

**Committee: FULL COUNCIL**

**Date: 17 January 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 recently been made aware that a group of residents of Green lane have been in direct contact with Alder King the agents for the land abutting to the Park Homes sites off Station Road. They have indicated that they would be willing to reinstate the bund behind the Park Homes site.
2. The Environment Agency have stated that they would like to meet with the residents who are looking to carry out the work.
3. The Clerk has an online meeting in the next week with the various agencies who have been coordinating some of the work. Ahead of this meeting County Councillor Osborne arranged a meeting with Lee Norman from Somerset Highways to discuss drain clearance and other related works.

**Member surgeries**

4. The first surgery will be taking place on Saturday 21 January. A consultation form has been created along with a pack of support material. This will be made available to the councillors ahead of each meeting.
5. So far less than half the members have signed up to take part. It would be helpful if the other members would do so before the end of this month.  
**Appendix 15 B** shows the dates that are available.

**IEF Lease**

6. The clerk met with the solicitor and a representative from the Cricket Club to discuss the proposed lease. A number of issues were considered in the meeting and these will be incorporated into the lease and brought to members for them to consider.
7. It is hoped that this may be done before the start of the new financial year in April 2023.

**Bus Shelter**

8. The bus shelter has had a temporary roof following a visit from the contractors in November. They were supposed to be fitting a permanent solution however when they turned up, they discovered that they did not have the requisite fittings or materials to do so. This was despite having been provided with detailed photographs and descriptions of the damage.
9. As a consequence of not having heard anything from the suppliers since before Christmas a final warning letter is being prepared following consultation with the insurance company. They are being given until the end of the month to comply.

**Community consultation**

10. We are due to receive the final details obtained from the Community Consultation carried out in November and December of last year. As a result of a really good campaign to get people to fill in the questionnaire a total of 435 people responses were obtained.
11. This compares very favourably with other consultations that have been carried out recently and the way the Council promoted the Consultation is being used as an example by the group who have been providing the support and training.
12. It is hoped that we will be able to share details of the outcome in the near future.

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**January 2023**