 Grounds Maintenance Operations and Proposed Works for 2022/23

The Amenities Manager reported that the Grounds Maintenance Team had worked hard to deliver the work programme. There were still a few areas to improve e.g. enhancement weeks. The Team had been focussing on tree works following the recent tree survey. This had been to the detriment of the parks. Further work was needed on the mechanism for inspections. Friends of Groups had been progressed. It was a challenge to get a consistent offer across all the parks e.g. flooding in Roundmeade. Works split between 2 windows: Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter.

Areas to focus on moving forward:

- Green Flag status for KGV Park
- Fleet: Looking at options for fleet as old and failing MOTs. EV an option but issues using off road e.g. parks and lead in time is 12 months. Likely to rent in short term
- Health and Safety: Engagement from Grounds Maintenance team on H&S Working Group, but more work to do
- Urban Tree Challenge: Team committed to looking after the trees to ensure Council

can claim future grant.

Cllrs noted the following points:

- Can see benefit of upgrades in parks
- ASB issues around Tree View Court. Working with schools to address issues at end of school day
- EV vehicles being scrapped as not economical to replace battery. Limit is 100,000 miles

RESOLVED that: the report be noted

9 Amenities Manager Update - Committee Resolutions

The Amenities Manager provided an update on Committee resolutions in progress:

Lease arrangements:

- ATC: Lease until 2028
- Tennis Club: Lease to be renegotiated. Awaiting copy of accounts to ensure club is financially viable
- Football Club: Lease to be renegotiated
- Bowling Hut: Not suitable for leasing due to drain issues. Cost to replace soakaway up to £2,000

Venue: Tender to be issued shortly. Lease for Venue needs to be ratified by Full Council

Utilities: Not possible to separate utilities for tenants at the Town Hall (Venue and Tennis Club). Will agree a service charge to cover utilities. Cllrs can vote for the amount of service charge

RESOLVED that: the report be noted

10 Progression of Tree Works following 2021/22 Tree Survey

The Amenities Manager gave an update on works following the tree survey. The Grounds Maintenance Team have felled 29 trees (of 35) priority 1 trees. This has generated savings of £12,500. Works for remaining trees to go out to tender along with any remedial works that require specialist services. Team to receive further training so able to carry out additional tree works including at height

RESOLVED that the update be noted

11 Wickstead Play Equipment Upgrades

Members noted that works to upgrade play equipment in parks (Balls wood, Old Hall, Mersey, Moorhey, Moss Park and Latham) would start in Old Hall Park at the end of February 2022. Amenities Manager in consultation with Sefton about works to Old Hall park. Payments to be made per site as works completed. Sites to be secured and neighbours to be informed.

RESOLVED that the update be noted

12 Update on Demolition of Whinneybrook Changing Pavilion

The Amenities Manager reported that the pavilion on Whinneybrook had demolished. The water supply has been shut off and the electricity supply for the pump will be reconnected on 10th February 2022.

RESOLVED that the update be noted

13 Chair's Report

It was noted that the Amenities Manager would be leaving to take up a role at Prescott Town Council. The Chair thanked the Amenities Manager for his work in Maghull and his support to the Committee. She said it had been a pleasure to work with him and he had been brilliant. The thanks were noted.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

CHAIR

Report to: Amenities Committee
Date of Meeting: 5th October 2022
Agenda Item Number 6
Subject: Proposed Park Signage installation 2022/23
Report of: Amenities Manager
Exempt/Confidential Report: No

Summary

To install signage in each of our parks.

Maghull Town Council Priority	Yes/No
Development and Protect the Community	Yes
Develop Parks and Green Spaces	Yes
Value for Money and Enterprising Council	Yes
Develop Leisure and Activity for All	Yes
Develop/support Community Services and Groups	Yes
Support Culture and Heritage	Yes
Health and Wellbeing Programme	Yes
Statutory Requirement	No

Recommendation(s)

Amenities Committee is requested to:-

1. Review and approve the cost of the project, notably
 - a) The design
 - b) Agree what parks require signage and their location (if multiple access points).

