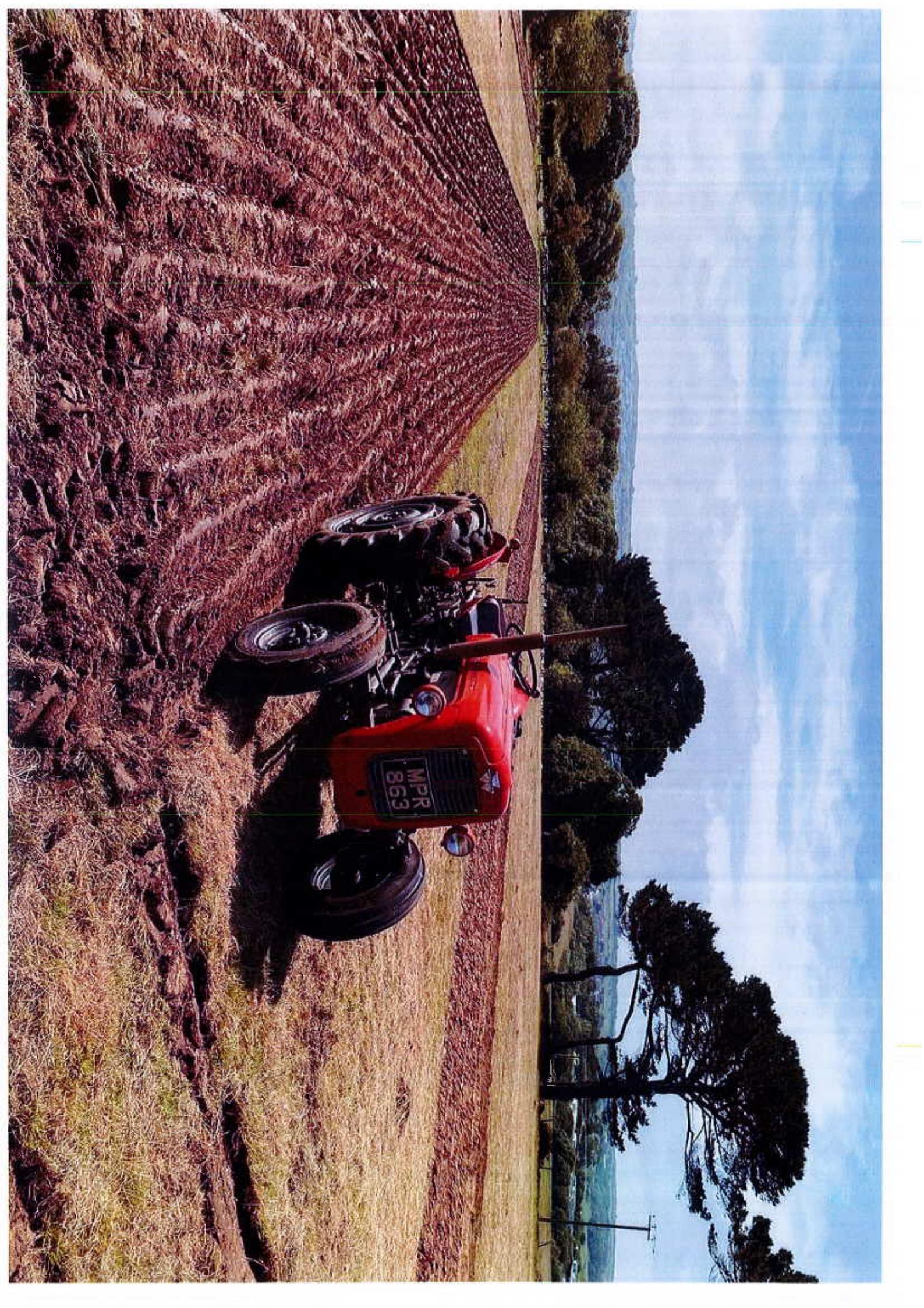


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Agenda Item 6.a) - Eastern Jetty Inspection

In recent months, some issues have been recognised in respect of the eastern jetty at the Swanage Town Council boat park (adjacent to the main slipway). These have included deterioration of one of the base support columns and issues with the attachment of the timber fenders to the main structure. Repairs have been made to several of the fenders in the past months however unfortunately it appears that the durability of these is variable.

