

17th October 2022

AGENDA

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the:

Parks and Estate Committee
on Monday 24th October 2022 at 7.00pm,
to be held at the
Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB

Membership:

Cllr Allensby (West) Chairman	Cllr Macdonald (East)
Cllr Brett (East)	Cllr Macfarlane (West)
Cllr Fraser (West)	Cllr Parks (North) Vice Chairman
Cllr Fryer (Broadway)	Mr Peter Hewitt (Advisor)

Copied to all other members for information.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the council and committees, unless excluded due to the confidential nature of the business.

If you wish to contribute during public participation, please contact admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk prior to the meeting to enable this to be facilitated. If you do not wish to attend in person, the chairman may read out your contribution.

Yours sincerely



Tom Dommett (CiLCA)
Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

1. **Apologies for absence**
To receive and accept apologies, including reason for absence, from those unable to attend.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of interest under Warminster Town Council's (WTC) Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011
3. **Minutes**
3.1 To approve and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parks and Estates Committee meeting held on Monday 11th July 2022; and Standing Order 12.1 provides that they may therefore be taken as read.
3.2 To note any matters arising from the minutes of the Parks and Estates Committee meeting held on Monday 11th July 2022.
4. **Chairman's Announcements**
To note any announcements made by the chairman.

Standing Orders will be suspended to allow for public participation.
5. **Public Participation**
To enable members of the public to address the committee with a written submission, an allowance of three minutes per person regarding any item on the agenda and **to receive** any petitions and deputations. The chairperson will read any statements submitted in advance.

Standing Orders will be reinstated following public participation.
6. **Reports from Unitary Authority Members**
To note reports provided which are relevant to this committee.
7. **Parks and Estate Manager's report**
Report attached for members information. **(See attached)**
For Noting.
8. **Accounts**
Members to note the accounts for the Parks and Estates Committee up to 31st August 2022. **(See attached)**
9. **Play Area Works**
Members are requested to endorse the Report (attached) and resolve that the schedule of work and these figures are used for the drafting of the budget to be presented to Full Council.

10. Boat House and The Lake Pleasure Grounds Centenary Celebrations

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The working group therefore recommends to the committee that officers bring forward proposals for improving toilet provision in the Lake Pleasure Grounds for the committee to consider.

Members to resolve whether to ask officers to bring forward proposals for improving toilet provision in the Lake Pleasure Grounds

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Members to resolve which quotation to approve. The money to come from the Outside Services tree works budget 209/4044.

12. RBL Request re Garden of Remembrance/War Memorial Garden

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Members to resolve whether to support the two proposals from RBL and if so to request that they be included in the draft budget for 2023-24.

13. Spring in the Park 2023

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Parks and Estate Manager's Report:

Parks and Estates Committee 24th October 2022

Lake Pleasure Grounds

- 1 **Lake:** Replacement duck ramps have been fitted. The Japanese knotweed has been treated for the second time this year.
- 2 **Pavilion Café:** Is open for trade. Now four days per week Thursday to Sunday.
- 3 **Play area:** Weekly inspections continue to be carried out.
- 4 **Skatepark:** Is open and being well used.
- 5 **Lake Pleasure Grounds public conveniences:** All toilets are open. We have had one incident of vandalism which is being investigated by the police.
- 6 **Splash Pad:** The splash pad is now closed. After an amazing first year the pad will be drained down and the features taken away to storage by the contractor in the coming weeks.
- 7 **Elizabeth Collyns Garden:** Open and being well used.
- 8 **Flower Beds:** Are still planted at the moment but will be removed when the frosts start to bite.
- 9 **Boats on the lake:** Closed for winter.
- 10 **MUGA area:** see tennis courts
- 11 **Boat House:** All essential work has been carried out.
- 12 **Putting green:** Is closed for the winter with closedown work undertaken last week.
- 13 **Tennis Courts:** Progress continues to be made with the LTA with the hope of refurbishment completed by early spring 2023.
- 14 **Tree works:** See agenda
- 15 **Scout hut:** Nothing to report.