2. Note the contents of this report.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

In the last Full Council meeting, it was confirmed that the Champion Newspaper would cease publication, and the Council would need to establish a new way of communicating. One option briefly discussed was the possibility of installing signage in each of our parks. Not only will the signage have MTC branding and bring an identity to each park, but the signs will also have a noticeboard display that can be used as a tool in our communication strategy.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Several of our suppliers have been contacted to provide designs, installation, and delivery costs.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

All costs associated with this project will come from the Amenities core budget.

To date, the following options available:

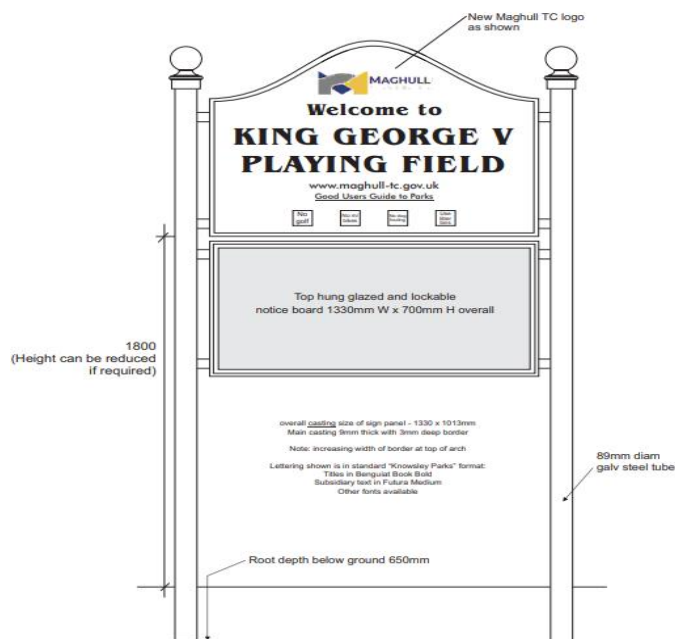
Option A

Cost per unit £2750.00

Install cost £470.00

Delivery cost £175.00

Total cost per unit £3395.00 (Excluding VAT)



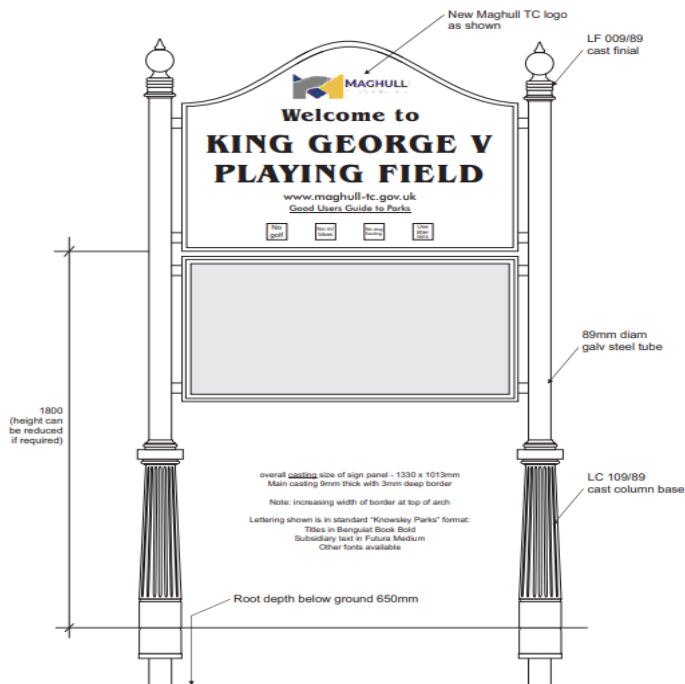
Option B

Cost per unit £3520.00

Install cost £470.00

Delivery cost £175.00

Total cost per unit £4165.00 (Excluding VAT)



Implications of Recommendations:

Financial Implications	Up to £120,000 (including VAT) for 2 signs per park
Resource Implications	Officers time
Legal Implications	None
Equality & Diversity Implications	None

Implementation Date for Decision

Immediately following the conclusion of Amenities Committee.

Appendices

None

Background Papers NA

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