

**REPORT** of the Meeting of the Playing Fields and  
Cemetery Committee held 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016

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*Present:* Cllr: Martin Trueman (Vice Chair)

Alan Carman  
Helen Harrison  
Bob Griffin  
Pam Shipp  
Angela Symonds  
Gail Whitehead

Jack Hainsworth (St. Mary's Church)  
Clare Nelmes (Town Clerk)  
Sandra Richardson (Deputy Town Clerk)

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: Clive Parkinson  
Lesley Tuck (nee Jones) – (Family Commitment)

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST REPORT**

(a) St. Mary's Closed Churchyard - General Report

Jack Hainsworth reported that the grass was growing very fast and that the 'Holy Mowers' were looking at the economics of the number of cuts, fuel used etc.

He went on to report to members that the top of the memorial still had not been cleaned and the Deputy Clerk advised that the stone mason who had carried out the repair work had revisited the site to check the cement that had come away at a corner. They informed her that in their opinion the corner had come away as a result of an impact but that the problems with the lime mortar may be due to having been set in slight drizzle. He also observed that there were signs of further deterioration which would need mortar repair.

After some discussion it was agreed that the repair work should be carried out at the contractor's expense as it appeared to be because the work was carried out in the wet. Also he should be asked to clean the top of the memorial as had been requested in the original specification.

Lastly Mr Hainsworth reported that the outside light had continued to trip the interior lights but that there was now one bulb missing. Members were informed that Matrix Electrics had returned to re-investigate the problem and thought that water was entering the fitting which would cause the problems encountered internally. They would be rectifying the problem in the near future.

Mr. Hainsworth was thanked for his attendance and he left the meeting.

(b) Skatepark - User Group and Proposed Improvements

Dan Potter of the skate park users group would be in discussion with designers of containers that are turned into cafes and also with South Gloucestershire planners to site the proposed cafe. Investigations into the proposal to make an entrance in the hedge that runs parallel to the park were continuing between Dan and Circadian Trust owners of the hedge. It was agreed to invite Dan Potter to the next committee meeting

The Skate Park was undergoing its annual painting refurbishment hopefully in time for the Skate Fest on Saturday 26th June.

(c) Dog Control Measures – Mundy Playing Fields

As yet there had not been a press release and the Town Clerk agreed to organise this and to consider Council's policy on dogs within play areas etc.

Cllr Angela Symonds felt that the recently purchased 'keep dogs on leads' signs were not positioned in the right places and that more should be purchased.

The Clerk informed members that she would contact the dog warden at South Gloucestershire Council and arrange an information session with outside staff giving advice on how to handle members of the public who flouted the regulations on dog walking in the park. It was agreed that photo id would be an idea so that when staff had to confront a dog owner who did not have their dog on a lead or in fact for any matters outside of the Town Hall at least they would be identifiable. Councillors also agreed to photo id for themselves.

(d) Installation of Defibrillator at Mundy Playing Fields

The Deputy Clerk informed members that the wording etc to be displayed on the machine had been submitted and delivery was awaited.

(e) Request from Castle School Pupils for Various Works to Oakleaze Green

The project had been put on hold as the students who had brought the idea to Council were taking GCSE exams and Cllr Clive Parkinson would be meeting with them in the near future to take the project forward.

Members were informed that there was money in the budget to at least site a path across the area as originally discussed.

(f) Thornbury Town Football Club –

(i) Upgrade Sport Facilities at the Mundy Playing Fields

There was little to report at present on the Football Club's proposals. The Clerk informed members that the Football Club would be carrying out a consultation in conjunction with Town Council and she would be investigating the matter.

(ii) Submission of sign for Poulterbrook

As requested at the last meeting the Football Club had removed their sign and submitted plans for a second one to include recognition to Thornbury Town Council.

After some consideration members agreed to inform the Club that Thornbury Town Council and the town crest would be in large print at the top of the sign and then all following information below with the picture of grass and Premier League and the FA Facilities fund recognition at the bottom of the sign.

Members also agreed that once the area was open to the public the dogs on leads signs would be necessary at the entrance to Poulterbrook.

(g) Resurfacing of Car Park

There was nothing to report on this item at present.

(h) Upgrading of Play Areas.

There was nothing to report at this time and it was agreed to combine this item with the Oakleaze Green Project and consider other out sites as a whole.

The Town Clerk agreed to investigate the matter of all play areas and submit a report.

(i) Charges for Hire of Public Tennis Courts

A report was awaited from Councillor Maggie Tyrrell.

(j) Renewal of Pavilion Roof

Two quotes had been received for the renewal of the pavilion roof and it was agreed to await a third before making a decision.

(k) Renewal of Disabled Swings at Osprey Park and Streamleaze Green

CLlr Helen Harrison reported that having spoken to Jigsaw, a Thornbury group for children with additional needs; they did not have any further information on disabled swings but did suggest that perhaps they would be able to set up a lending library for harnesses to be used with the swings. They could distribute these to their members as and when needed. It was agreed to give the matter further thought.

**3. MATTERS IN PROGRESS**

There were no matters in progress.

**4. OPERATIONAL REPORT**

Since the last meeting the Cemetery had accommodated five interments of cremated remains and four burials. The information was noted.

The Deputy Clerk asked members if they would wish to carry out the usual summer walkabout of the outside spaces. It was agreed to find a date mutually agreeable to both Councillors and the Outside Spaces Supervisor.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr Lucker had approached Council as he required an area to develop an athletic club for the youth of Thornbury and it had been suggested to him that the old tennis court area on Chantry Field might be an ideal area. Members wished to meet with Mr Lucker before making a decision and suggested that he be asked to attend the next meeting of Playing Fields and Cemetery Committee.