

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

CAPITAL PLAN 2016/2017

Background

The Council's Capital Projects have been identified through identified emerging priorities, the Annual Survey, the Citizens' Advisory Panel and the Parish Plan. A review of the Council's Open Spaces and Parks identified priorities for Capital improvements should external funding arise, as a result Policy & Resources Committee on 11th April 2013 adopted "Proposals and Priorities for Improvements to Our Parks and Open Spaces", which form part of this programme.

Each year Policy & Resources Committee, when considering the budget estimates and precept for the forthcoming financial year, reviews progress with Capital Projects and updates the list according to funding and priorities. The Capital Plan forms the foundation of the strategic investment and improvement works undertaken by the Town Council in the year ahead. The Capital Plan proposals are considered and approved at Full Council in January when the budget and precept is set.

Parks and Open Spaces Projects	
Park	Project
Franklin Park	Balance Beams in Play Area (medium risk)
Holmfield Park	2 x new litter bins and 2 x dog bins required in middle and end field
	Additional Bench in Toddler area
	Improvements to appearance of main entrance / gate area
	Repainting of entrance/boundary fencing (dependent if carried out by Council's staff or by a contractor)
	Bow Top Fencing at Holmfield Park – adjacent to Oak Crescent, estimated cost £8,600
Shakespeare Park	Consider alternatives to respond to problems of burst water pips from the water tank currently sited on top of the football changing rooms (possible options, heating of tank or removal and installation of electric showers in the changing rooms)
	Replacement to Perimeter fencing of Tennis Courts
	Bowling Club Pavilion – (has an expected 10 – 15 year life span remaining) Consider options for the long term future of the building and possible future wider community use, and replacement of building, and the existing club's involvement in sourcing funding opportunities for the replacement.
	Provide additional basketball/netball nets/markings to existing tennis courts to provide an all-year use for the facility.
	Additional balance in play area (2-5 or 5 – 12 age group)
	Additional Spinning Equipment in play area (2-5 year or 5 – 12 year age group) including installation
	Safety Surface installed at toddler area
	Additional seat in play area

Parks and Open Spaces Projects (continued)	
Park	Project
Shakespeare Park (continued)	Improvements to the entrance to the park area (access from the car park to the park)
	Safety Surface in play area Option 1 - Additional play bark to toddler surface
Mossdale Meadows & Merrileys	Bridlepath resurfacing (from Kingsway entrance through to Jelson owned land)
	Possible resurfacing of footpaths
	Top up Pea Gravel to Mossdale Meadows Car Park, estimated cost £1,500
	Mossdale: 2 x new litter bins and 2 x dog waste bins required
	Replace kitchen units in changing rooms
	Toddler swings (estimated five year life span – medium risk) MM
	Merrileys: 4 x new litter bins, 4 x dog bins, 4 x seats (replacements)
	Hedge Layering and Management of Coppice areas, estimated cost £2,631
All Parks and Open Spaces	Tree Safety Survey (problem areas and areas of high public usage) – identify safety and a programme of works and maintenance schedules.

Community Centres Projects	
Building	Project
Civic Centre	Re-carpet Foyer and corridor, estimated cost £2,800
	Refurbishment of Ladies Toilets, estimated cost £1,975
	Refurbishment of Toilets (adjacent to Winstanley Room and Civic Centre Bar). <i>The current toilets are approximately 20 years old.</i>
	Council Chamber internal refurbishment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heating/Air Conditioning • Mood Lighting Audio / Visual Equipment, including sound and loop system and fixed projector. <i>The facilities are in need of modernisation for users and hirers: the room is used for meetings, consultations, seminars, training and social events.</i>
	Sound proofing of Partition Doors between Ravenhurst / Winstanley Rooms. <i>Complaints from hirers about noise from adjoining room, potential impact on ability to hire both rooms separately.</i>
	Refurbishment/Replacement of Fire Doors at Braunstone Civic Centre. <i>Some doors and frames are rotten and doors stick when the frames swell in the damp. Potential to hinder exit in an emergency.</i>
	Millfield Hall - install dado rail and paint lower wall

Community Centres Projects (continued)	
Building	Project
Civic Centre (continued)	<p>Civic Centre and Library – creation of single access point and reception area, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refurbished reception and welcome desk • refurbished toilets including changing places toilet <p><i>Potential the Town Council will be involved in managing and operating the Library Service, the creation of a single access point enables greater flexibility of the space and efficiencies in staffing both the Customer Service Shop/Civic Centre and the Library.</i></p>
Thorpe Astley	Retreating/décor of external Thorpe Astley Community Centre, estimated cost £2360
	Creation of Store in Foyer Area at Thorpe Astley Community Centre, estimated cost £3,000 (not required if the Medical Rooms do not get used by the NHS)
	Thorpe Astley Community Centre Main Hall – install dado rail and paint room. Use of the room and movement of furniture causing damage to wall and paintwork. <i>Installation of dado rail reduces furniture damage and allows the lower wall to be repainted more frequently than the upper wall to maintain the attractiveness of the room.</i>

Adopted by Council 28th January 2016 (Minute Reference 5388).