

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY –
TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2021**



Title of Report	CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE
Presented by	Jason Knight Leisure Services Team Manager
Background Papers	None
Financial Implications	As contained with the report, this is providing the committee an update on existing projects that already have approved budget or funding in place. Therefore, there are no financial implications to consider. Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes
Legal Implications	None identified Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes
Staffing and Corporate Implications	None identified Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes
Purpose of Report	To update members with regards to capital projects within the Coalville Special Expenses Area
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THE WORKING PARTY NOTES THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE 2021/22 CAPITAL PROJECTS 2. THE WORKING PARTY HIGHLIGHT THEIR PREFERRED DESIGN OPTION FOR THE FIELD AT THE REAR OF COALVILLE PARK FOR CONSIDERATION BY CABINET

1.0 2021/22 CAPITAL PROJECTS

1.1 Thringstone Miners Social Centre Training Pitch – £7,431

Consultation on the type of facility required has been put on hold. The trustees are currently negotiating a long term lease with a football club that play at step 6 of the pyramid. The long term lease will give the football club sufficient security of tenure to apply for Football Foundation funding to support the project. Once the lease has been signed then the football club will lead on the training pitch project.

1.2 Coalville Park – £35,916 S106 funding and £1,200 CSE funding

1.2.1 Play Equipment - £20,268 S106

Following approval by Cabinet, a procurement exercise was undertaken with member representation from the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party and Playdale were identified as the preferred supplier. Work is due to commence in November and should be completed in December. Visuals of the equipment and how it will be positioned will be available at the meeting.

1.2.2 **Community Garden**

The Royal British Legion continue to drive forward improvements in the community garden, supported by council officers.

1.2.3 **Park Improvement - £5,000 S106**

Consultation on the proposed designs for the field at the rear of the park, which will be available at the meeting for members to see, has been completed with 125 responses having been received. There were 5 options presented for consideration;

Option 1 - A semi-formal space consisting of winding paths, colourful planting and opportunities for natural play and relaxation.

Option 2 - A formal space of linear paths, evergreen shrubs with opportunities for natural grassland and tree planting.

Option 3 - A natural space with a focus on wildlife and sensory features with an opportunity for small art exhibitions and displays.

Option 4 - Leave it as it is.

Option 5 - Exactly the same as option 1 but without the path that runs through the middle

The outcome of the consultation was as follows;

Residents living Adjacent to the Field

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Votes	15	3	7	12	11

General Public Feedback

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Votes	32	8	15	15	7

TOTAL VOTES	47	11	22	27	18
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Friends of Coalville Park

Option 3

Parks and Open Spaces Team

Option 1

Cllr Woodman

Option 1

Whilst general consensus is that option 1 is the preferred option, members are invited to feed back their preferred option for consideration by Cabinet so a preferred design can be approved.

1.2.4 **Skate Park Graffiti Project - £1,200**

Unfortunately Graffwerks were unable to facilitate any consultation at events held over summer within Coalville Park due to previous commitments. The Parks and Open Spaces and Community Focus teams are currently working with Graffwerks to shape a consultation session with children and young people who use the skate park so the project can be delivered.

1.3 **Lillehammer Drive - £4,223**

The school has confirmed their intention to take on the open space of the former MUGA site in order to use it as an educational nature area. Barretts have confirmed that they are supportive of this and a proposed Deed of Variation for the change of use of the land to allow this to happen was sent to their legal representatives for consideration in May. Despite following this up on a number of occasions, they still haven't responded so efforts on this will continue.

In addition to this, a lease for the school is being drafted in liaison with Leicestershire County Council and a planning application will be submitted once scaled drawings of the proposed plans have been developed.

1.4 **Coalville in Bloom 2021 £11,644**

The final cost of Coalville in Bloom 2021 was £11,038 which included an additional cost of £346 to cover some vandalism. A breakdown of this cost against the funding for the project can be seen in the table below;

Item	Cost	Income
Flower Towers, Troughs and Hanging Baskets	£8,492	
Cost of Brackets (3)	£200	
Cost of Watering	£2,000	
Costs of Vandalism	£346	
Bardon Community Fund		£6,644
Contribution from Businesses (8 @ £25ea)		£200
Contribution from CSEWP		£5,000
Contribution from Countryside Properties UK Ltd		£1,500
TOTAL	£11,038	£13,344
Surplus		£2,306

The final costs include a contribution of £1,500 from Countryside Properties UK Ltd which was secured by Cllr Wyatt. Consequently, there is a surplus of £2,306 that can be carried over for Coalville in Bloom 2022 which, along with the annual £5,000 contribution from Coalville Special Expenses, gives a total budget for 2022 of £7,306. Unless additional funding for 2022 can be secured then a significantly reduced scheme will need to be implemented. Officers will consider options for 2022 with members and will feed back proposals at a future meeting of the working party.

1.5 **CSE Assets** (Asset Management Plan)

1.5.1 **Scotlands Bowls Pavilion**

Cabinet were supportive of an application being submitted to the Bardon Community Fund for £2,500 to allow for solar panels to be installed on the building. Property

Services will lead on submitting the funding bid and will ensure, if successful, the scheme is aligned with the wider council project that will be considering the buildings portfolio of the council and assessing where investment will realise the largest reductions in carbon emissions.

