

Committee: Full Council

Date: 27 April 2021

Title: Clerk's update report on matters already reported to Full Council

Purpose of Report

For members to note information contained within the report on matters already reported to Full Council

Recommendation:

Members to **NOTE** the report

REPORT:

Neighbourhood Plan

1. Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Development group met on Wednesday 21 April. As a result of this meeting the group are looking to start public consultation on the plan in June. They would be looking at various ways in which to communicate with residents of Ilminster in order to gather their thoughts about the plan. This will include leaflets, exhibitions, online and other methods. There will be a 6 week consultation period after which a report of the consultation will be provided.

Cemetery Lodge (Update provided by Cllr White)

2. Cllr White has been looking into the possibility of obtaining grants for the work that is required at Cemetery Lodge. Unfortunately, any Government Grants that might have been available pre-covid would now appear to have been withdrawn.
3. Mr Chris Baranowski, Architect, has provided ITC with recommendations to resolve the problems to this property, which include:-
 - Repairs to exterior doors
 - Insulation
 - Ventilation.
4. In line with a resolution passed by council, Cllr White along with officers are looking to obtain quotes for this work to be carried out during the course of the

summer so that any work that is authorised can ideally be completed before next winter.

Wharf Lane Recreation Ground (Update provided by Cllr Gunn)

5. The Wharf Lane Recreation Ground refurbishment is almost complete. The Mayor and Chair of Open Spaces will officially open the area on Fri 30th Apr at 0930.
6. The area will, however, be open from the previous day. Swing seats, zip-wire seat, roundabout and basket swing seat will be fitted by our play installation team on Thu 29th Apr. Protective fencing will be removed for this work to commence and in discussion with the installation team (Play UK), Project Manager, Deputy Town Clerk and Chair of OS Committee it was seen as unnecessary to replace them only to remove them the following morning for the opening.
7. The large earth mound will be left as it is until the slide is installed in September. This will allow the earth to settle hard and grass to grow before installing a heavy stainless steel, half tube slide and steps to the top. We have also identified space to install an extra springer, but this is on back order and will be installed at a later date. The vast amount of the new equipment is fully accessible. All protective matting has been replaced in areas deemed to be a H&S issue.
8. Councillors from SSDC will attend the ceremony, as will John Storey (husband of the late Sophie Storey). Local press outlets have also been invited to cover the story for their respective papers. All Covid-19 protocols will be observed during the ceremony.

Cricket Club Lease:

9. At the Full Council meeting on the 23 February 2021, (Town Council minute no. 872) members resolved to delegate authority for the Town Clerk to approach IEF about an extension of the lease and to enter renegotiations on a new lease.
10. An email on the 19 March 2021 from Mr Ed Wells the Clerk to Ilminster Education Foundation was received indicating that IEF would agree to a 99 year lease being granted. However, he also pointed out that there were many other details that would need to be ironed out.

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11. The Town Clerk will make contact with the Council's solicitor over this matter in order to establish just what some of these details are and in order to try and obtain a timeline for progressing this matter.

Mark Tredwin
Town Clerk
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