

**Committee: FULL COUNCIL**

**Date: 18 July 2023**

**Title: Clerk's update report**

**Purpose of Report**

For members to receive updates on information that has been brought to meetings in the past.

**Recommendation:**

Members to note the report.

**Report:**

**Vandalism**

1. A group of children have been identified as having caused the most recent damage to the toilets. It has involved two from Herne View School and a small number from Wadham School.
2. Following this both the Police and the school have been in touch with the culprits and arrangements are in hand for the two students from Herne View school to carry out some restorative Justice on the recreation ground under the supervision of a member of school staff.
3. The subject of financial compensation for the damage has been broached with the Headteacher however it is her belief that this would not be easily achieved as at least one of the children's home financial situation is not good.
4. Clearly this is not a decision that officers can decide without some form of understanding how the members wish to pursue this. This has been discussed with the Mayor and her opinion tallies with that of the clerk's that to pursue this in the face of advice from the Head might not be a wise move.
5. We have written to the Head at Wadham asking him for an update on this matter but have yet to receive a response.

**IEF Lease**

6. This is now in the final stage of a draft to be brought to members. There are still a couple of matters that require the input of the IEF's solicitor but it is hoped that by September a Draft will be with members for their consideration.
7. In light of the recent failure of groups to adhere to the vehicles on the Recreation Ground requirements set out during events as well as the fact that the pin onto the recreation ground has been left down, the clerk is looking to ensure that in the lease there is an enforceable clause relating to managing vehicles.
8. Whilst recognising that the Cricket Club will be responsible for the Cricket area, the Town Council remains responsible for the whole of the Recreation Ground and as such needs to ensure that members of the community can use free from vehicles being parked on the ground un-necessarily.

### **Auditors Report**

9. As reported at the last full council meeting and the Resources meeting the auditor raised concerns over the Insurance of the Archie Gooch Pavilion. We are now able to confirm that copies of the Insurance Certificates have been provided for both the Archie Gooch Pavilion and the Tony Rice Bar.
10. Neither of these documents show the beneficiary to be the Town Council and we are looking to establish exactly why the auditor believes that this should be the case. It is suspected that the reasoning sits around an incident where a building was destroyed and the insurance payout was held onto by the Lease Holder. A problem arose because the council decided not to replace the building for unknown reasons.

### **Registration of Land on the Community Asset Register**

11. Members resolved that Land at the base of Herne Hill be registered as a community asset. This has been turned down. Following a conversation on the 18 July With an officer from Somerset Council this was because firstly Persimmon has an option on one piece of land and the other is subject to being Organically farmed for the next two years. They rarely also grant community asset status to land that is actively used for agriculture.

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