

## Notes on Agenda items, Environment Committee, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

E/711- Minutes	Minutes attached																																																																																															
E/712 – Budget report	Report attached																																																																																															
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E/715 – Annual Tree Inspection	<p>THE STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY ARBORETUM MANAGEMENT PLAN p.14</p> <p>5.6 Tree inspections</p> <p>All trees under the management of STC will be inspected on an annual basis by appropriately qualified individuals. Tree work will be largely driven by the inspection programme. In the absence of a bespoke tree database, records relating to tree inspections will be held by STC in an appropriate format, such as an Excel spreadsheet. Information to be recorded about each tree includes a unique tree number, common name, botanical name, age class, height, stem diameter, defects, work recommendations, timescale for work and last date of inspection. A risk register should be kept of those trees which may be of concern, but which do not warrant removal, so that they can be reinspected after severe weather events such as storms, to ensure that their condition has not deteriorated.</p>																																																																																															

	<p>The annual tree inspection is due to take place. Officers have obtained three quotations. All companies are appropriately qualified to undertake the task and were given access to Stonehouse Town Council's database of trees to base their quotes upon.</p> <p>1. Glendale Services Town Sites = 158 Trees @ £ 3.41 per tree = £538.78 Doverow Wood = 1 Inspector for one day @ £275.00 <b>Total = £813.78 + VAT</b></p> <p>2. Simon Cox – Independent Arboriculture &amp; Urban Forestry Town Site Trees = Approx 158 trees - £1280.00 Doverow Wood = £560.00 <b>Total Cost is £1,840.00 + VAT</b></p> <p>3. Tree Maintenance Ltd Town Site Trees £1980.00 for up to 140 trees. Any additional trees will be at £9 each (£162.00). Doverow Wood = £1,726.00 <b>Total Cost is £3,868.00 + VAT</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>Officers recommend securing a contract with Glendale Services who are a tree management company approved by Stroud District Council. The trees inspection will be carried out by a qualified arboricultural surveyor.</b></p>																
<b>E/716 – Replacement Swings</b>	<p>Laburnum Swings Replacement</p> <p>The existing 10 ft high, 4 seat swings at Laburnum Park were removed due to the frame corroding. Since then, the plot has remained empty. Numerous members of the public have contacted the Town Hall to request replacements.</p> <p>The surface of the ground available is 7.2m x 7.8 m. Originally the swings were placed to face the enclosed play area, giving a swing area of 7.8m (minimum required). To face up the field the area is only 7.2 m, so would need to be extended to 7.8m.</p> <p>The quotes below are from 3 leading suppliers. Proludic supplied and installed much of the play equipment that is currently in situ in the play area. All companies gave three quotes, one for overlaying the existing wet pour, which would give a guarantee of a year at the most. The second and third quotes were for totally removing the existing wet pour and re-laying with new, which will give a guarantee of 5 years - either facing the existing playground or facing up the field.</p> <table><tr><th>Company</th><th>Replacement 4 flat seat swing – overlay existing. Facing either way.</th><th>Replacement 4 flat seat swing – remove existing ground and re-laying new surface. Facing existing playground.</th><th>Replacement 4 flat seat swing – remove existing ground and re-laying new surface. Facing up the field.</th></tr><tr><td>Kompan</td><td>Do not advise overlaying existing wet pour with a 10ft swing as ground surface is too old.</td><td>8.2ft high swing, facing existing playground. £18,670.04 plus VAT</td><td>8.2ft high swing, facing up the field. £18,670.04 plus VAT</td></tr><tr><td>Proludic</td><td>8 ft high swing, facing either way. £12,063.11</td><td>8 ft high swing, facing existing playground. £14,542.71</td><td>8 ft high swing, facing up the field. £14,542.71</td></tr><tr><td>GB Leisure</td><td>10ft high swing, facing existing playground. £11,731.00</td><td>10ft high swing, facing the existing playground. £14,178.00</td><td><b>10ft high swing, facing up the field. £15,581</b></td></tr></table>	Company	Replacement 4 flat seat swing – overlay existing. Facing either way.	Replacement 4 flat seat swing – remove existing ground and re-laying new surface. Facing existing playground.	Replacement 4 flat seat swing – remove existing ground and re-laying new surface. Facing up the field.	Kompan	Do not advise overlaying existing wet pour with a 10ft swing as ground surface is too old.	8.2ft high swing, facing existing playground. £18,670.04 plus VAT	8.2ft high swing, facing up the field. £18,670.04 plus VAT	Proludic	8 ft high swing, facing either way. £12,063.11	8 ft high swing, facing existing playground. £14,542.71	8 ft high swing, facing up the field. £14,542.71	GB Leisure	10ft high swing, facing existing playground. £11,731.00	10ft high swing, facing the existing playground. £14,178.00	<b>10ft high swing, facing up the field. £15,581</b>
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	<p>GB Leisure can replace the 10ft swings that were in situ previously. These swings were used by all ages. Numerous adult residents have enquired when the swings will be replaced as they are missed.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b>  <b>Officers feel if the new swings were the same height as previous, this would meet the needs of all within the community, and recommend they are replaced with new 10ft ones. The recommendation is to secure the work of GB Leisure to install 10ft swings to face up the field, at a cost of £15,581 plus VAT.</b></p>			
<b>E/717 – Planning Applications</b>	<p><b>S.23/2221/HHOLD</b> 48 Ryelands Road, Stonehouse  Erection of a single storey rear extension.  Respond by 5<sup>th</sup> December. Click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>			
<b>E/718 – Reports from Working Groups</b>				
<b>E/719 – Report on Planning Decisions</b>	<p><b>S.23/1603/FUL</b> 64 Midland Road, Stonehouse  Erection of a dwelling.  <b>PERMITTED</b></p> <p><b>S.23/1985/DISCON</b> Unit 2, Parcel E4, Land West of Stonehouse  Discharge of condition 3 (noise mitigation) of planning permission S.21/2759/REM - Reserved Matters application for a proposed employment development (Class E(g), B2/B8) pursuant to outline planning permission S.14/0810/OUT including details of landscaping, design, scale, and appearance. (description updated 13/04 to reflect outline permission).  <b>PERMITTED</b></p> <p><b>S.23/2099/LBC</b> Stonehouse Court Hotel, Bristol Road, Stonehouse  Re-roofing of the Caroline Suite and the addition of PV Panels to this roof.  <b>APPLICATION NOT REQUIRED</b></p> <p><b>S.23/2150/T5DAY</b> Unit 1200 Stonehouse Park Sperry Way Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 3UT  Decayed Lime Tree (1604) - fell.  <b>APPROVED</b></p>			