

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	24 January 2017
Title:	Open Spaces Working Group / Elms Park Improvements
Contact Officer:	Graham Hunt, Town Clerk Janine Howells, Asset Manager

Purpose of this Report

1. To provide a verbal / written update on the Elms Park Improvements being undertaken by the Open Spaces Working Group (OSWG).

Update

2. After some further minor queries from the Planning Officer, planning permission was granted on 17 November 2016 for the agreed improvement scheme to Elms Park. A number of conditions have been placed on the planning permission and these are detailed in the attached Appendix 1.
3. The Elms Park Improvement project is now on hold until there is more clarity on available funding. A large part of the funds are dependent on a s106 contribution from the development of the adjacent site at The Elms. Planning permission remains for the original application for 37 dwellings. The subsequent planning application for Extra Care housing at The Elms has been withdrawn.
4. The work by the Open Spaces Working Group on the Elms Improvement Project has now been concluded. There have been various suggestions (and agreements) that the Working Group should now turn its attention to more general litter, dog fouling and bye law issues. An initial meeting to commence that work will be arranged in due course.

Action Required

To note the report.