

Committee: FULL COUNCIL

Date: 19 October 2021

Title: Clerk's update report

Purpose of Report

To update members on items not included elsewhere on this agenda but previously reported to council

Recommendation:

Members to note the report and where appropriate consider any resolutions that may be required.

Update Reports

Cricket Club and IEF leases

1. At the Full Council meeting on the 27 July 2021 members were provided with copies of leases relating to the Ilminster Education Foundation (IEF) and to the Ilminster Cricket Club. Members **RESOLVED to** authorise Officers to accept the draft leases and for officers to send them to both Ilminster Cricket Club and the Ilminster Education Foundation.
2. Mr David Lovelock the council's solicitor has informed the clerk that he is awaiting contact from the Cricket Clubs solicitor to discuss the draft Lease and Sub-Lease for the land that is rented to the town council by the IEF. His advice is that now the initial documentation required by both himself and the IEF has been exchanged it would be appropriate for the leases relating to the cricket club be finalised.
3. It is Mr Lovelock's advice that if the Cricket Club Leases are completed before the final version of the lease with IEF then any variations can be incorporated into the IEF lease.
4. Mr Wells from the IEF has indicated that the rent specified on the new lease will be £2,500 per annum. It will still be the council's responsibility for the maintenance of the land specified under the lease. This will include the upkeep of the canal and the area surrounding it. This will mean that council should be considering a budget item for forthcoming years that provides for the potential clearing of the canal.

Christmas Trees Festival

5. Members have recently been provided with details of the 2021 Christmas Tree Festival that is being held from November 29th until December 4th at the Minster Church, Ilminster.

6. In light of the decisions taken at the Full Council meeting taken on the 15 September to support last years event, the clerk has spoken with the Mayor and they have agreed that this should once again be supported.

**Mark Tredwin
Town clerk
October 2021**