

IN DEPTH MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR WATERBEACH AND CHITTERING GROUNDSCARE/OPEN SPACES

Following the resolution in the March 2015 minutes we have prepared an overall view of the work carried out by the groundsmen:

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After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should work through the details of the IOG report and analyse the data and do any further research necessary in order to create a detailed specification of the work needed on all the open spaces in the village along with a list of other tasks carried out. She will ask for input from councillors as and when needed with the intention of making a comprehensive report available in time for discussion at the May or June Parish Council meeting.

Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr Gaunt

In favour: 10 Abstentions 3 (Cllrs Howlett, Rabbett, Smart)

This is our report that we have researched and we feel that this shows a true reflection of the work carried out by the ground staff. Cutting grass is a very small job when you look at the whole picture. Following complaints made by various residents about their concern over safety standards on the recreation ground last year we feel that corners should not be cut and compromises made. Best value has to include all of these jobs we have detailed in our report and safety is paramount, particularly in the case of the play park which needs daily checks throughout the week to remove glass, unsavoury objects, etc.

We haven't included a specification as this is the Clerk and grounds man's job. We do understand that in these times of austerity we need to be prudent but feel that the care and quality of our open spaces must not be compromised.

Councillors Barbara Bull and Jacqui Rabbett