

DEPUTATION MEETING REPORT

Date & Time: Wednesday the 22nd of October 2025 @3.15pm.

Deputation Group: Orwell Park Residents Association.

Deputation Group attendees: Betty Collard, Mark Duggan,

Elected Members: Cllr Justin Sinnot, Cllr Alan edge, Cllr Yvonne Collins, Cllr Pamela Kearns.

Council Officials: Stephen Brady (Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Public Realm), Diarmuid Corry (Executive Engineer, Roads Dept), Brendan Radmond (Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer) Alison Somerville (S.O Community Dept), Abdullahi Mohamuud (C.O Community Dept), Kelly Fitzgerald (ASO Community Dept), Catherine White (SSO Community Dept), Fionnuala Keane (AO Community Dept).

Cllr Alan Edge presided

Items Discussed

Item 1 – Footpath repairs and trip hazards Orwell Park Estate.

Diarmuid Corry replied to the groups query:

Commitment given: The manager agreed a lot of the footpaths in the area are weathered and advised it would be more sensible to have a footpath scheme. There's a lot of footpaths already done. He went on to explain how if we're doing a large volume, he would push on with the senior engineer for a footpath scheme for Orwell Park for 2026. He requested the group to provide a list of properties. Regarding 458 Orwell Park Green and 4 Orwell Park Rise – the manager confirmed the addresses with the group and endeavoured to investigate that as a matter of urgency and carry out a repair depending on the urgency assessment.

Comprehensive area foot path works are more suitable to be delivered through a scheme & the manager committed to including these works in a scheme for 2026. Smaller targeted areas could be delivered by direct labour.

Chair requested the resident's association or any councillors who may have a copy of the list of works to forward to the manager.

Item 2 – Hedges obstructing footpaths & Pruning of Trees.

Brendan Redmond replied to the groups query:

Commitment Given: The manager explained that it is the responsibility of resident of that house to cut their own hedges but what he can do is to get the public realm admin staff to write to the homeowners to remind them of their duties and to cut their hedges. He requested a list from the Group of the houses in question and took note of no 9 & no 10 Orwell Park as per B. Collard.

Item 3 –Maintenance Orwell Park Green.

Brendan Redmond replied to the groups query:

In relation to the planting and pruning of trees, the manager acknowledged this and will list the area for future tree planting. He went on to advise that about 10% of the trees planted pass away and they will endeavour to remove them. If they are planted and they wilt they may need more water but, in this case, he will endeavour to remove the dead ones.

Will also arrange to scrape and clear the overgrown grass on the foot paths going across the green.

Stephen Brady replied to the groups query:

Commitment given: The manager informed the group if there are any specific trees of concern that they would like looked at, regardless of whether they're newly planted trees that might have died or otherwise, if the group could compile a list and we'd be more than happy to evaluate.

Item 4 –Frequency and emptying of bins.

Brendan Redmond replied to the groups query:

Commitment given: The manager advised bins are generally emptied on a daily basis he noted sometimes overflow of bins is on foot of household dumping at bins he will review the frequency of emptying bins and see there is a need for a second bin beside it. He will chat to the team on the ground around collection and if there is a need for another bin in proximity, he can certainly look at it for them.

The meeting ended as there was no other business.