



ENVIRONMENT & FACILITIES

Environment Service June 2024 Report

Joe Ashton | Environment Service Manager

To: Environment & Facilities

CC:

Date of Meeting: 11th of May

Time of Meeting: 7 pm

Location: Council Chamber

1	General update on any activities since the last meeting
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Speed Sign Schedule – Please see the attached schedule for installation and removal dates. This is a live document that will be updated accordingly.

Meeting Cllr Larsen - I met with Cllr Larsen to discuss the service and the general day-to-day tasks of all staff in greater detail.

Killacourt - The ground around all benches has been re-turfed and aerated to address compaction from foot traffic. The entire site has received its annual maintenance, including painting benches, buildings, and steps.

Tree Works - Removal of dead, damaged, and diseased trees has been completed at Concrete Waves, The Gannel, and Priory Woods.

Priory Woods Survey - A bat survey by Jon Blackburn and Newquay College students revealed the presence of Lesser and Greater horseshoe bats in the cave with the grill. They observed up to four bats emerging. Additional species, including soprano and common pipistrelles, were noted foraging along tree lines.

Footpath Maintenance - The contractor completed the first cuts of all pathways on the town council's maintenance list. Five random spot checks on FP22, 38, 40, 41, and 55 confirmed high-standard cuts.

Towan Beach - Several tons of stone have been removed from the foot of the cliffs on Towan Beach. Larger stones have been retained for wall repairs at Marcus Hill and Mount Wise.

Killacourt Path Edge - APS repaired the central path edge, sealing it with a silicon material and metal pegs to prevent movement. Future maintenance will be handled by the ES.

South Fistral Car Park – Potholes have been filled in and the barrier has been repainted.

Hanging Baskets & Planters - New hanging baskets and planters have been installed around town, including three new planters outside Poundland and Whitehead Ross. All will be included in the summer watering schedule.

3	Specific update on any actions allocated in the previous meeting
<p>Polwhele Road – Quotes for installing fence posts and wire indicate a two-month lead time, with most companies busy until the end of July. Quotes will need to be sourced closer to the time due to cost rises.</p> <p>The Gannel - Initial cost per picnic table is £660.51 ex. VAT. The site has the capacity for at least three tables. Delivery cost will be extra.</p>	

5	Any suggestions for improvements
<p>Gym Equipment - I would like to gain Cllrs thoughts and opinions on proposing the installation of outdoor gym equipment at several of our sites to enhance community fitness and well-being.</p> <p>South Fistral Play Park – Myself and the Deputy Town Clerk recommend updating the internal South Fistral Play Park into an inclusive, disability-friendly space. The current playpark is in poor condition, with multiple pieces of equipment needing repair or replacement. The surface is deteriorating, and the surrounding fence and internal hedge require maintenance.</p> <p>I have attached this years ROSPA report outlining the amount of work needed. I am also struggling to find companies to repair the current equipment due to the different manufactures and age of each individual piece.</p> <p>Our goal is to secure funding from various organisations to create a new, modern play park that will serve residents and visitors for years to come. If the committee approves this plan, I will explore all available options to refurbish this well-used site.</p> <p>Potential funding sources include the Boardmasters Foundation and the National Lottery Community Fund. CIL funding will be explored with a recommendation to G&R. With the hire of the part time grants officer this could be a good project they could assist with.</p>	

5	Any recommendations
<p>Recommendation to investigate funding streams to update the existing play area at South Fistral including internal funding streams such as CIL which would require a recommendation to G&R.</p>	

Approval & Clearance of Report

Report Sign Off	Signature/Name	Date
Working Party (when required)		
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Deputy Chief Executive (always required)	J.Piwecki	05.06.24
Finance and Procurement Manager (always required)		
Chief Executive & Town Clerk (always required)		