

REPORT FROM THE CLERK TO LYDIARD MILLICENT PARISH COUNCIL DETAILING HANDYMAN WORK SCHEDULE

Purpose of Report

This report is to be noted by members. It gives a general update on work being carried out around the parish by Lydiard Millicent Parish Council staff.

Jubilee Club House

Inside: During the lock down period general maintenance was carried out around the building. This allowed the building to be monitored instead of being completely closed for a long length of time. It also made a convenient time to repaint the building, a large part of which had not been carried out for a very long time. This has now been completed apart from the main hall, which has been repainted within the last five years.

Remedial work has been carried out on the plumbing system and the electric sockets. Some of this work is continuing, especially in the Gents toilets. The showers have been tested and will be flushed through in the near future. They have been descaled.

The loft space has been inspected, there are a number of boxes that need to be sorted, this is a low priority and will be carried out during the winter when it may not be possible to work outside.

Outside: Guttering has been cleaned, and the back of the building has been tidied, the items stored at the rear are now stacked up from the ground. The spare poles were showing signs of rotting, being in direct contact with the ground. The steps to the player's entrance have all been jet washed, making the building look generally more inviting.

Car Park and Driveway

Gullies have all been cleaned, allowing surface water to drain onto the grass. All detritus from the far side has been removed, together with the rotten posts marking parking spaces. The fence line bordering Meadow Springs houses is being cut back, (a resident has also been working hard, erecting a fence on the boundary with his property. Keeping the car park and driveway tidy and looking cared for requires attention twice a week.

Play Area

The fence has been treated on the front and side, now that the hedge has been cut back the fence at the far side of the play area can be treated. It is hoped this will allow the fence to be fit for purpose for the next five years. It will be necessary to make some adjustments to the fence behind the new spider climbing frame. Regular checks have been carried out within the play area. To make the regular checks easier it is recommended the Handyman attends a training day. Attendance will provide insight to the legislation and safety requirements currently necessary to operate a safe play area.

Recreation Field, Generally

A litter sweep is carried out at every attendance, with litter (of varying types) being collected each time. There is a problem with dog owners not cleaning up or leaving bags on the field rather than placing them in the bins provided at the exit. It is hoped that this behaviour will improve as dog walkers see a council presence.

Cemetery

The cremated remains area has been tidied, with all the dead and straggly foliage being removed. Ivy has been removed from the stone wall, and other areas looking unkempt have been attended to. If the hedge at the far end is cut this winter it will allow the area to stay looking cared for. The pathway leading to the Cemetery needs attention, it can not be improved by remedial works alone. Moss growing on the pathway just inside the gate has all been removed.

It had been reported that the flower beds in front of the Church were beginning to rot. On inspection there is evidence of rot at the ends, it is hoped that they can eventually be replaced with the poles behind the Jubilee Club House.

Moving Forwards

A uniform, displaying the Council Logo, has been sourced; together with some protective clothing. A set of yellow Hi Viz vests, with the council name on, has also been purchased to be used when volunteers are helping.

The Council does not have any maintenance equipment, and the Handyman is currently using his own tools. He has been asked to consider what would be beneficial for the council to purchase. It will also necessitate clearing out the store room so tools can be stored securely and the space can also be used as a workshop area. This will require both football and cricket clubs to move their equipment from the area; a new storage solution for them will be needed.

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