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VICTORIA PARK – WATER SHORTAGE IMPACT

Last night, in a packed Council Chamber, a representative of Costain was put on the spot by both Councillors and the public about the state of Victoria Park.

After a wide-ranging discussion of the various problems affecting the Park, which appear to be spreading beyond the Park's boundaries and possibly into nearby residents' homes and the Nursery School, the Town Council resolved urgently to commission an independent survey to investigate the problems in the park.

Council Leader, Ifor Sheldon, said, "It is important that the people of Newbury have the opportunity to ask the questions that really matter to them. We need to act quickly to resolve the problems, and an independent survey has to be the starting point."

The Bowls Club has also been badly affected. Deputy Leader of the Council, Julian Swift-Hook, said, "The premier status of Newbury's historic bowls club is now threatened by the catastrophic damage that has been caused to the normally pristine playing surface. I do hope the damage will not be permanent."

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