



Clerk's Report

03 July 2023

No	ITEM	INFORMATION	ACTION
1	Bench at Reading Room	I now have the agreement with the Reading Room and am awaiting an updated agreement from Westmorland and Furness Council.	For Info
2	Ticket Machine	The ticket machine software and tariff have been updated. Further problems were suffered over the weekend of 23 – 26 June as a result of the main board inside the machine being switched off. As a result of the problems, I was able to negotiate the tariff update as a free of charge job along with a software update to correct the “Use another machine” message.	For Info
3	EV Chargers	Problems with the chargers were reported to me but when I went to check, they all seemed to be working correctly. The CMS chargers remain out of order currently.	For Info
4	Audit	All of the required documents have now been sent to the External Auditor and published on our website. The period for the public to see the accounts etc. has now begun.	For Info
5	Footway Lighting	The £10k grant from YDNPA has now been secured and I have ordered the remaining five modern style lights. I am awaiting an up to date quote for the heritage style lights before placing the order. There have been problems with the installation of the light at Rowel House which is why it is still not functioning but this will be rectified soon.	For Info
6	Car Park Improvement Project	Still awaiting delivery of new signage for the entrance and new tariff board. Matt Kaunz is finishing the information board draft and I should have this in the next few days.	For Info
7	Drainage Issues	There have been no further issues recently. I am still awaiting details from the insurance company about how much cover they provide and whether they have a preferred supplier.	For Info
8	Highways	The work to resurface Laning seems to have been very successful. However, I am aware of a couple of issues and have reported them to Rob Huck at Highways. I am awaiting his response.	For Info
9	Playing Field	Sedbergh and Dent Utd FC have accepted our proposal to pay a flat fee of £300 per year for the hire of the pitch and have already paid for the 2023-2024 season.	For Info
10	Winter Signs	The new smaller winter signage has now been erected at Deepdale Lane.	For Info

Car Park Improvement Project

Update June 2023

The car park improvement project first started in October 2020 following the installation of EV chargepoints by Charge My Street, when the council decided that the installation of more chargepoints would provide better facilities for residents and visitors, a further income stream for the Parish Council and would future proof against the growing number of EV's on the road and the Government's plans to stop production of petrol/diesel cars in 2030.

Alongside the installation of new EV chargers, the council decided that further work could be done, including a new recycling area with new flat surface and fence around to try to reduce litter, new information boards on the wall of the toilet blocks with more up to date information and an interactive village map highlighting all of the businesses in the village, new signage around the car park and at the entrance, repainting of the toilet block, repainting of road markings including the disabled parking bays, a fence between the car park and the field, increased picnic benches on the field, marking of parking bays to control where people park and maximise space and the introduction of a wildflower area.

In order to complete all of this work, approximately £50,000 needed to be found and the Clerk was asked to look for grant funding.

The council was successful in obtaining the following grant funding in order to realise this project:

YDNPA Sustainable Development Fund	£10,000
Cumbria County Council Community Grant Fund	£5,000
OZEV Off Road Chargepoint Scheme	£20,100
South Lakeland District Council	£10,000
Councillors Ian Mitchell and Suzie Pye	£1,250
Total	£46,350

With grant funding in place, the council set about appointing contractors to commence work.

To date, much of the project has been completed with only marking of bays, information boards, some signage and the wildflower area to be completed. There have been numerous delays with the information boards but these are now nearing completion. New signage is being ordered currently and will be installed within the next two weeks.

A number of different attempts to mark bays have been tried and have failed and a new solution is about to be trialled.

Expenditure on the project so far totals approximately £55,000 with the shortfall being met by the Parish Council from its reserves as agreed from the start of the project. There is approximately £3,000 more to be spent to finish the project with £2,500 still to come in from the YDNPA SDF grant.

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