Outside Services

- 16 **Play Areas:** Officers have undertaken the annual review of the play areas. See agenda.
- 17 **Public Toilets: Central Car Park public conveniences:** All toilets are open. Officers are seeking prices to repair/replace several hand wash stations at central car park after several have come to the end of their lives.
- 18 **War Memorial:** The RBL have completed the agreed work at the War Memorial. See agenda.
- 19 **Closed churchyards:** Grass cutting is coming to an end.
- 20 **Hanging baskets and Tubs:** Are now taken down after a very good season.
- 21 **Sweeper (Basil Brushes):** Is preparing for the leaf fall season having now finished watering the hanging baskets. He has also used the new weed whacking brush a lot this summer after many complaints from the public about weed growth in the curb edge.
- 22 **Street Furniture:** Most of the town centre bins have now been refurbished. The final few will be completed soon.

Stuart Legg

10.10.2022

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Detailed Balance Sheet - Excluding Stock Movement

Month 5 Date 31/08/2022

<u>A/c</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
	<u>Fixed Assets</u>	Asset Value	Depreciation	Net Value
1	Freehold Land & Buildings	1,528,041	370,303	1,157,738
11	Leasehold Land & Buildings	4,835	968	3,867
21	Vehicles & Equipment	453,420	364,473	88,947
41	Infrastructure Assets	388,554	185,641	202,913
61	Community Assets	103,808	0	103,808
91	Capital Work In Progress	368,287	0	368,287
	Total Fixed Assets	2,846,945	921,385	1,925,560
	<u>Current Assets</u>			
101	Debtors - Civic Centre	5,140		
102	Debtors - Town Council	4,375		
105	VAT Control A/c	15,582		
120	Stock - Bar	270		
121	Stock - Pavilion Cafe	1,896		
200	Current/Instant Access Account	145,990		
215	CCLA - Deposit Fund	1,555,899		
220	Petty Cash Account	250		
221	Float - Civic Centre	700		
222	Float - Pavillion Cafe	425		
	Total Current Assets		1,730,526	
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
501	Trade Creditors	122,280		
510	Accruals	17,609		
515	PAYE/NIC Due	10,214		
516	Superannuation	9,814		
520	Net Pay Control	(866)		
565	Deposits - Bookings	401		
590	Retentions	8,958		
	Total Current Liabilities		168,409	
	Net Current Assets			1,562,118
	Total Assets less Current Liabilities			3,487,678
	<u>Long Term Liabilities</u>			
391	Deferred Grants - Applied	580,934		
392	Deferred Grants - Released	(106,507)		
401	PWLB Loan	272,295		
	Total Long Term Liabilities		746,722	
	Total Assets less Total Liabilities			2,740,955
	<u>Represented by :-</u>			
300	Current Year Fund	92,713		
310	General Reserves	314,740		
315	EMR Capital Projects	264,290		
316	EMR Services to be Devolved	514,770		
319	EMR Elections	25,000		
323	EMR Tennis Courts	10,000		

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Month 5 Date 31/08/2022

<u>A/c</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual</u>
325	EMR CCTV	12,529
326	EMR Climate Change	10,000
329	EMR Open Spaces	9,334
330	EMR Catenary Cables	3,168
331	EMR Depot	25,000
332	EMR Sweeper	3,000
333	EMR Cycle Path	20,000
336	EMR Training	2,062
338	EMR Play Areas	50,057
343	EMR Town Crier	2,261
346	EMR Website	863
352	EMR CIL 18-19	59,667
353	EMR CIL 19-20	12,372
354	EMR CIL 20-21	1,755
355	EMR S106 Grant	814
356	EMR CIL 21-22	60,827
357	EMR CIL 22-23	66,897
360	Capital Financing Account	1,178,838
Total Equity		2,740,955

