

**STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**9 April, 2018**

**TOWN CLERK'S OPEN REPORT**

1) Town Hall Income, Facilities and Wellbeing Panel update

- **To note an update from the Town Hall Income, Facilities and Wellbeing Panel;**

Members are requested to review the notes from the meeting on 14 March 2019, already distributed.

2) Water Testing

- **To receive an update on the results of the water testing carried out in the Town Hall;**

The water supply in the Town Hall was tested by a specialist from the company Eaton Environmental Services. The water supply has been confirmed as drinkable. Water in plastic bottles is no longer ordered. Filter jugs have been purchased and are used to store water in the Fridge for Officers and Councillors.

3) Update from Cemetery Foreman

- **To receive an update on Holy Trinity Churchyard and the Cemetery from the Open Spaces Foreman;**
- **To view photographs of recent improvements to Cemetery kerbing, and review additional quotations for further work;**

The Cemetery Foreman reports that he is still occasionally seeing owners with their dogs off their leads in the Churchyard, also on witnessing this he is reminding the owners of the rules of the Churchyard. The Foreman also reports after a weekend he has occasionally had to clean up dog mess from the Cemetery. He has also received reports from visitors to the Cemetery of dogs being exercised in the Cemetery with no lead.

Photos of works already completed to add kerbing to parts of the Cemetery driveways will be tabled at the meeting.

Following positive feedback on the previous kerbing improvements, the Cemetery Foreman has received a quotation for a number of additional improvements, attached as **Appendix 'B'**.

Members are asked to review and consider whether these should be recommended to Council. As the works are not included in the budget for the current financial year, any additional work could be planned for funding either through a budget virement in 2019-20, which would need to be referred to the Finance & Scrutiny Committee, or for inclusion in next year's budget.

4) Information from Dog Warden

- **To receive information from SDC's Dog Warden;**

The Dog Warden from SDC has been very supportive by providing additional signage for the Cemetery reminding visitors to the Cemetery to clean up after their dogs and keep them on leads. The Dog Warden has also agreed to visit the Cemetery on an occasional basis.

In residential areas he has been using a new deterrent which has had positive feedback. A sign is painted into the pavement using a template and washable paint which overtime will wash away (see **Appendix 'C'**).

Members are requested to note the report.

5) Amenity Requests

- **To review amenity requests in all wards;**

There is still an amount left within the budget from 2018/19 to cover amenities such as general waste bins. Members are asked to consider whether they wish to recommend to Council that this surplus is carried forward into the new financial year.

6) Cycling Forum

- **To update SDC in cycle issues;**

Members are asked to consider whether there are any ways in which the Town Council could support better cycling in town.

Members should also note that there is the sum of £200 'ring-fenced' in the Town Council's accounts relating to a grant award from Warwickshire County Council to Stratford Cycling Forum from February 2014. It has been suggested this could be used to contribute to funding of recent activity in the town relating to cycle security marking. Members are asked to recommend the use of these funds for this purpose.

7) Biodiversity

- **To discuss Biodiversity: the management of outlet land in the respect of the collapse of insect populations;**

Councillor Jenny Fradgley has asked for this item to be added to the Agenda and will lead on this issue. Members are asked to consider whether Council should have a policy on this matter.

**Finance & Facilities Officer**  
3 April 2019