

Item 12.4: Widegates Green Matters:

To stimulate discussion at the meeting to be held on the 5th July, 2017:

Following the recent monitoring meeting held on the 23rd June, 2017 with the Council's contractor for the Village Green the following were identified and discussed. All matters under this heading have been discussed with Councillor Bill Matthews, Portfolio Holder for Widegates. The clerk will provide more detail as required at the meeting.

- **Hazards identified as part of the risk assessment process:**
 - Trip hazards caused by the difference in height between the manhole covers and the grass now eliminated.
 - Unearthing of electrical wires laid in the grass now dealt with.
 - Slip hazard on manhole covers remains outstanding – Council to discuss.
 - Falls from the shrub border to the lane below at the BT steps end of the Green and slips and trips hazards on the steps:
 - Contractor has given a rough estimate of likely costs which will vary depending upon whether or not the materials are supplied.
 - Contractor has made suggestions of the most appropriate materials to be used and how the fence should be erected.
 - Following agreement, the tender details for this work can be advertised and the work carried out so that the risks identified are reduced.
 - Clerk has made an enquiry re: Cornwall Councillor's chest which if available, could help with costs.

- **Additional maintenance work identified on the Green:**
 - Bark chippings need replacing in the shrub border - approximate cost of £30
 - Gardening Club's flower tub at the front of the Green has a rotten board – approximate cost £20
 - Purchase of wood preserver to prolong life of flower tubs – approximate cost £30
 - Contractor will complete work as part of his contract and will negotiate with the Gardening Club to ensure that it is agreeable to the work being carried out on its behalf.
 - During the last four years, the Gardening Club has received only one very small grant from the Council.

- **Additional maintenance work identified along the main road:**
 - Hedgerow around benches needing strimming – minimal additional maintenance costs
 - Recently strimmed corner of the grass verge at the lane leading to Trenode School
 - Contractor requesting to be allowed to keep this corner neat and tidy
 - Clerk waiting on details from Cormac of whether it is possible, details of any payment provided and requirements expected of the Council by Cormac.

- **General:**
 - No concerns with the contract raised by either side.
 - One incident of cardboard being blown around the Green dealt with swiftly and appropriately by the contractor.
 - One incident of cat's excrement found and dealt with appropriately by the contractor.

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26th June 2017