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Sent: 02 March 2021 11:27
To: 'Committee Admin'
Subject: FW: Brush Cutting on The Heath
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As discussed

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Sent: 25 February 2021 16:36
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Results:

- The machine demonstrated was larger than the machine Grounds would require but we were assured the smaller version would provide identical performance
- The equipment was pulled by the PTC's own Kabuto tractor which coped adequately and had all the necessary connections for remote operation from the cab
- We observed the machine working on brambles, bracken and overgrown grassed areas and it worked adequately
- All arisings were collected in the hopper for removal and composting
- At approx £17,000 this is not a cheap option but would pay for itself if enough uses can be found. I presume these would include applications on maintenance contracts secured by The Grounds Team and outside Petersfield. Also the life span of the machine would have to be factored-in before a purchasing decision is made
- Maintenance seemed to be simple and we were shown how to grease moving parts and etc.

If I have omitted any important aspects of the equipment could Dugg please add to this brief report.

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From: John D Lees <john.lees@petersfield-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 March 2021 11:43
To: Sophie Fisher
Subject: FW: Brush Cutting on The Heath

To Grounds Committee,

Following last week's demo of a brush cutter I attended the second demo of the alternative Rytec machine yesterday and herewith a brief report:

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- This is a smaller machine but by evidence it coped well with a variety of lengthy vegetation
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- The 200mm roller is fitted with "cast hammer flail heads" only, whereas the previous machine had a variety of flailing heads for different jobs. As a consequence the Rytec would not be as flexible. However the Rytec heads survived running over small tree stumps which would probably have damaged the previous machine.
- The Grounds Kubota tractor coped adequately with this flail mower and once connected operation from within the cab was easy
- Regarding hedgehogs, snakes etc hiding in the undergrowth both machines would cause severe injuries so timing of use is vital, i.e. not during hibernation periods
- If its relevant the Rytec machine is supplied by distributors in N Yorkshire whereas last weeks machine was supplied by a Froxfield based company. This should be considered in relation to provision of spares and servicing.

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From: Steve Field <projects@petersfield-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 March 2021 13:37
To: 'Committee Admin'
Subject: FW: 1918 Petersfield - Final phase
Attachments: 5R-1918-301 General Arrangement - Final Phase work areas.pdf; 1918 Petersfield Pond Maintenance Instructions .pdf

Hi Sophie

Please could you add these to the Grounds Agenda regarding the Pond project Phase 3.

Best regards
Steve

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From: Jasmine Newton <jasmine@five-rivers.com>
Sent: 03 March 2021 17:26
To: Steve Field <projects@petersfield-tc.gov.uk>
Subject: 1918 Petersfield - Final phase

Hi Steve,

Great to see you on site last week!

Please find attached maintenance instructions in table form.

I have also attached a marked up plan (red and orange labels) of the activities we will be undertaking in this final stage. The proposed plan is to be on site for 1 week from Monday 29th March 21 to undertake the following: further

hydroseeding of the Flex MSE areas, the two large islands and the corner nearest to the unloading bay on Sussex Road; reed translocation; and removal of any excess posts that have been left on site.

Please can you let us know which areas you are going to keep fenced off and the areas where the fencing will be removed? We will then be able to identify the approximate m2 area to hydroseed.

Please click on links which give an example fencing spec that could be used in place of the netlon. McVeigh Parker's bespoke Triple X system of fencing - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3EcNtEvgGU&feature=emb_logo . Quick to install, 30yr guarantee and ideal for wetlands where wooden posts rot, become loose in wet ground or in fact the fencing needs to be quickly lifted up <https://mcveighparker.com/fencing/triple-x-fencing/triple-x-fencing-kits>.

Kind regards,

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POND ACTIONS

PHASE 3 – Spring 2021

Item	Description	Notes/Actions	Who/Timings
Posts	Some posts have become loose	There are a few posts that are leaning at an angle, and if possible, need to be straightened	Five Rivers
Transfer of Mature Reeds	Moving of mature reeds to other areas of the pond	<p>A small number of plants were transferred to some of the reed beds and these appear to have taken.</p> <p>The Grounds Team will continue to transfer mature reeds from the corner near to the sluice gate on the other side of the Millennium footpath and continue to plant these around the different locations of the pond where it is intended for reeds to be planted (see</p>	PTC Grounds Team/Five Rivers

