

**CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**1. Introduction**

The Grounds and perimeter of the Pinetrees Community Centre are currently managed by a team of three volunteers who are linked to the Pinehurst Initiative Forum (PIF). This agreement was inherited from Swindon Borough Council.

Equipment includes hand tools, a petrol mower and strimmer.

Currently the volunteers manage the raised beds and 'formal' central garden area of the facility, it is anticipated that this will be expanded to include the mowing of the grassed verges and maintenance of the dry poorly soiled perimeter to the South.

In line with the recommendation of Full Council on Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> it has been agreed to include a paid Parish Grounds Employee to complement the volunteers and it will principally be the responsibility of this employee to conduct the outlined work with the assistance of established volunteers.

**2. Report Details**

- 2.1** A new self-propelled petrol mower has been identified by the volunteers to be used by the Parish Employee and PIF Volunteer(s). The identified mower is the 'Hayter Spirit 41' Self-Propelled Petrol Rear Roller Lawn mowe
- 2.2** The cost is: £379 which includes a 3 year warranty.

**3. Recommendation**

- 3.1** That the Parish Manager is tasked with purchasing the above equipment and transfer its custody to the PIF to be used exclusively at the Pinetrees Community centre. It is not be removed from the site without prior permission from the Parish Manager.