



Clerk's Report

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No	ITEM	INFORMATION	ACTION
1	Bench at Reading Room	I have contacted Cumbria Highways and have a draft agreement from them to place a bench outside the Reading Room. I intended to contact the Reading Room Committee as a matter of courtesy to ask for their opinion on this, however, they have now contacted Michael claiming that they own the land outside the Reading Room. I will be in contact with them shortly to discuss.	For Info
2	Defibrillator	I was contacted by Peter Knapton to advise that the battery in the defibrillator at the Car Park needed replacing. I ordered the battery and it has since been installed.	For Info
3	EV Chargers	Utility Aid have not been able to help with getting a meter installed as all suppliers have now stopped quoting due to the volatility in the market. It seems that we will have to wait for British Gas to install the meter and this is currently planned for 24 October unless a cancellation becomes available. Pilot Group also tried to assist with their contacts but at £1.18 per day standing charge and £0.68 per kWh, this was almost double the charges quoted by British Gas so I declined.	For Info
4	Charge My Street	Ellison Groundworks will be starting work in the car park in the next few weeks to rectify the work done by Charge My Streets contractors. Charge My Street have agreed to reimburse the council for this work.	For Info
5	Electricity	We have not received any bills from Npower since March and I have been querying this with them. I am told that there is an issue with software at their end and they cannot send bills until this is resolved.	For Info
6	Footway Lighting and Defibrillator	I have now had delivery of the defibrillator and cabinet for the phone box in Deepdale as well as delivery of the new Footway Lights (non-heritage style). I am awaiting a date for install from Ian Hutt.	For Info
7	Sepia Barn	Mr French has threatened to take the council to court over a lack of party wall agreement regarding the footway light installed next to Sepia Barn. So far I have seen no evidence that he has done anything about this.	For Info
8	Playing Field	I received a request from the Dentdale Sheep Show to use the Playing Field for this years show in return for a £200 donation to the council. I sent this to members of the Playing Field Committee who agreed this usage.	For Info
9	Ticket Machine Maintenance	The warranty period for the ticket machine expires on 02 September 2022 and I have been in contact with Flowbird regarding the issues that we have been experiencing. Currently, Flowbird are refusing to take responsibility and want the council to pay for the software upgrades. An email detailing why the council will not do this was sent on 31 August and a response is awaited.	For Info



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10	Car Park Improvement Project	<p>Recycling Area – Ellison Groundworks will be commencing work on this in the next few weeks with the new surface being laid shortly after.</p> <p>Information Boards – I have been waiting on information from Friends of Settle-Carlisle. However, Matt Kaunz has been working on the layout etc and I hope to have a proof to show at the next Policy and Resources Committee. I still have no solution for the delineation of bays and am still looking at alternatives.</p> <p>Perimeter Fence – This has been ordered and will be installed within 6 weeks.</p> <p>Line Painting – YDNPA have included this in a tender they have issued for all of their car parks.</p>	For Info
11	Barth Bridge	<p>The Listed Building consent has now been granted and it is hoped that work will start w/c 12 September 2022. As far as we know currently the work will be completed under traffic lights. Some of the delay has been caused by Cumbria Highways trying to find a lime mortar mix that will work better than those used on Stonehouse and Lea Yeat bridges which are already failing.</p>	For Info
12	Highways	<p>Ian Mitchell and I met with Karl Melville in July to discuss outstanding and ongoing highways issues and will meet with him again on 16 September.</p>	For Info
13	Winter Signage at Deepdale	<p>I have now received revised signage plans for Deepdale Lane and these will be presented at the next Amenities and Environment Committee.</p>	For Info
14	Car Park Field Gate	<p>I am struggling to find a local contractor who would be able to install the gate at the bottom of the field. The Access Ranger is no longer able to do this work and so the council will need to appoint a contractor.</p>	For Info