

Agenda Item 131.2

Town Environment Committee May 11 2022

Matters arising from previous minutes

King Street and Queen Street: We are still waiting for a response from the NCC on what they require for permission required for high level Bunting wiring [as installed elsewhere in the county] across street. A heritage style flag has been flying outside the Old Court House. It is clear that heavy material does not work as well as a light material flag. It is proposed to have a heritage design based on the STC's apple as in the flag holder printed on a lighter material in the right angled trapezium, viewed from both sides

Hedge maintenance schedule: The annual schedule for next season will be taken to the next meeting of the Committee. Suggestions for inclusion in and methods for the schedule should be sent to the Chair for a subsequent paper.

Professional PA system: the purchase of equipment for use by the STC has been agreed, the specifications for the purchase by the end of May will be reported.

New Market equipment: equipment to store the covers and frames has been designed and its fabrication will be reported. The ends of the covers have been remade and will be used. The backs of the stalls needs to be reviewed. It is proposed to have a specific cover fabricated for the fish stall as its size is not standard.

Remembrance days parade: work in conjunction with Southwell RBL on future for November 2022 has started and there was a meeting with the RBL on March 16. The report on this and proposals are enclosed

Platinum Jubilee decoration of the Market Square is being considered. Sweet peas are being grown although there is some doubt whether these will flower by June but will be a summer display. Other red, white and blue planting in the planters is being sourced and it is proposed that these plants are purchased in May for plating and flowering by June.

Watering system renovation: There will be a verbal report on the installation of the new system in May 2022. Road closures on the three Sundays for the work to take place are to be implemented. The road closure will be used to complete flag and bunting locators to be completed. Two pole holders are already in store, it is proposed to purchase an additional three to complete the work through the town.

Platinum Jubilee

Proposals for an additional market on Thursday have been removed from the programme, as it was difficult to recruit traders, many of whom had already committed themselves elsewhere.

Burgage Electricity Bollard

Although the sub surface line was constructed and is available, it is not connected and if it were to be connected would require a significant additional standing charge from Western Power. It is proposed not to proceed.

War Memorial Gates

Having investigated the hanging of the gates, it is clear that these were how they were installed, so no further work is proposed, except cleaning the gates and repainting in the STC's colours. A working party to do this by the end of October this is to be developed.

Mowing systems and equipment for park land

The gang mower, currently stored at Middle Corkhill Farm's barn, requires safety covering so that it can be used in park land. It is proposed to seek quotes for the construction of metal safety covers of the blades and report back to the Committee for further decision for consequent action. Proposals for other land management will be reported verbally.

Outstanding Town Environment Policies

A list of the policies that need to be reviewed is enclosed for proposals on how to proceed.

The items above are proposed for action and noting

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Church Street Toilets

The toilets are well used but require some refurbishment. There is resource for this in the 2022-2023 budget

It is proposed to:

1. replace the female toilets floor with a suitable flooring to facilitate better cleaning including continuous skirting boarding.
2. install wall covering to the entrance of the male toilet to match the wall covering inside the toilet block
3. erect a notice to indicate that 'The nearest toilet available is at the Archbishop's Palace, behind the Minster, open 9.00am to 5.00pm daily' so that on Sundays, when the Church St toilets are closed, visitors can find them

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