

Clerk's Report

Office Matters

Previous Resolutions- Ros made a list of the previous resolutions and I have been through. Good progress has been made and there are very few outstanding now. Anything that needs to come back to Council will be on the agenda for the end of May meeting.

I met with Tom Collins (ELDC Cleansing) regarding the amenity land where the orchard had been planned for. The neighbours had cleared the land a little and had started to cut the grass. They said if the grass could be cut shorter, they would keep it tidy. The hedges have been trimmed back and the whole area look far more respectable. This is on the list for transfer to STC.

The bollards and tree protectors have been painted by ELDC as part of the Welcome Back Fund and the seats at the Buttercross have also been painted.

The signs have been put up for Franklin Gardens.

One of the benches has been repaired by the handyman.

An enforcement notice has been requested for the Old Grammar School after liaising with the Historic Environment Officer (Emilie Wales). A letter of confirmation has been received.

ELDC Liaison Meeting James Gilbert 20th April 21

1. Transfer of Assets- This has to be agreed by ELDC and the value of the land assessed. This should not mean that STC has to pay for it.
2. Empty Shops/Dwellings- Cases need to be sent to Enforcement. James suggested writing to the owners of the Beehive to ask what their aspirations are for the property and stress that it is an important asset for the town.
3. Dog Fouling- I had contacted the dog wardens and not had a reply however there have been pavement stencils put down.
4. The litter pickers and hoops have arrived.

Liaison meeting Welcome Back Fund 28th April 21

Following the report sent to Councillors today, there was a meeting of ELDC and Town Clerks.

The fund can be used for a variety of uses. ELDC would like some projects to be sent within the next few weeks. I asked if the planters which had been suggested could be bought out of the fund and was told that they could be.

We were advised to share the scheme with our partners, especially for organising events for the towns.

Bonny Smith
Town Clerk
28/4/21