

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
3 FEBRUARY 2025**

**Officer:** Stuart Farmer – Acting Operations Manager

**Tender Work**

**Purpose of Report**

To receive an update on current tendering works and recently awarded contracts.

**Recent Tendering Works**

**Greenfields Adult Gym**

Following a tender process and consultation with the Greenfields Community Group a decision was taken by the group to return the funding to the provider as a location could not be agreed. All interested tenderers had elected to use a location along the top path, this was in direct conflict with the initial proposals from the group. The tenderers were asked for their rationale for using this location and amongst the reasons were items such as public feeling safe, better footfall to encourage use, better lighting in early evening as well as the area below the play park retaining water for long periods. This project will not commence any further.

**Greenfields Solar Lighting**

A tender process is currently under evaluation for the lighting of a path on Greenfields recreation ground, a preferred tenderer has been identified using the same lighting solution currently in operation at the Stanley Lane Recreation Ground. A recommendation from the Recreation and Leisure Committee was for Shrewsbury Town Council to provide half of the funding for the project this would involve a figure of approx. £19K, would the Finance and General Purposes Committee agree with this.

**Updates**

**Quarry Main Gates Pier Straightening.**

The Project Manager has been in regular contact with the contractor regarding the Quarry gates project, to update the committee, a design for the replacement foundation has been drawn up and agreed with the architect, this phase of the works is due to commence in early February following this the gates which have been stripped, repaired and repainted will be re-hung allowing the current hoarding to be removed. At a date to be agreed in early March the contractor will return and commence the refurbishment work on the remaining railings this will be completed on site.

**Splash Park Surfacing Refurbishment**

Following a successful tendering process the resurfacing of the splash park has been awarded to the preferred contractor. A provisional date of March 24<sup>th</sup> has been provided by the contractor to start the works; this will allow for the works to be completed before the commissioning of the facility inline with the planned opening date for this year.

**Old Riverbed Project**

The Old Riverbed site has been given approval for the release of the beavers; work is currently under way to source the family.

**Bus Shelter replacements Phase 3**

Phase 3 of the bus shelter replacement has been completed following a slight delay due to weather conditions during the Christmas period. Once again there has been several complimentary comments passed on to Shrewsbury Town Council regarding the replacements from regular service users.

**Future Tenders include:**

- Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Barriers
- Play Area Refurbishments
- Ditherington Community Centre Re-Surfacing

**Production and Lead Times**

Lead times are asked for in tender submissions, but these can only be used for the week or even day of the submittance as they are ever changing, firm dates are often not available until the point of order and even then, they may slip due to production line issues.

The project manager will continue to pursue prompt supply and install dates during projects and will keep ward members up to date when appropriate.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) That a figure of £19K is allocated for the installation of a solar lighting scheme at Greenfields Recreation Ground
- (ii) The report be noted.