

Supporting Documents for Open Space Committee meeting

6th August 2025

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The following is an excerpt from Alton Town Council's Open Space policy regarding food trucks:

ATC will permit the use of their open spaces by street vendors where they can demonstrate that they are carbon neutral. This means, where vehicles or trailers are used for trading purposes, they must not use generators, gas stoves/ovens or keep their engines running (idling). Where vendors are permitted to trade, they will be charged a flat rate of £50 per week regardless of trading times, which will be limited to between the hours of 9am and 6pm each day. Vendors are requested to trade from hardstanding areas wherever possible to avoid damage to grass but must ensure they do not obstruct the use of parking bays or footways. All litter associated with their trade must be removed from site otherwise a charge of £50 will be made for every occasion when the ATC grounds team has to clean up afterwards. Vendors trade at their own risk, and must ensure they carry adequate insurance and all required health and safety and food hygiene certification for their business. This policy will become mandatory from 1st April 2025 for all vendors including those at ATC hosted events and those operated by third parties, with a specific exemption for the Funfair and Circus at the Butts given the nature of their activities. Until such time as this section of the policy comes into effect, traders are requested to seek to minimise the use of generators and diesel engines wherever possible.

Please see link for their bench policy:

<https://www.alton.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-Open-Spaces-Bench-Sponsorship-Policy.pdf>

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Here is a link to Worth PC pond policy as an example;

[Village Pond Policy](#)

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Email from resident -

I enclose photos of the three bin areas which were badly affected by bramble / nettles. These areas have all now been cleared, properly.



Suggestion: we need to put down some 'hard-standing' underneath these three bins ASAP to finish the job. This will:

- [a] drastically limit future bramble and nettle growth
- [2] make it much easier to get rid of any growth which does intrude into the space
- [3] improve year-round access for dog owners, the vast majority of whom are being very responsible

Hard-standing could be very cheap to do; use 4 cheap paving slabs to surround the three bin posts. If you advertise on social media, somebody in the village might provide for free. (I can advertise if you wish). Lots of people have spares or second-hand hanging around, getting rid of them is expensive at the tip. Preferably 600 × 600, but the more normal 450 × 450 might do at a pinch. Even at Wickes prices:: Twelve 600× 600 slabs are only £108. Peanuts. Both types are in stock at ALTON. They do however deliver. **I do not at present have a suitable car for this type of transport.**

Then all we need is some wet weather, softer ground, and the PC gardener could put them down? 95% of the difficult work is already done.

I can diamond cut any cut-outs needed in slabs if your people can't do it. See image. Can do this at my place IF the slabs are delivered to me AND collected, OR I can do it while Victoria is at the Office for a few hours and can provide me with 240V if slabs are close to PC office. That might be easier. I will do diamond cutting free of charge.

What I need now is agreement from you / PC that cheap and easy hard-standing is the way forward. It will drastically reduce maintenance in the future, and will provide a far better experience for the village's highly co-operative dog owners throughout the year.

If you agree, do you want to advertise for slabs on social media or would you prefer me to?? Or simply get somebody to go to Wickes / or use delivery?

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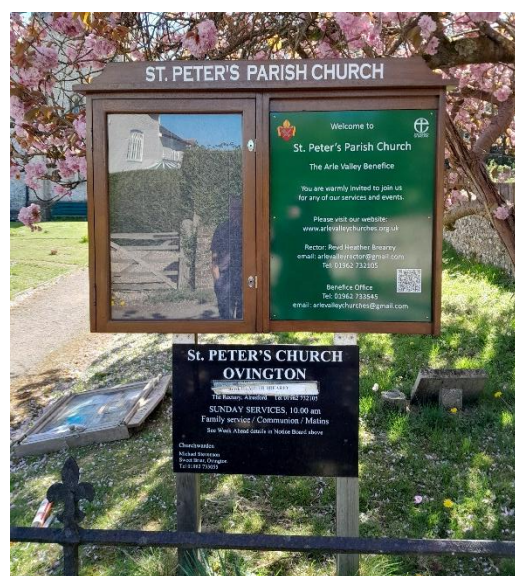
The following work is required as requested after our recent ROSPA report –

- Dismantle and inspect supporting components on cableway
- Remove basketball nets on courts (x2)
- Remove shackle bolt and check bush and shackle pin wear on basket swing in play area.
- Fix loose roof board on youth shelter in pay area.
- Supporting components on Tornado dismantled and inspected and replace one cap. Replace one section of rubber matting to replace broken one.
- Check shackle bolt of toddler swings for wear.
- Remove graffiti from basket swing in skate park and dismantle supporting components and check for wear.

