

## **Clerks' Report September 2020**

### **Updates**

#### **Hedges**

The hedge on the triangle has been cut and a request for Green lane hedge has been logged to be cut. The clerk has requested that the hedge on Cornmill Lane to be cut.

Cllr Steadman erected the Red Ensign Flag to commemorate Merchant navy day 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

#### **BUS Service on Heritage park**

The clerk has written to both bus companies for usage data but have not received the information.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Iron railings on closed churchyard boundary bordering house on Church Street (Skeleton Row)**

A resident has requested to remove the vegetation from her land/ She is concerned if she removes the vegetation the railings will fall down as they are currently held up in parts by wooden stakes. There was not evidence in her deeds that she was responsible for that boundary.

There have been several emails reporting an incident of the Park Pale at the back of Little Park holiday lets being scraped by a mini digger. There has been a considerable amount of vegetation cut back along the footpath from Park Pale to the River. This was reported to the Borough Council who instructed the police to stop any further work. English Heritage will be investigating the impact and the breach of the protection order on the Ancient Monument.

#### **Pedestrian exit onto Green Lane**

Barriers have been installed on the exit onto Green Lane near Tulip close. Primrose Drive. However, the exit has been closed off again by the County Council due to safety concerns of exiting onto Green Lane.

#### **Speeding on Park lane**

A resident has requested that the speeding on Park Lane is addressed. A request has been sent to the PSO to monitor the speed in this area. Community Speed watch could be set up in that area if there are enough volunteers to run it. Considerations need to be made by the County Council as to how speeding can be resolved and enforced. The traffic of larger vehicles and vans has been noted as speeding on this stretch.

#### **Bus shelter for Derby Route**

A parishioner has asked for the council to consider installing a bus shelter on the Derby route as the chemist is used unofficially for cover when catching the bus to Derby but now with distancing in

place. It is not ideal. There is limited room on the High Street to accommodate a bus shelter, this will need further investigation and will be added to a future agenda,

### **Councillor training**

The following courses are available online for councillors to attend.

Clerks The Knowledge – 2 session course on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-1pm £50

Be a Better Councillor – 2 session course on 21<sup>st</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-1pm £50

Explore Chairmanship – 2 session course on 27<sup>th</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-1pm £50

Councillor Fundamentals – 27<sup>th</sup> October 6.30-8.30pm £25

In addition we are launching the following specific skills courses:

How to generate funding and write more successful bids – 8<sup>th</sup> October 10am - 12.30pm £25

Managing Events and H&S Basics – 10<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 12.30pm £25

Internal Audit in Parish and Town Councils – 19<sup>th</sup> November 7-9pm £25

### **To Consider a skate park**

The council have received several requests to consider the installation of a skate/ pump park.

There are some good examples in Hilton and Findern of the facility. It is a good way of encouraging physical activity.. The teen area at the mill is getting quite run down and equipment is not as usable as it was when it was installed. This could be a potential area for this facility as there is room at the back of that area to accommodate this. This proposal needs to be put to the Borough Council to consider.

### **Clerks pay**

A notice has been received regarding the NALC pay award it is proposed from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 that the clerk's salary increase would be from £14.50 per hour to £14.90. The PayScale is point 24.

### **Ferrers Avenue Boundary**

Ferrers Ave Boundary quotes

Ferrers Av playing fields

Dig out and remove the existing earth bridge.

Supply and plant hawthorn whips in the 2 gaps as discussed ( three rows ), cane and rabbit guard the thorns .

Supply and fit new chestnut Pailin fence  
£265.00\*  
\*Indicates non-taxable item  
Subtotal £265.00  
Total £265.00

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Dig out and remove the existing earth bridge.  
Supply and plant hawthorn whips in the 2 gaps as discussed ( three rows ) , cane and rabbit guard the thorns .  
Supply and fit new closeboard fence  
£350.00\*  
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## **Closed Churchyard Maintenance**

- A quote has been received to survey the wall on both sides from the steps on Church Street. The costs for the survey and report would be £1,097 excluding vat but inclusive of disbursements for travelling and printing. This person was recommended by the church architect who would consider the grade 1 listing and the church considerations and faculty advice if work is required.

A councillor may want to pursue another quote from <https://www.smithandroper.com/contact-us> who was involved in the conservation of the War Memorial. Alternatively, councillors may want to source an alternative quote elsewhere

- A survey has been complete on the remaining trees in the closed churchyard and Triangle. No immediate is required.