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/08/2022

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Cost Centre Report

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
208 Town Park Splashpad								
4012 Water Rates	5,093	5,093	0	(5,093)		(5,093)	0.0%	
4020 Consumables & Other Expenses	871	1,261	0	(1,261)		(1,261)	0.0%	
4037 Maintenance Contracts	0	188	0	(188)		(188)	0.0%	
4040 Equipment/Furniture	102	203	0	(203)		(203)	0.0%	
Town Park Splashpad :- Indirect Expenditure	6,065	6,746	0	(6,746)	0	(6,746)		0
Net Expenditure	(6,065)	(6,746)	0	6,746				
209 Outside Services								
4001 Salaries	17,892	83,805	197,500	113,695		113,695	42.4%	
4007 Uniform	395	814	1,500	686		686	54.3%	
4008 Training	0	245	3,500	3,255		3,255	7.0%	
4020 Consumables & Other Expenses	45	6,314	1,800	(4,514)		(4,514)	350.8%	
4022 Postage & Telephone	134	607	2,400	1,793		1,793	25.3%	
4024 Photocopier Charges	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
4025 IT (Website & Email)	285	882	800	(82)		(82)	110.3%	
4028 Insurance	0	371	550	179		179	67.4%	
4035 Refuse Collection\Bin Emptying	0	0	7,000	7,000		7,000	0.0%	
4036 Repairs and Renewals	27	27	5,000	4,973		4,973	0.5%	
4040 Equipment/Furniture	765	940	10,000	9,060		9,060	9.4%	
4042 Vehicle Costs	1,483	9,475	27,000	17,525		17,525	35.1%	
4044 Tree Works	380	380	4,000	3,620		3,620	9.5%	
Outside Services :- Indirect Expenditure	21,406	103,860	261,350	157,490	0	157,490	39.7%	0
Net Expenditure	(21,406)	(103,860)	(261,350)	(157,490)				
210 Town Park								
1006 Rent - 23 Weymouth St	330	1,650	3,960	2,310			41.7%	
1020 Town Park Events Income	100	2,810	3,000	190			93.7%	
1550 Boats Income	2,351	5,452	4,500	(952)			121.2%	
Town Park :- Income	2,781	9,912	11,460	1,548			86.5%	0
4001 Salaries	2,523	9,211	13,200	3,989		3,989	69.8%	
4012 Water Rates	1,066	2,657	14,000	11,343		11,343	19.0%	
4014 Electricity and Gas	0	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%	
4020 Consumables & Other Expenses	182	3,166	5,000	1,834		1,834	63.3%	
4028 Insurance	0	943	1,400	457		457	67.4%	
4035 Refuse Collection\Bin Emptying	867	2,579	0	(2,579)		(2,579)	0.0%	
4036 Repairs and Renewals	2,337	11,338	10,000	(1,338)		(1,338)	113.4%	
4037 Maintenance Contracts	0	243	2,000	1,757		1,757	12.2%	

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4038 Grounds Maintenance	0	450	0	(450)		(450)	0.0%	
4040 Equipment/Furniture	644	963	5,000	4,037		4,037	19.3%	
4085 Town Park Events	838	4,033	13,000	8,967		8,967	31.0%	
5329 Tfr from Open Spaces	0	(6,529)	0	6,529		6,529	0.0%	
Town Park :- Indirect Expenditure	8,458	29,054	66,100	37,046	0	37,046	44.0%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(5,677)	(19,142)	(54,640)	(35,498)				
<u>211 Open Spaces</u>								
4038 Grounds Maintenance	0	573	0	(573)		(573)	0.0%	
4040 Equipment/Furniture	0	129	0	(129)		(129)	0.0%	
4045 Flood Wardens	0	104	200	96		96	52.2%	
Open Spaces :- Indirect Expenditure	0	807	200	(607)	0	(607)	403.3%	0
Net Expenditure	0	(807)	(200)	607				
<u>212 Cemetery and Churchyard</u>								
1212 Burial Fees	286	451	500	49			90.2%	
Cemetery and Churchyard :- Income	286	451	500	49			90.2%	0
4011 Rates	27	124	250	126		126	49.8%	
4028 Insurance	0	741	1,100	359		359	67.4%	
Cemetery and Churchyard :- Indirect Expenditure	27	866	1,350	484	0	484	64.1%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	259	(415)	(850)	(435)				
<u>214 Public Conveniences (TP & CCP)</u>								
1901 Insurance Claims	0	3,730	0	(3,730)			0.0%	
Public Conveniences (TP & CCP) :- Income	0	3,730	0	(3,730)				0
4012 Water Rates	0	607	2,500	1,893		1,893	24.3%	
4014 Electricity and Gas	0	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%	
4016 Cleaning	257	444	0	(444)		(444)	0.0%	
4020 Consumables & Other Expenses	0	218	2,000	1,783		1,783	10.9%	
4024 Photocopier Charges	0	372	0	(372)		(372)	0.0%	
4028 Insurance	0	135	200	65		65	67.4%	
4036 Repairs and Renewals	117	793	3,000	2,207		2,207	26.4%	
Public Conveniences (TP & CCP) :- Indirect Expenditure	373	2,567	10,700	8,133	0	8,133	24.0%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(373)	1,163	(10,700)	(11,863)				