1.5.2 **Asset Management 2021/22**

As part of the Asset Management Plan (AMP) the following works are being planned to be delivered during this financial year;

Scotlands Recreation Ground Bowls Pavilion - £18,736

All work has now been completed on the building, including the installation of CCTV and an upgrade to the intruder alarm with the actual costs coming in £1,000 under budget. Consequently this item will be removed from future reports.

Coalville Park Public Conveniences - £6,180

To be converted to stainless steel fittings to reduce vandalism. 3 quotes have been obtained for the works which have all come in over budget. Consequently the project is being value engineered down within budget.

Melrose Road Recreation Ground Pavilion - £1,545

Painting of the building externally. This work has now been completed coming in £700 under budget and the item will be removed from future reports.

London Road Cemetery - £7,175

To deliver tree works. These works will be delivered during winter 2021/22.

Broomleys Cemetery - £3,605

Tree works and redecoration of the wrought iron gates. Quotes are currently being obtained for the redecoration of the gates and the tree works will be delivered during winter 2021/22.

Claremont Drive Play Area - £8,523

Consideration is being given to alternative options that can be undertaken at the play area so that the equipment doesn't have to be replaced and a saving can be effected to the Coalville Special Expenses budget. Consultation will take place with the ward member and, if in agreement, wider consultation will then take place with residents to understand their views. No decision on any changes will be taken without approval from the ward member and members of the working party will be kept abreast of progress.

1.6 **Scotlands Recreation Ground - £5,000**

All improvement works have now been completed and this item will be removed from future reports.

1.7 **Trees in Coalville**

Officers met with members and colleagues from LCC to support a countywide bid to the Local Authority Treescapes fund which gives 100% funding for the planting of trees along with a 3 year maintenance contribution, and also to the Urban Tree Challenge fund which provides replacement trees for highway verges. Areas identified as potential locations for additional trees were Bardon Road, Cropston Drive, Coalville Park (as part of the extension), Greenhill Road, Meadow Lane, Abbots Oak Drive and Blackwood. The Forestry Commission have extended the deadline for applications and therefore outcomes won't be known until October.

1.8 London Road Cemetery

As updated at the previous meeting, officers met with members on site on 15 June to discuss areas of concern;

General Grounds Maintenance

Following discussion it was agreed that the maintenance regime would continue as previously agreed.

Ashes Interment Area

Officers are currently investigating if there are graves that are older than 100 years and are therefore back in the ownership of the council and, if so, if these are in close enough proximity to be able to create an interment area for ashes. Further detail will be fed back at the next meeting.

Cemetery Wall

Following the structural survey, the wall has been deemed unsafe and Property Services have identified 4 options to replace it. As yet, no budget has been allocated to any works so the preferred option will need to be built into the Coalville Special Expenses Asset Management Plan. It should be noted that all costs are just indicative at this stage and will need to be worked up in more detail with a contractor once a preferred option has been identified. In addition, planning approval will need to be obtained;

Option 1

Removal of existing wall and supply and fit metal railing – £15,750

Removal and disposal of existing wall and make good affected ground - £4750.

Supply and fit new metal railing system to match existing as best as possible - £11,000.

Option 2

Removal of existing wall and re-build 1.2m high - £23,750

Removal and disposal of existing wall and make good affected ground - £4750

Excavate and install suitable footing, build solid 9" wall with Suitable coping - £19,000

Option 3

Removal of existing wall and re-build 2m high brick wall with columns with black metal railings in between columns on top of the brickwork section of 1.1m high, with black metal railings of 800mm high - £41,750

Removal and disposal of existing wall and make good affected ground - £5750

Excavate and install suitable footing, build solid 9" wall with Suitable coping and black metal railing - £36,000

Option 4

Removal of existing wall and re-build 2m high - £36,750

Removal and disposal of existing wall and make good affected ground - £5750

Excavate and install suitable footing, build solid 9" wall with Suitable coping - £31,000.

1.9 **Mobile Vehicle Activated Signage (MVAS)**

At the last meeting of the group, members were advised that MVAS was something that couldn't be funded using special expenses. Currently, of the 2 units and batteries held, one unit and one battery have both failed beyond repair. Consequently it is proposed that the working unit and battery are utilised until such time as one or either of them fail. This does mean there would be periods without the unit in situ as the battery charges. The cost of locating the unit during this period would be stood by the Parks and Open Spaces team.

1.10 **Grit Bin Request**

A member has asked that consideration be given to supporting a request from residents who would like a grit bin at the junction of Zetland Close and Wentworth Road. LCC facilitate such requests and have advised that the cost would be £325. This includes the purchase of the bin, the siting of it (if approved by LCC), the initial filling of it, an annual inspection, and the refilling of it during adverse weather conditions if resources allow, for the life of the bin. Members need to consider if this is something they'd wish to support.

1.11 **Memorial Square Solar Lights**

A member has asked that consideration be given to supporting a request from the Coalville Community Action Group by installing small white solar lights around the trees in Memorial Square.