

Clerks Report for July 23

Playing Field:

The anti-climb painting of the perimeter fence has been started to date the fence at the back of the children's play area and from the lower entrance to skate park entrance has been completed.

All the gates in the playing field have been lubricated and padlocks have been checked and oiled.

The pathways in the Playing Field have been cleared of mud, debris and weeds some overhanging growth on the pathway has also been removed.

The casual staff have informed of an issue with the pathway near the shed, the tarmac is cracking and dipping. Further investigation is required.

The lost property that has been accumulating over the past few months has all been posted on Facebook with a notice to say that unless it is claimed by the 2nd August it will be disposed of. We will of course incur a cost for this but some of it may be able to be placed in the skip when the gym equipment is removed.

The office has obtained two quotes for the concreting at the skate park the third contractor approached has informed that they are too busy to quote so we will be looking at other options.

DSW have offered to give us a skip free of charge for the removal of the old gym equipment and our staff are happy to remove the old items prior to the installation of the new equipment. This work will have to be undertaken in conjunction with the new equipment being installed. We are currently trying to arrange for this to be undertaken in September in line with the other work planned. To date we do not have a fixed date for the skate park work to be undertaken.

There have been two incidents this month where the bins have not been emptied due to cars parking on the road obstructing the top entrance.

Cemetery:

The Contractor for the Cemetery wall has provided the Council with a guarantee for the work should there be any problems arising from the work undertaken for the next 5 years.

The post box and the new bench have now been installed within the Cemetery.

We have had a work bench donated for the Cemetery shed. This will help to tidy up the shed and provide a usable work area to undertake small tasks.

We have received another complaint regarding the surround that has been left at the lower edge of the cemetery next to the fence. The memorial mason has again been chased to move this to a more suitable location. It was agreed several months ago that this would be moved back onto the plot, but the headstone and surround will not be set in place until the appropriate permits have been authorised.

The electric meter at the cemetery has been changed to a smart meter this month.

A start has been made on clearing Flanders Field, the flower bed was discussed at our last meeting and staff felt that it could do with a complete overhaul, the heather is looking past its best and the plants could do with being replaced. Costs will be sought for the next Cemetery Meeting.

We have received advice from the Bat Society regarding the placement of the bat box, a site visit is required to identify a suitable location. We are planning a full site visit next month to have a general look around the cemetery and to ascertain if there is any work required and to investigate a few queries that have been identified in the records.

General:

The bench has been installed on the corner at Hendra Prazey.

The noticeboard has been put back up on the wall at the Spar Shop.

One of our members of staff cleared debris from the front of the fire station due to an issue that was reported into the office. Whilst this is not something that we would normally undertake there was broken glass in the debris, and this is a well-used pavement.

The fly tipping at the church reported at the last meeting, the information has been forwarded to the Church Warden via email and telephone.

The new bank account is now open, and the signatories have been notified by the bank.

The phone agreement has been signed off; we are currently awaiting an installation date.

The customer feedback forms have been drafted and printed ready for delivery, an online version has also been created for Facebook and the website.

No updates have been received regarding the transfer of the land at Dunstan Close. I have again this month chased the solicitor to ascertain our current position and to give the Council an update on progress. I have emailed the school to make them aware of the purchase. I have also enquired if the school would be willing to assist the council in designing the layout of the area when the deeds have been transferred. It would be prudent for the Council to run a consultation inviting views on how this area can be used once the transfer has been completed. This would allow the office to start investigating sources of funding for the future re-development of the area.