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215 Street Furniture								
4028 Insurance	0	270	400	130		130	67.4%	
4803 Baskets & Tubs	0	1,997	3,500	1,503		1,503	57.1%	
Street Furniture :- Indirect Expenditure	0	2,267	3,900	1,633	0	1,633	58.1%	0
Net Expenditure	0	(2,267)	(3,900)	(1,633)				
216 Pavillion Cafe								
1600 Pavillion Cafe Sales	33,532	85,332	50,000	(35,332)			170.7%	
Pavillion Cafe :- Income	33,532	85,332	50,000	(35,332)			170.7%	0
3540 Pavillion Purchases	9,347	28,687	25,000	(3,687)		(3,687)	114.7%	
Pavillion Cafe :- Direct Expenditure	9,347	28,687	25,000	(3,687)	0	(3,687)	114.7%	0
4001 Salaries	4,386	18,650	37,300	18,650		18,650	50.0%	
4007 Uniform	0	0	150	150		150	0.0%	
4008 Training	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
4010 Health & Safety	0	0	100	100		100	0.0%	
4011 Rates	266	1,332	3,050	1,718		1,718	43.7%	
4020 Consumables & Other Expenses	353	1,837	3,000	1,163		1,163	61.2%	
4022 Postage & Telephone	25	101	400	299		299	25.1%	
4023 Printing & Stationery	28	28	200	172		172	14.2%	
4025 IT (Website & Email)	0	32	200	168		168	16.1%	
4036 Repairs and Renewals	129	1,484	2,000	516		516	74.2%	
4037 Maintenance Contracts	0	188	500	312		312	37.7%	
4040 Equipment/Furniture	66	128	500	372		372	25.5%	
4055 Stocktaking Fees	0	0	240	240		240	0.0%	
4061 Streamline Charges	369	1,046	1,400	354		354	74.7%	
Pavillion Cafe :- Indirect Expenditure	5,622	24,826	49,290	24,464	0	24,464	50.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	18,563	31,820	(24,290)	(56,110)				
217 Play Areas								
4010 Health & Safety	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4016 Cleaning	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4020 Consumables & Other Expenses	298	298	500	202		202	59.6%	
4036 Repairs and Renewals	0	1,805	10,000	8,195		8,195	18.1%	
4040 Equipment/Furniture	25	11,486	1,000	(10,486)		(10,486)	1148.6%	
Play Areas :- Indirect Expenditure	323	13,589	13,500	(89)	0	(89)	100.7%	0
Net Expenditure	(323)	(13,589)	(13,500)	89				

