

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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CLERK'S REPORT

To: All Town Councillors Date: 3 October 2024
From: Andrew Fox Town Clerk Subject: Town Council Meeting to be held on 10 October 2024

Dear Councillor,

Please find attached background papers for the Town Council meeting.

7.15pm Cheque signing
7.30pm Town Council Meeting

Defibrillators In Whaley Bridge

At the last meeting I was asked to investigate the provision of defibrillators in the Parish. From my research I believe there is a total of 13 Defibrillators in the Parish. There are our defibrillators at the Mechanics, Sport Pavilion and Furness Vale Social Club followed by a defibrillator at; the Fire Station, Train Station, Kier's work compound, Whaley Bridge Primary School, Whaley Bridge Bowling Club, Tescos, Ladybooth Equestrian in Bridgemont, Carrbrook Works on Elnor Lane, the Transhipment Warehouse and The Crossings in Furness Vale. As Cllrs are aware there are discussions regarding installing a defibrillator in Fernilee and in-between the last meeting there have been discussions about installing a defibrillator at Taxal Church. The agenda item can consider the general provision as well as costs of adding defibrillators to our maintenance scheme. If I am provided the type of defibrillator which is to be installed, I will enquire with the Community Heartbeat Trust how much it would cost to add them to our maintenance scheme.

Remembrance Day

I have been asked to place this item on the agenda to consider the cost of providing more booklets for the Remembrance Day service. The agenda item will also allow us to agree the costs for the poppy wreathes we lay at the Memorials which remains at £75.00 for all three. I will have confirmed costs for the booklets for the meeting.

Changing Rooms at the Pavilion

A few months ago, the Council provided the use of one of the changing rooms to Whaley Bridge Football Club to use as storage. They were provided a single high security key for the changing room which we only have one spare copy of and were informed at the time that we only have one copy as they are high security keys which are expensive to get cut. Recently WBFC attempted to get another copy of this key cut and upon being informed that it costs £45.00 per key, they have contacted me to ask if they can change the locks on the changing rooms instead. I have stated that I would take this to Council for consideration however, I would strongly recommend we do not allow WBFC to change the locks on the changing rooms.

Grit Bins

After speaking to the Caretaker he has confirmed he could fill the Council's grit bins again this year at the same cost of £400.00. I am happy to report that I have completed and sent off the forms for the Snow Warden Scheme.

Furness Vale Fence

Cllr McCarthy has been chasing the new issue with the Furness Vale Fence. As a summary there was a previous problem with bollards on the agreed path restricting access and the owner was required to remove them under the Section 52 agreement dated from 1979. Unfortunately, when removing these bollards, they moved the fence around 18 inches closer to the back of the Social

Club and removed the gate which allowed people using the upper carpark access to the club. This contravenes the 1979 agreement and makes disabled access to the club essentially impossible. Cllr McCarthy collected information for a right of way though where the gate was located however, did not submit it due to the gate being installed. He is now in the process of submitting this right of way with DCC and has contacted the owner of the land about their infringement of the S52 agreement. Unfortunately, Cllr McCarthy is unable to attend the meeting, but I will provide any further updates if they are received.

Christmas Tree and Light Switch On

I have included a letter regarding the Christmas Tree under correspondence and I am trying to get confirmed costs of providing a tree on the station car park as well as further details on the proposed event at the Transshipment Warehouse.

Independent Review of the Mechanics Institute Accounts

I have received a quote of £330.00 including VAT from Leathley & Co for the Independent Review of the Mechanics Institute Accounts for the Charity Commission Annual Return. Just to note this is the same cost as last year.

Sunnybank Allotment Site

I have received a complaint regarding one of the plots on the site as well as a request to add someone to an existing tenancy. I will provide a report to the meeting as I need to attend the site beforehand which I will do early next week.

Town Clerk, 3 October 2024