

Committee: FULL COUNCIL

Date: 21 February 2023

Title: Clerk's update

Purpose of Report

For members to be updated on information already considered by council

Recommendation:

Members to note the report.

Report:

Resilience

1. We have been approached by Chard Town Council about the possibility of Ilminster along with Crewkerne of looking to assist with a call out rota and the subsequent costs. I have asked for more information to be provided so that a report can be placed before members for them to consider if appropriate.
2. A meeting is being held next week with a member of the community to discuss possible locations for a resilience store in Ilminster.
3. The clerk is also meeting on the 28 February with representatives of the EA to discuss the scoping that they are planning to carry out with regards Ilminster and a Flood Study that the EA are hoping to carry out.

IEF Lease

4. Progress is being made on the lease and some comments have now been received back from the IEF with regards the draft. These are being considered and hopefully a finalised version will be available shortly.

Bus Shelter

5. The replacement roof has finally been put in place following the threat of court action.

Tennis Courts

6. A tri-partite style agreement has been sent to SSDC's legal team for them to consider. However despite repeated requests for a copy to be provided to both us and Crewkerne Town Council this has not been forthcoming yet.
7. As reported to members a site survey has taken place and the works for the court will be relatively straight forward. Officers have spoken with the family of the person who has a memorial bench in the courts and they would be happy for this to be located outside the courts thereby allowing for two of the recycled benches to be put inside the courts.
8. The back two courts require a full refurbishment whilst the front pair of courts only require a form of top dressing. This means that the level of the rearmost courts will be raised by several centimetres and as such will help to solve the height difference issue between the courts.
9. All of the site traffic will be able to access a compound alongside the courts directly from Canal Way. They anticipate that the works will take around 6-7 weeks during which time the courts out of commission for that period.

Neighbourhood plan

10. As members are aware the examiners report has now been returned and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will need to decide how to progress the changes that need to be made.
11. It is clear that historical errors have not been picked up on and that means that potentially there is a fair bit of work that will be required to enable these changes to take place.
12. A report will be brought to members at next month's Full Council in line with process that takes place and is detailed below.
 - *Once ITC have received the final Examiner's Report you can take it to the Town Council for them to sign off/agree the proposed modifications and that they are happy to progress to referendum. At this stage ITC cannot suggest make material changes to the NP .*
 - *SSDC/Somerset Council will need a final referendum version of the NP and Appendices that incorporate all the modifications the Examiner has recommended.*
 - *Somerset Council will agree to progress to referendum*
 - *Somerset Council will organise and pay for the referendum*
 - *If there is a 'Yes' vote at the referendum Somerset Council will then formally 'make' the INP*

PCSO John Martin

13. Sadly we have been informed that PCSO has resigned from his position and will be working outside of the Police Force. He has served the Ilminster community and it is intended that Officers should write to him on behalf of the Council to thank him for the work that he has done.

Roger Swann

14. Members will recall that they accepted the proposal for Mr Swann to be put forward as a candidate to receive "A Chair's Award" from Somerset County Council. We are pleased to say that he was recipient of this award at the end of last week.

**Mark Tredwin
Town clerk
February 2023**