



## **Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council**

### **Fairground & Cemetery Committee Meeting**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

#### **Grounds Maintenance**

**Agenda item 21/042 2: To consider and agree the specification for the Grounds Maintenance programme commencing 1st of January 2022 in order that quotes may be sought.**

### **BACKGROUND**

Documents 21-042 2.1 and 2.2 provide details of the current grounds maintenance specification and Fairground map highlighting the relevant areas, respectively.

In November 2020, consideration was also given to cutting an additional 4m of the cricket outfield but, due to the short nature of the grass in this area, it was concluded that this was not necessary.

Since the last grounds maintenance contract, the Council has leased the pillbox and is also now responsible for its grounds maintenance. To date this has consisted of:

- An initial one-off cut of the vegetation
- 4 further maintenance cuts between March and October
- all arisings to be removed from site and the area left clean and tidy.

Further to the exponential growth rate during the last season, Tactical Facilities, who undertook the pillbox maintenance for this past year, recommend a once a month visit if possible and suggest the maintenance moving forward as follows:

- A grass cut and strim of the pillbox area on a higher frequency to improve presentation.
- Tidy cuts mid-March and mid-November to keep the area tidy before and after the winter season.
- Grass cuts at the beginning of May, end of June and beginning of September.

It is also recommended to undertake a cut back of the brash to the right-hand side of the gate to the pillbox to stop any invasive growth.