

CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 8th OCTOBER 2020

Parish Council Vacancies

There are still 6 vacancies in Downton Ward and 1 vacancy in Charlton All Saints Ward with no members of public expressing an interest in joining the Council.

Amenities

Litter Pickers: The new litter picker has started work following training.

Bins: Once approved at the meeting, Idverde will be installing the bins on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October.

Memorial Bench: The memorial bench for a former resident has been delivered and will be installed once quotes have been obtained from contractors to remove the existing bench on the site where it is to be installed and removed the bench beside the bus stop on the maypole green where the existing bench is to be relocated.

Downton in Bloom: The planters will be arriving for DIB in the next month and the Downton Society is seeking volunteers to help with shovelling the soil into them. Please could councillors let me know whether they are able to help. I will be drafting risk assessments and ensuring there is sufficient PPE for this work as it is being done under the Council's insurance.

Highways

Road Closure: Following further information from the RBL and from the church and HM Govt, it was decided to scale back the Act of Remembrance this year and therefore the road closure was not required on 8th November. A small ceremony will be held with only those officially present to lay the wreaths. There will be no formal act of remembrance with local organisations this year as this was considered to be potentially unsafe in light of government guidelines.

Other

Website: The website is now compliant with accessibility legislation. I will continue to update it with the approved documents so that the Council can be as transparent as possible.

HM Govt Support Grant for Covid-19: In late August and following discussions with Wiltshire Council I submitted an application for a grant for the public toilets. As I was unaware whether it would be successful, I didn't advise councillors in last month's report but £10,000 has now been received.

I also submitted an application on behalf of the Memorial Centre and the Committee has also now received £10,000 towards business interruption.

Bev Cornish 8th October 2020