CONTRACTOR ONE	CONTRACTOR TWO	CONTRACTOR THREE
£750	£1800	£1152

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The Men's Shed have quoted for a hardwood noticeboard (similar to below) approximately £300 but are not insured to fit this themselves. We would need to have the posts fixed at site - Two 4x4 posts concreted in.



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Four Marks PC - tree
safety report - July 20

Priority One Trees

	Contractor One	Contractor Two	Contractor Three
Recreation ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To remove the large dead birch T0431 to ground level, to chip the branches and to stack the logs in habitat piles in the patch of woodland behind. We will have to use a 20m MEWP (cherry picker) to safely undertake the work £1050+VAT	Tree Removal T0431 Birch - Fell leaving 15ft stem as deadwood habitat. £1440	Contractor has included a total for priority 1 works below.
Swelling Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To remove the dead hawthorn T0445 at Swelling Hill Pond to ground level and stack the branches and logwood in neat habitat piles in the woodland £350+VAT	Tree Removal T0445 Hawthorn - Fell to ground level. All arisings to be chipped and or left in deadwood habitat piles adjacent to base of tree off footpath. £240	
TOTAL	£1400	£1680	£1800

Priority Two Trees

	Contractor One	Contractor Two	Contractor Three
Recreation ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T0432 Hawthorn - £350+VAT T0433 Large Oak - £450+VAT T0434 Large Oak - £450+VAT T0436 - Ash - £260+VAT Optional extra - Grind out stump of Ash T0436 to prevent 	Tree Removal Tree Removal T0432 Hawthorn - Fell to ground level. All arisings to be removed from site. £360 T0433 Oak - Reduce limb at height of 6m by 4m, Reduce height of stem by 3m to	P2 works total £1950+vat

	<p>it being a trip hazard - £160+VAT Total: £1670+VAT</p>	<p>reduce weight. All arisings to be removed from site. Access to neighbouring property required. £540 Tree Pruning T0434 Oak - Crown lift branches overhanging garden to give 5m clearance. Remove large dead branch hanging at 2m. All arisings to be removed from site. Access to neighbouring property required. £0 Tree Removal T0436 Ash - Fell to ground level. All arisings to be removed from site. £360.00 Total: £1260</p>	
Swelling Hill	<p>Priority 2 trees at Swelling Hill Pond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T0441 - Hazel coppice - £200+VAT • T0443 - Ash fell - £200+VAT • T0444 - Oak deadwood - £250+VAT • T0012 - Oak deadwood - £200+VAT <p>Total: £850+VAT</p>	<p>Tree Removal Tree Pruning T0441 Hazel - Coppice to ground level. All arisings to be chipped and or left in deadwood habitat piles adjacent to base of tree off footpath. £720 T0442 Ash - Remove dead branch. All arisings to be chipped and or left in deadwood habitat piles adjacent to base of tree off footpath. £120 Tree Pruning T0443 Ash - Fell to ground level. All arisings to be chipped and or left in deadwood habitat piles adjacent to base of tree off footpath. £120</p>	P2 works £1450+vat

		<p>Tree Pruning T0444 Oak - Remove major deadwood over footpath up to 6m. All arisings to be chipped and or left in deadwood habitat piles adjacent to base of tree off footpath. £360</p> <p>Tree Pruning T0012 Oak - Remove major deadwood over footpath up to 5m. All arisings to be chipped and or left in deadwood habitat piles adjacent to base of tree off footpath. £240</p> <p>Total £1560</p>	
TOTAL	£2520	£2820	£3400

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