

Open Spaces Working Group Notes

30th May 2024

Action points are in ***bold italics***

Report Author: Parish Clerk
Present: Councillors ID Clarke and Mary Sheppard
No members of the public were present.

Apologies for absence

None.

Declarations of Interest

None.

Jubilee Garden

Councillors considered suggestions from the Council's Grounds Maintenance contractor regarding planting options for Jubilee Gardens. The suggestions which were supported were:

- Shrubs - Witch Hazel (Intermedia), Lavender (Philadelphus Belle Etoile), Roses (Great Maidens Blush, The Pilgrim and Arthur Bell)
- Perennials – Rudbeckia, Echinacea, Helleborus, Michalemas daisies, Carnations/Pinks
- Bulbs – Gladioli, Tulipa, Daffodils, Snowdrops and Allium

Councillors were also updated on interest in tendering for works to the wall.

Bench at Celtic Way

Councillors noted the very long lead time for the preferred bench and asked that ***the issue be raised at the next meeting of Council as to whether or not this proposal should be pursued.***

Colour Schemes

Woodwork – Councillors discussed a common colour scheme for woodwork (bus shelters, benches, planters etc) and expressed a preference for Anthracite/Dark Grey or Dark Brown. ***The Clerk was asked to obtain some samples for further consideration.***

Metalwork – The Clerk advised that works to the Grade 2 listed pumps had been discussed with North Somerset Council and that any works would need to be progressed based upon the original colour – a bright green. As a consequence, it was concluded that the same colour should be applied to any repainting of the car parking barrier. It was noted that ***Cllr Sugg had offered to investigate protective coatings/paints and the outcome of this investigation was awaited.***

Project and Maintenance Schedule

The Project and Maintenance schedule was discussed. The following additions/modifications to the circulated schedule were identified:

- Noticeboards – Cllr Clarke advised that informal discussions with residents at the Veale had indicated a preference for a replacement noticeboard. It was also felt that there was no need for a replacement board at Bleadon Road due to the proximity of the noticeboard at the Coronation Halls. Materials and size were discussed and the merits of taking a common approach to replacing all noticeboards at the same time. ***The Clerk was asked to include the prospect of replacing noticeboards at the next meeting of the Council.***
- Trees in playground – these should ***be reinspected in the Autumn of 2024 rather than 2025*** as stated in the maintenance schedule.
- Dog bins – ***location and replacement of dog bins to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting of the Group.***

The following Grounds Maintenance issues were also identified:

- ***The need to trim Purn Quarry to prevent unauthorised camping***
- ***Cutting back the hedges to the rear of the WI bench and adjacent to the Parish Pumps***
- ***Removal of a tree limb above the Bier Garden in the churchyard***