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Dear Lorraine,

For the Attention of the Projects & Amenities Committee

Mountsorrel Peace Garden

I write on behalf of Mountsorrel Branch, Royal British Legion and Mountsorrel Heritage Group. As you will be aware the two organisations have now for several years past provided a monthly volunteer work party within the Peace Garden aiming to enhance the general appearance of the garden both as a memorial site and as a green space amenity for the village. We appreciate that the Parish Council's current budget capacity is limited and note the vastly improved grass cutting regime under the current contract which has been greatly welcomed by ourselves and other users.

In working regularly in the Peace Garden we have noted some works that are beyond our capacity that we wish to draw to your attention. We feel these should be budgeted for and auctioned on a pre-emptive maintenance basis:

- Base stones under the Memorial Bench for the late Cllr Harold Newman – these have started to come loose on the northern edge. This is a potential hazard to the grass-cutters and also potentially to users. Re-seating the stones and rec-cementing them is a small scale job and should have minimum cost implications but if left could develop into something more costly.
- Site fencing and gates are in need of full cleaning down and repainting. I believe from conversation with the Parish Clerk that this is already on your list of works, which is welcomed.

- The site lost a major tree in the recent past and although the WW1 Centenary saw the provision of three new trees these are still very much at a sapling stage of growth. We have noted two of the older trees have developed odd long low branches that would benefit from removal by a tree surgeon. We also suggest that a survey of all the trees is undertaken to assure both the Council and users of their health and potential longevity and to act as the basis of a forward plan for replacements.
- Magnet fishermen have left a small collection of metal waste by the weir bridge within the Peace Garden and although CBC provide the work parties with garden waste bins using them for metal waste removal would be inappropriate. Could these items be removed please.
- The external wall/pavement edges have become heavily weed/grass covered recently, could the Council's Gardner weed spray please.

Yours Sincerely

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