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219 Sweeper								
4007 Uniform	0	30	0	(30)		(30)	0.0%	
4036 Repairs and Renewals	521	917	2,000	1,083		1,083	45.8%	
4042 Vehicle Costs	227	278	0	(278)		(278)	0.0%	
4090 Sweeper Leasing	2,056	10,281	24,675	14,394		14,394	41.7%	
4091 Sweeper Consumables	0	1,243	1,200	(43)		(43)	103.6%	
4092 Sweeper Fuel	265	2,878	9,000	6,122		6,122	32.0%	
4093 Sweeper Waste Disposal	101	3,382	25,000	21,618		21,618	13.5%	
Sweeper :- Indirect Expenditure	3,171	19,009	61,875	42,866	0	42,866	30.7%	0
Net Expenditure	(3,171)	(19,009)	(61,875)	(42,866)				
220 Depot								
4011 Rates	358	1,785	7,500	5,715		5,715	23.8%	
4014 Electricity and Gas	0	128	750	623		623	17.0%	
4018 Rent	3,950	11,665	16,000	4,335		4,335	72.9%	
4025 IT (Website & Email)	56	231	0	(231)		(231)	0.0%	
4036 Repairs and Renewals	0	1,294	1,000	(294)		(294)	129.4%	
4037 Maintenance Contracts	0	188	200	12		12	94.2%	
4040 Equipment/Furniture	0	95	0	(95)		(95)	0.0%	
Depot :- Indirect Expenditure	4,364	15,387	25,450	10,063	0	10,063	60.5%	0
Net Expenditure	(4,364)	(15,387)	(25,450)	(10,063)				
299 Services to be devolved								
4000 UNALLOCATED GLOBAL BUDGET	0	0	345,000	345,000		345,000	0.0%	
5316 Tfr frm Services to be Devolve	0	0	(175,000)	(175,000)		(175,000)	0.0%	
Services to be devolved :- Indirect Expenditure	0	0	170,000	170,000	0	170,000	0.0%	0
Net Expenditure	0	0	(170,000)	(170,000)				

REPORT

Stuart Legg, Parks and Estate Manager

Parks and Estate Committee meeting 24th October 2022

Play area works plan

Recommendation

That the committee endorse the report and the schedule of work and these figures are used for the drafting of the budget to be presented to Full Council.

Purpose of the Report

Following the annual audit of the nine play areas maintained by WTC, officers wish to alert members to the likely financial commitment over the coming years, and the effect this will have on future budget and precept. Quotes for replacement equipment will be presented to the committee for authorisation at the appropriate time.

Background

The council has been responsible for the play area in the Lake Pleasure Grounds since 2016. In 2020 leases were signed on a further 8 play areas around the town. Since taking on these play areas the council has spent money bringing them up to an acceptable level. This has included replacing safety surfaces, painting equipment, and ensuring the areas comply with all relevant health and safety standards. Members will be aware that weekly play area inspections continue to be conducted as does the annual RoSPA inspection. This year work has been carried out or has been instructed and is awaiting work to begin, in line with decisions taken by the committee.

Findings

Play area	Equipment	Work to be completed	Budget cost	Year			
<u>The Beeches</u>	Bench	Replace	£600	1			
<u>The Heathlands</u>	Multiplay	Replace	£15,000	4			
	Bin	Replace	£500	2			
<u>Fore Street</u>	Slide	Gaps in tiles, Replace surf	£5,000	1			
	Timber Trail	Has been removed, Repl	£7,000	3			
<u>Pound Street</u>	Fencing	Chainlink has deteriorate	£1,500	3			
<u>The Dene</u>	Bin	Replace	£500	1			
	Gate	Replace with self closer	£2,000	1			
	Balance item	Have been removed. Rep	£5,000	3			
<u>Queensway</u>	A and B	Replace safety surface	£5,000	2			
	A and B	Replace with small multi	£10,000	2			
<u>Lake Pleasure Gro</u>	Multiplay	Replace	£25,000	1			
	Tube Slide	Replace	£10,000	3			

The Parks and Estate Manager and Park and Open Spaces Supervisor carried out the annual audit of play area equipment. The officers considered which items would need replacing within the next 3-4 years. These were then listed with approximate replacement costs. See table.

Officers used this information to draw together a proposed programme of works for the next 3 years. Summarized below.

This will help the council to budget and precept for play area improvements going forward.

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Bench	£600.00	Bin	£500.00	Timber Trail	£7,000.00
Bin	£500.00	Re surface	£5,000.00	Fencing	£1,500.00
Re surface	£5,000.00	Multiplay	£10,000.00	Tube slide	£10,000.00
Multiplay	£25,000.00	Total	£15,500.00	Balance items	£5,000.00
Gate	£2,000.00			Total	£23,500.00
Total	£33,100.00				

Financial and Resource Implications

The ongoing upgrading of play areas will need to be budgeted and precepted for annually.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council has the power to provide this service under the General Power of Competence.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any issues the council should consider but will take into account the council's policies.

