
Sunnybank Allotment Site

A site inspection was carried out on the 1st of November. A significant amount of plots were identified as needing work and I am now in the process of contacting the holders of the plots to highlight the issues that were noticed during our site inspection. It is expected that significant work will be done before the rents are due for renewal in April or the plots will have to be surrendered.

Christmas Tree Brackets

Earlier this year the Council agreed to provide 7 Christmas tree brackets for Horwich End and I was to get quotes for the work. I have been struggling to get someone to quote for this with Whaley Smith stating they were unable to do the work early on. I did eventually get a cost from Drinkwaters to build the 7 brackets like the existing for a total of £494.60 plus VAT. I have the power under the financial regulations to approve this cost and as the matter is urgent to get them up for Christmas this year and the price is competitive I agreed this cost and instructed Drinkwaters to make the brackets. I am happy to report that they have been completed and installed by Steve Gregory with some assistance from W4W. Steve Gregory has put in an invoice of £160.00 for his work which includes reinforcing one of our hanging basket brackets in Furness Vale.

Shallcross Incline Trees and Leaf Blowing

First of all a number of trees have been identified as needed work as per the previous tree report. We did have a large branch fall from a tree which was sitting on the incline which has now been taken away by SNS trees who attended to provide a quote for the tree work on the Incline. The log was removed at a cost of £150.00 plus VAT which I authorised under the financial regulations as an emergency expenditure. I am waiting for the quote for the tree work which I should get before the meeting. I also had a meeting with Gill Millward this Monday about the Incline and some concerns were raised about the sheer number of leaves on the path. I am aware Cllrs are also concerned about this and I have discussed this with the contractor briefly who did suggest they can do additional visits in the autumn to account for the leaf fall. There is also the possibility of agreeing more than 12 visits with additional ones scheduled for autumn when a monthly visit is not enough to clear the sheer quantity of leaves.

Town Clerk, 7 November 2024