In order that appropriate works can be planned and progressed it is recommended that a condition survey of the jetty is undertaken to include details of any works that may be required, recommendations of the most appropriate methods of repair and associated estimates of cost.

Two suitably qualified companies have been approached to provide estimates for the survey as outlined.

Recommendation: That a condition survey of the jetty is undertaken and funded by a proportion of the significant one-off revenue expenditure budget allocated for the boat park for 2021/22.

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Agenda Item 8. - Prince Albert Gardens – to consider a request for a memorial stone

In January 2020 Councillors gave permission for a memorial tree and appropriate memorial plaque to be sited at an agreed location within Prince Albert Gardens. This decision was granted under item 4 of the Operations Committee held on 15th January 2020.

Subsequent to this a request was made that the memorial plaque be replaced with a carved piece of Purbeck stone with an approximate 20x18cm sloped lettering face, overall height circa 30cm with a similar depth of stone in the ground to provide anchorage.

Recommendation:

That approval is given for a memorial stone as described, to be sited with the memorial tree agreed in January 2020 within Prince Albert Gardens.

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Agenda Item 9. - The Queen's Green Canopy

In May 2021, the Council were notified by the office of the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset to advise of the launch of the Queen's Green Canopy. This is a unique, UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, by inviting people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee."

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools, and corporates will be encouraged to plant trees from October 2021 when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the Queen's Green Canopy will encourage the planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

From October, all planting projects can be uploaded onto an interactive map on the new Queen's Green Canopy website to create a green canopy of projects to cover the country.

£5,000 has been budgeted for tree planting in the 2021/22 financial year. Whilst some locations for new tree planting have already been identified, suggestions for specific locations are welcomed. Regard will be given to current and future climatic conditions and increasing biodiversity in relation to the species of trees that will be selected.

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Agenda Item 10.a) - Dorset Waste Services - Update

At the Operations Committee held on Wednesday 31st March 2021, agenda item 8b, Robin Hildreth, Supervisor at Dorset Waste Services provided an overview of the waste and litter collection services proposed for Swanage in 2021. This was further to a meeting of the Waste Management Working Party held on March 16th, 2021, where Councillor Moreton and members of the management teams of the Town Council and Dorset Waste Services discussed waste collection arrangements for the summer season in detail. These discussions were positive and centred around measures that could be taken by both parties to deal with the anticipated high levels of waste over the summer.

In late April 2021, the Council received correspondence from Dorset Waste Services stating that due to operational reasons an urgent review of the waste service provided to Swanage had been undertaken which would result in the removal of all 240 litre black wheelie bins to be replaced with smaller capacity bins. It was advised this would have the advantage of enabling collections by a smaller 3.5 tonne vehicle that could be driven by a wider pool of drivers.

Directly after this, the Town Council raised with Dorset Waste Services the following concerns with their proposals:

- They amounted to a significant reduction in seafront bin capacity
- That the proposed location of the new bins did not take into account areas of very high bin use.
- Concerns regarding how 'seagull proof' the new bins would prove.

A further meeting was held on May 4th with Councillor Moreton and officers of the Town Council and Dorset Waste Services to discuss these concerns in more detail however the Council were advised that the new bins and collection regime were necessary for operational reasons and could not be rescinded.

Following installation of the bins in early June 2021 it became apparent that the concerns raised by the Town Council were founded and in order to attempt to mitigate these, significant additional amounts of staff resource from the Town Council was being expended.

In late June, a meeting/walkabout was held on Swanage seafront with Councillor Moreton, the Town Clerk, the Visitor Services Manager, the Operations Manager, Dorset Council Executive Director of Place, the Head of Waste Operations, Dorset Waste Services and the Operations Manager, Dorset Waste Services. Seafront Advisors and Beach Cleaners also attended parts of the meeting to give first-hand accounts of the operational impact of the revised waste collection regime and suggestions for how these could be mitigated.

A verbal update will be provided by at the Operations Committee on 14th July to provide details of any actions and outcomes subsequent to this meeting.

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