Risk Assessment

A risk assessment will be carried out before any work is carried out.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the council should consider under the Crime and Disorder Act.

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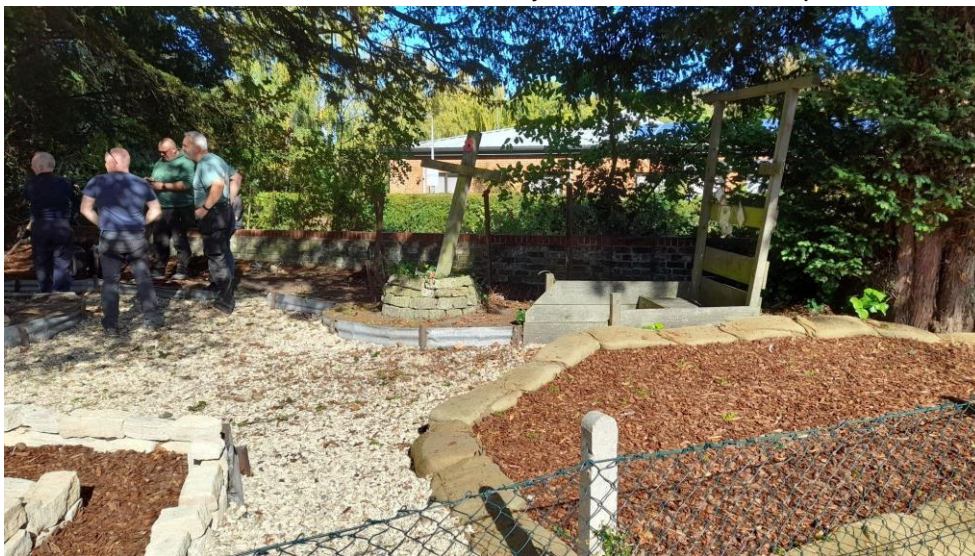
In May I came and spoke to you in the Parks and Estates Committee meeting and requested a grant of £2000 to allow the RBL to liaise with Warminster's youth groups and with their help refurbish the war memorial garden. This was done and throughout the summer with help from the Scouts, Warminster school and members of the RBL and their families carried out work on the memorial garden. I would like to thank the council for allowing me to manage this project and I would especially like to thank Stuart Legg for his assistance.

During the past 6 months intensive work has been carried out, which has included removing all unwanted vegetation from the grounds right back to the wall facing the hospital car park.

There is now a gravel footpath that allows good access around the garden even for wheelchairs.



The barbed wire that was part of the theme, has been cleared away and has not been replaced, the reason is now the vegetation has been cleared it is more exposed and people could harm themselves on it, so for safety reasons I have not put it back.



The bench has been removed, cleaned, and renovated. It is now back in place looking like new.



A desert theme has been constructed and sandbag bunkers have been built to enhance the theme.



The side adjacent to the hospital is a raised garden which has been planted with wildflower seeds, so hopefully next summer they will be in full bloom.

The center garden has also been planted with wildflower seeds.



The area for the planned jungle theme is about ready for planting bamboo. More work is still required to prevent and reduce unwanted vegetation from growing back.



The work on the garden has gone very well, sadly I have had to stop for this year due mainly to having to run with the poppy appeal also I have spent the money that you allocated to the

project. I hope what has been achieved will only inspire you to carry on and support the project for next year.

What I envisage happening next year is to carry on using the youth groups of the town. I will also need support from the council. For example, the fence on the hospital roadside presently is a wire fence and in very poor state of repair, I would suggest replacing it with a wooden fence with parallel slates to the ground but no higher than 3feet high.

Replace the Wooden firing post
New signposts to indicate what the area represents
Bamboo garden added to the jungle
Plastic barbed wire to simulate WWI trench system

I have not costed the fence, but I feel this work would have to be completed by the town council. For the remainder I would like to request up to £2000, I know this sounds a lot but the cost of materials has far exceeded my expectations due to the cost of living, but I hope with what you have seen of the work so far it is money well spent.

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