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Meeting: Recreation, Amenities & Environment Committee, Item RAE3.9

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Subject: Town Environs Operational Update Report

1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 To update councillors on activity related to town environs that has occurred since the meeting in 25/02/2021.

2.0 Town centre refurbishment

2.1 SMTC undertook the refurbishment of all the street furniture (bins, bollards, railings & benches) following the granting of relevant permissions from SCC and MDC.

2.2 The contractors have been instructed to clean the surface monthly with the road sweeping vehicle to keep down the incidents of pigeon droppings. A longer term solution to deal with pigeons roosting in the area may need to be looked into. It has been suggested that a By-Law be introduced to discourage the feeding of the pigeons, or alternatively to increase the number of spikes on buildings to deter the pigeons from roosting, or other pet control measures.

3.0 BMX Track Extension

3.1 FRESH transferred funds to the town council to enable the council to complete the track by creating a continuous loop rather than a start and finish point at the BMX track at West Shepton Playing Fields. The work was completed in June and a Skate Jam was held at the park in July, to celebrate this work as well as encourage people to use the facility safely. The council is grateful for Fresh, for these additional funds to invest in community infrastructure.

4.0 The Shambles

4.1 The contractors were asked to undertake further work to weed and repoint the cobble stones underneath the Shambles. During a routine inspection, it was noted that the structure itself was unstable and a number of tiles on the roof need replacing. The office is currently seeking quotes

for these works. Depending on the value of the works, and the urgency, they will either be completed under delegated authority to the Town Clerk, from existing budgets, or if additional work is needed to be undertaken, for the calling of an additional meeting to consider.

5.0 Litter/Dog Waste Bins

5.1 At the Open Spaces Committee meeting in 13/10/2020 it was agreed that a number of bins could be installed, subject to landowner permission and contractor agreement for servicing. The following bins have been installed:

- A) a combined litter/dog bin on Fosse Lane;
- B) a dog waste bin at Abbot Lane;
- C) a combined litter/dog bin by the benches behind the Cenotaph;
- D) a combined litter/dog bin by the bus stop in Rectory Road;
- E) a dog waste bin on land at Poppy Path (tbc).

5.2 The dog waste bin in the layby on Cannards Grave Road had been damaged by a vehicle reversing into it and replaced. It has now been moved to an area whereby it is hoped that this won't recur.

5.3 The office is currently compiling a list of further requests for 2021.

6.0 Cenotaph Flagpole

6.1 The flagpole has undergone an inspection and any remedial works carried out.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 For councillors to note the report