		FR map). Grounds Manager may seek support of volunteers to assist with this.	
Willow shoots	Willow shoots are appearing on the new 'reed habitat' areas and need to be removed before they become too hard to deal with	Grounds Team are continuing to remove willow shoots. Reed islands in Sussex Road Car Park corner of pond to be checked and will shoots removed	PTC Grounds Team
Duck Island	Should be re-opened to the public	Duck Island to be opened to the public. A life saver Buoy has now been installed by the bridge	Artwork for Signs have been produced. SF to arrange for Alpha Graphics to produce signs. PTC Grounds team to install and open Duck Island
Re-opening of Swims	Inspection of re-seeded areas to consider when these areas can be re-opened to allow fishing to take place	Some of the re-seeded areas are being accessed by members of the public and fishing community	PTC Grounds Team / Fishing Community to determine which areas should remain open for fishing, and which areas are to be further protected with 'sheep fencing'
Spring 2021 Coir sods	Introduce 'coir sods' along Sussex Road to support Nicospan bank	There is now uncertainty as to whether these would work. Solution to be considered	Five Rivers

Spring 2021 Plants	Reed Beds that are not flourishing	Reed beds along Sussex Road edge of pond (including those in corner by Sussex Road Car Park) are to be replanted with transferred plants supplied by PTC and mature plants from Five Rivers	PTC Grounds Team and Five Rivers
Spring 2021 Reed Bed Islands by Sussex Rd Car Park		Solution – Potentially new species or more mature reeds to be introduced in the sandy soil	Five Rivers
		PTC requires a high percentage possibility/assurance from Five Rivers of this working as under pressure to get this right second time	
		Five Rivers to work out a plan for this area (see map). Some lower plants may be planted such as yellow flag Irises	Five Rivers
		Fence to be erected across the area where logs are being used to walk onto the first Reed Bed when water is low	PTC Grounds Team
Spring 2021	Two new Islands – wave breakers	Five Rivers to come up with a plan of what could be planted on the Islands.	Five Rivers

		Island furthest right as you look at Butser Hill could have will trees to the extreme right	PTC Grounds Team – use of boat to be arranged for this purpose
Planning permission Condition 1	1. Approved Plans The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the plans listed below under the heading "Plans Referred to in Consideration of this Application". Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.	Refer to Five Rivers plans and maps	Five Rivers
Planning Permission Condition 2	Within 2 months of the date of this decision (24/2/2021), a detailed scheme of planting proposals shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority for additional hedgerow planting along the western site boundary, adjacent to the Lakeside, Waterford House, 1 and 2 Mallards Lodge. All such work as may be approved shall then be fully implemented in the first planting season, following formal written	Plans to be drawn up	PTC Grounds Team to create drawings of ideas. These are to be submitted to EHDC by 24 April 2021

	<p>agreement from the Local Planning Authority that the submitted planting details are acceptable. Any plants or species which within a period of 5 years from the time of planting die, are removed, or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.</p> <p>The submitted scheme design shall include the following details</p> <p>a) Layout of planting to show plant species, nursery planting sizes, locations, densities and numbers.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure a satisfactory development and in the interests of neighbouring amenity and landscape character.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure that the trees on and around the site are adequately protected from damage to their health and /or amenity value.</p>	
<p>Planning Condition 3</p>	<p>3. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in strict accordance with the approved Tree Works Report (Five Rivers Environmental Contracting and</p>	<p>Tree works already completed according to the approved Tree Works Report from Five Rivers</p> <p>Work Complete</p>

	supporting Tree Works Plan (drawing number 5R/19/18/301).		
Spring 2021 Vertebrae Survey	Additional cost if PTC wish to go ahead – not part of original scope	Decision to be made by PTC	

Petersfield Heath Pond Maintenance Instructions

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3) Netlon fencing	Green netlon fencing to be checked and road pins erected if they have been removed or damaged. Netlon fencing should be secured around planted and seeded areas to prevent entry to members of the public and birds, where possible.	Twice per week
4) Path gravels	Area of golden amber path gravels installed in front of cladding area to be checked for loss of gravels. Gravels should be replaced and compacted if the edge of the boards become exposed.	Monthly

Residual risks:

- Uneven wet surfaces with a risk for slips, trips, and falls.
- Take care when undertaking maintenance looking out for holes, trip hazards and uneven areas
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