

**Committee: FULL COUNCIL**

**Date: 18 October 2022**

**Title: Clerks update**

**Purpose of Report**

To update members on matters already reported to council

**Recommendation:**

To note the report

**Report:**

**Resilience Matters**

1. As members are aware the draft Section 19 Report was sent out to both them and members of the community who had put their names forward for the resilience group. As a result of this comments have been fed back to the writers of the report.
2. Meetings are still taking place with various groups including the three-monthly Flooding group which includes the Environment Agency, Somerset Rivers Authority, members of both District and County Council, Somerset Highways and others.
3. No further information has been received from Alder King, the Dairy Gold Agents for the land along the river Ile. Officers will continue to chase his matter.
4. Both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended some resilience training with Chard Area Resilience Group following the recent meeting with two of their lead members. Information on this will be shared with members in the coming days.
5. The clerk is meeting with a representative of the Rotary Club to receive a number of flood pack for use in Ilminster on the 18 October. Details will be shared with members as to what is in these once it is known.

**S106 and CIL funding**

6. During meetings last year members were informed that following discussions with SSDC's locality's officer the following funds were available to the community for a variety of projects.

<b>S106 Funding</b>	<b>Capital</b>	<b>Commuted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Changing Rooms	£ 127,382.0	£ 10,247.0	<b>£ 137,629.0</b>
Community Hall	£ 76,860.0		<b>£ 76,860.0</b>
Equipped Play	£ 100,308.0	£ 63,319.0	<b>£ 163,627.0</b>
3G AGP	£ 8,161.0		<b>£ 8,161.0</b>
Sports Hall	£ 38,458.0		<b>£ 38,458.0</b>
Sports Pitches	£ 37,009.0	£ 26,408.0	<b>£ 63,417.0</b>
Youth Facilities	£ 13,858.0	£ 5,123.0	<b>£ 18,981.0</b>
	<b>£ 402,036.0</b>	<b>£ 105,097.0</b>	

7. In recent emails we have received, the following update which would appear to show that not all the funds previously identified are now available.

Community Halls	4,455	
Equipped play areas	61,936	35,775
<b>Youth Facilities</b>	12,161	4,496

8. We are endeavouring to establish what projects have accounted for the reduction in the S106 funds. We are aware that funds have already been allocated to the Football Club, Cricket Club for pitch maintenance and ground works. However there does appear to be a significant discrepancy between the two sets of figures.
9. It had been hoped as members are aware that funds for the refurbishment of the Winterhay, West Crescent and the fitness trail would be able to come from the S106 funds along with funding from a bequest to Ilminster Town Council.

**Bus Shelter – Canal Way**

10. Despite repeated requests and promises of the work being carried out, we are still no closer to getting the replacement roof in place.

11. If the work has not been conducted by the end of this month, then we can see no other way forward than to seek legal advice to recoup both the cost of the replacement roof and compensation for the fact the work has not been carried out. Approaches will be made to our insurance company to see what support they will provide bearing in mind that they have funded the replace through an insurance claim.

### **Burma Star Garden**

12. As members will recall one of the locations for a bench purchased through the MTIG funding was to be the Burma Garden. This work will be conducted in the near future with suitable base and landscaping being planned by the external works team
13. An email will be sent to all members once this work has been completed and posts will be placed on social media and as part of a press release confirming the completion.

### **Wild Meadow seeds**

14. We have now been notified that the wild meadow seeds are ready for collection and once these have been picked up, they will be sown up at West Crescent in order to establish the wild meadow.

### **Events in Ilminster**

15. A filming company has approached the town council with regards to obtaining permission to fly a drone in the town centre and up at Herne Hill. This is part of a series called "Say yes to the dress" which is being shot at Alice Temperley's premises over the next few weeks.
16. Whilst events such as these would normally be brought before members for their consideration the time scales for this have meant this has not been possible. This has been brought to the film company's attention and it has been suggested that they may wish to make a donation to the Council.

### **Wessex Water**

17. It has now been confirmed that Wessex Water are no longer planning to introduce an overflow tank into Ilminster in the locations that were being suggested. They have as yet not said how they intend to deal with the breaches in the water chain and we will continue to make enquiries as what they intend doing to resolve these problems.
18. No confirmation has yet been received regarding the chosen site for the Overflow Tank. Chasing emails have been sent and the response was that they are looking at the options still.

**Mark Tredwin  
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