

Grounds and Environmental Services Committee

Date: 2nd December 2019

Title: Mentmore Park and Memorial Gardens Improvements

Purpose of the Report: To seek Member endorsement in respects of resurfacing a path within Mentmore Park and surfacing of a newly created play space adjacent to the Mentmore Park Pavilion itself.

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Corporate Objective/s		Leighton-Linslade Town Council Three Year Plan & Objectives 2015-2018 Aim 3 – “To provide great public open spaces, varied opportunities for sport and leisure and to exceed expectations in delivering cemetery and allotment services”
Implications:		
Financial	√	£10,910 to be funded by 9024/950 with available funds of £149,458.
Operational/Service delivery		
Procedural/Legal	√	Removal of potential trip hazards due to concrete slabs.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Should Members be minded:-

- 1.1 To note the report.**
- 1.2 To consider and endorse that £10,910.00 be allocated to fund the resurfacing of a path within Mentmore Park and surfacing of a newly created play space adjacent to the Mentmore Park Pavilion itself, with tarmac.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Mentmore Park and Memorial Gardens is home to three long term users, with a lease held between the Town Council and Linslade Bowls Club, a licence held between the Town Council and Linslade Tennis Club and an agreement between the Town Council and Mentmore Road Under Fives Preschool.
- 2.2 Whilst these improvements have no direct benefit to Linslade Bowls Club any club member walking from Mardle Road would gain from an even path.
- 2.3 In between the tennis courts and Mentmore Park Pavilion is an enclosed space which has been used by both the Linslade Tennis Club and Mentmore Road Under Fives Preschool. Due to increased usage by both parties this area finds itself congested and is no longer considered fit for purpose by either of the two main users.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Creation of an enclosed play space on the north side of Mentmore Park Pavilion took place in October half-term this year. This newly created space has been very well received by both of the main pavilion users and has freed up the previously congested space.
- 3.2 The path from Mentmore Park carpark to the access point off Mardle Road is currently a mixture of surfacing, with the recently re-paired tarmac driveway connecting to concrete slabs and back to a narrow path to the Junior play area.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 If Members are minded the removal of the current concrete slabs and the resurfacing will enhance the area by installing 140m² tarmac surfacing, comprising of 120mm type 1, 50mm base and 25mm top course. All paths to be retained with concrete edgings. This will be in keeping with the character of the park.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 If Members are minded to support this project, this additional space and new pathway, will replace the existing concrete slabs will benefit users of the pavilion and residents whom walk through Mentmore Park and Memorial Gardens.