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**Meeting:** Recreation, Amenities and Environment Item RAE4.6

**Date:** 19 October 2021

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**Subject:** Collett Park Operations Update

#### **1.0** Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update councillors on matters affecting the Collett Park.
- 1.2 For councillors to give permission, or not, for:  
Mendip Junior Schools Cross Country to hold an event on 9th November 2021.  
the Bristol Orienteering Klub to use Collett Park as a base for an event on 29th May 2022.

#### **2.0** Green Flag/Somerset Playing Fields Association

- 2.1 Collett Park has retained its Green Flag status for 2021/2022.
- 2.2 Collett Park received a commendation from Somerset Playing Fields Association.

#### **3.0** Play Equipment

- 3.1 As it has not been possible to adjust the fixings in order to replace the broken spring for the fire engine in the junior play area, they have been removed completely and the ground made good.

#### **4.0** Infrastructure

- 4.1 A minor repair to the path between the café and the toilets was undertaken.
- 4.2 The shelter continues to receive incidences of graffiti which are dealt with accordingly.
- 4.3 The noticeboard has been upgraded internally to a magnetic board to hold council and community notices.

## **5.0 Junior parkRun**

- 5.1 Junior parkRun requested a change to the route of their activity which would involve running across the grass towards the bandstand. After consultation with the contractors, they advised that this would be too detrimental to the grass during the winter period and this request has therefore not been granted.

## **6.0 Wildlife Corridor**

- 6.1 The edges of the grass on three sides of the old football field, and that on the boundary with the houses on Collett Avenue, have been left long as per recommendations from the Ecology Survey.

## **7.0 Pond Dredging**

- 7.1 These works are usually undertaken in January. Whilst the pond is drained, any issues with the slabs surrounding it will be noted and costs advised for repair/replacement.

## **8.0 Senior Play Area**

- 8.1 Following recommendation from the play inspector, the play area has been closed until w/c 25th October to allow the replacement turf to take before the first frosts.

## **9.0 Requests for events in Collett Park**

### **9.1 Mendip Junior Schools Cross Country**

The town council has received a request to hold a Mendip Junior Schools Cross Country event in the park on 9/11/21. Although this event has been held in previous years, the contractors have concerns over the length of time it took the grass to recover after the last time it was held.

### **9.2 Orienteering Event**

The town council has been approached by Bristol Orienteering Klub to use Collett Park as a base for a town wide event on 29th May 2022. Detailed information will be requested but an in principle decision is requested.

## **10.0 Recommendations**

For councillors to note the report and to:

- 10.1 Give permission, or not, for:

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