

AGENDA ITEM 6

Clerk's Report – 21 February 2022

Matters Arising from Meeting held on 17 January 2022

- 17.01.22.11 To receive three quotes for the grass cutting contract and agree next actions**
COUNCIL AGREED that the grass cutting contract would be offered to Jeremy Brooks for a fixed two - year period. Jeremy Brooks has accepted the fixed price, two-year contract.
- 17.01.22.13** A query was raised regarding non-councillors being eligible to join this Committee.
Action: Clerk to take advice. In progress
- 17.01.22.16 Parish Newsletter:** One article remains incomplete.
- 17.01.22.22 CPRE campaign regarding the number of houses required by Central Government and Tewkesbury Borough Council, due to flooding risk**
Awaiting response from CPRE regarding details of this campaign impacting the local area. The main campaign can be found on their website:
<https://www.cpre.org.uk/what-we-care-about/better-places-to-live/what-gets-built-and-where/>
- 17.01.22.23 Repair to the fence around the pond at Walton Cardiff:** Only two quotes have been received to date. The tree will need to be removed first to enable completion of this repair thus incurring an additional cost.
This item will now be added to the March agenda for consideration.
- 17.01.22.24 To consider a defibrillator for Fiddington and agree actions:** Only one informal quote had been received for the refurbishment of the telephone box.
No progress relating to the defibrillator
- 17.01.22.25 S106:** The following response was received from Tewkesbury Borough Council to the query regarding funding for Noticeboards from the Queens Head Development –

“As far as Property are aware there is no contribution within the 106 for notice boards. Notice boards are not covered in open space contributions as this is for maintenance of the open space. Specific items like Notice boards if requested would be highlighted separately.”

For ease of reference, each S106 legal agreement along with their definitions on spend can be found on the Borough Councils public website planning pages.

Planning Decisions/Updates received

1. [Erection of a steel portal framed agricultural building](#)

Walton Cardiff Manor Walton Cardiff Lane Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 7BL

Ref. No: 21/00231/AGR | Received: Fri 19 Feb 2021 | Validated: Fri 19 Feb 2021 |
Status: Decided **Prior Approval Approved**

2. [Outline planning application for the erection of up to 90 houses, a care home, community land and associated works.](#)

Land At Fitzhamon Park Ashchurch Road

Ref. No: 18/00043/OUT | Received: Wed 17 Jan 2018 | Validated: Thu 18 Jan 2018 |
Status: Decided **Consent**

Other Matters for Councillors attention

Dog bin and notice board at Aston Cross: Both have been ordered and we awaiting delivery. There is a delay on such products, mainly due to current COVID situation.

Refurbishment of street furniture in Pamington: I have received an informal quote for this work and refurbishment of Notice boards from Greenways of £475.

Flooding on Natton Lane: Nothing further to report

Pamington junction: This was raised at the Highways meeting held on 14 December and are waiting for a response.

Working groups: Nothing to report

Groundwork UK Grant (NDP) for £1238.00 has now been accepted to be paid into the Current Account.

Agenda Item 14: Settlement Audit Response from Tewkesbury Borough Council

What do we mean by the definition of adjacent?

The distance of a Walkable Neighbourhood is widely regarded as being a 10-minute walk or 800 metre radius. This is calculated by using the principle that the average person walks at a speed of 5km per hour. This is detailed in the Department for Transport's "Manual for Streets" (2007). The definition of adjacent for the purposes of the Settlement Audit is therefore considered to be a maximum of 800 metres from the edge of the settlement. This also corresponds with the scoring given for each settlement in terms of accessibility, as those settlements with services within 800 metres will score highest.

How can we determine where the settlement starts and ends?

The area each settlement covers is broadly defined as the main built up area of the settlement. The edge of the settlement is likely to be adjacent to open countryside.

Is there any other information that is to be added to the settlement audit? (i.e. information on the accessibility data)

An explanation of data sources is included in the methodology from pages 6-7 of the 2017 Settlement Audit Report. It includes primary and secondary services, accessibility and population.

How are we going to use the information?

The results of this revised audit helps inform a detailed hierarchy based on each settlement's level of service provision and accessibility. In turn, this forms part of the evidence base that helps to inform where new development may be directed by the JCS and the Tewkesbury Borough Plan – encouraging close proximity of housing, jobs and services in pursuit of a more sustainable development pattern. A settlement's position within the service hierarchy does not mean that development is appropriate and deliverable, or that it is to be avoided. Other factors must be considered such as environmental constraints, available development sites and local character. This audit must therefore be viewed within the context of the wider JCS evidence base.

Please can we clarify whether Wheatpieces should be included in the parish of Ashchurch? If we have done this already, then maybe we can attach the email.

The settlement of Wheatpieces is cross boundary between Wheatpieces Parish and Ashchurch Rural Parish. The small area of Wheatpieces estate to the south that is within Ashchurch Parish, does not have any services directly within it. The remainder of Wheatpieces will be considered in forms completed by Wheatpieces Parish Council. Walton Cardiff Estate is within Wheatpieces Parish whilst Walton Cardiff Village is within Ashchurch Rural Parish. Walton Cardiff within the settlement audit refers to the village within Ashchurch Rural Parish.

Walton Cardiff information was not included in the original Audit. Deputy Clerk has requested a new form for this information to be added.

Agenda Item 17: Highways Matters

Unfortunately, no response has been received from National Highways in relation to any of the issues raised at the meeting on 14 December 2021.

County Councillor Vernon Smith has also raised the concern over the crossing near the Barleyfields Development with National Highways and is also awaiting a response.

“The A46 is a National Highways Road and as such the parish concerns need to be raised with Fiona. I share the parish concerns and GCC the Local MP have raised this with NH we are still waiting replies. Best wishes Vernon”

Agenda Item 18: Parish Newsletter:

All articles completed and a draft edition of the Newsletter produced. Deputy Clerk had completed a brief article but still awaiting some further information from the Chairman to enable that to be included.