



Clerk's Report

02 May 2023

No	ITEM	INFORMATION	ACTION
1	Bench at Reading Room	Slow progress on this as I am awaiting the return of an agreement with the Reading Room before I can proceed.	For Info
2	Defibrillator	A new battery and pads have been ordered and delivered for the defibrillator at Cowgill and new pads have been ordered for the defibrillator at the Car Park.	For Info
3	EV Chargers	The renewal quote from British Gas was almost double what it had been for the Standing Charge with a 10 pence increase on the Unit Rate. I have done some shopping around and have actually brought the price down to 45 pence per day Standing Charge and 33.48 pence per unit.	For Info
4	Picnic Field	I received a request to use the Picnic Field at the Car Park for a Community Lunch for the Coronation. Due to the urgent nature of the request it was discussed at Planning Committee and it was agreed to allow use and request a donation.	For Info
5	Ticket Machine	There have been some faults with the ticket machine recently which have required an engineers visit. Notably on Easter weekend when the machine was out of action for 4 days. I am currently speaking with our Flowbird Account Manager about this. I am also awaiting confirmation of the new tariffs being loaded into the machine.	For Info
6	Footway Lighting	Three of the four modern lights originally ordered are operational with the fourth just requiring some wiring inside the property. One of the two Heritage Style lights is operational at the Green with the other to be installed on the Church porch shortly. I have been working closely with Andrea Burden at YDNPA and have hopefully secured a grant of £10k to enable all of the other lights to be replaced in one go.	For Info
7	Internal Audit	I have been busy putting all of the Year End paperwork together ready for the Internal Auditor. The Internal Auditor reviewed all of the paperwork etc. on Monday 24 April and has given the council a clean bill of health.	For Info
8	Car Park Improvement Project	The project now nears the final stage. I am awaiting a proof of the whole board from Matt Kaunz, I have timber and paint to trial a bay marking system and I have ordered new signage for the entrance. The only matter left after this will be the Wildflower Meadow and I will speak with school and WI shortly.	For Info



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9	Drainage Issues	I have recently asked a specialist Drain Company to inspect the drains outside the toilets due to the recent issues of backing up. The operators showed me each pipe as they sent the camera down and noted some minor defects. I am still awaiting their full report which I have chased up. The Cleaning Contractor has been advised not to clear any further issues himself but to notify me so that a specialist can be called out.	For Info
10	Recycling	You will have noticed the new recycling banks that have been installed by Westmorland and Furness Councils contractors. The skip outside the compound for glass is a temporary measure until the correct banks are available.	For Info
11	Highways	I have received numerous complaints regarding the pothole at the bottom of Laning and this has been reported on HIAMS multiple times. I have spoken with Dan Chalmers, Network Manager and he assured me a team would be out this week (w/c 24 April 2023). This has not happened and I will speak with Dan again.	For Info