

Item 13 – Smaller Projects Update – Resources Committee 28th July 2021

Blue Plaques

We have revenue budget of £1,000 for blue and brass plaques.

The blue plaque for Alderman Robert Jackson, JP, OBE is now installed at the property on Rochdale Road, Walsden.

A revised quote has been requested for the Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson plaque at Wellington Road. As the new plaque will replace the existing plaque a contractor was appointed to measure the existing plaque and advise on accurate specifications for a new one so the same fixing points can be utilised. The contractor has advised that the new plaque should be slightly larger than the existing one to help mitigate problems with the fix which is why a revised quote is required.

Brass Plaques

The brass plaques for Private Nora Caveney and Major Robert H Barker MP have now been installed in the Council Chamber beneath the Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson plaque.

Town Charter

We have a revenue budget available for £1000

Councillor Levick was able to deliver the Town Charter to the conservator near Harrogate on 8th June 2021. Owing to Covid-19 restrictions limiting travel and access to the Town Hall it had been impossible to do this any sooner.

The conservator is unable to say with certainty when the work will be completed as vellum is a natural substance and how long it takes to safely flatten it out will vary.

One decision that needs to be made before the charter returns will be what colour to stain the Charter case. Options are either a dark mahogany colour or a much lighter American oak, similar to the woodwork in the Council chamber.

Gateway Boundary Signs

We have a revenue budget of £2000

We sought quotes for this work locally but had no takers for this specialised type of work. A sign painter from Halifax quoted £2,500 per sign!! A painter was sourced of outside of the area who had experience in sign renovation and a figure agreed of £2,000 for all three signs (including bottom plates)

The Boundary Signs have been repainted and are being held at the Council offices until Calderdale Council's contractor is able to collect and install them at their roadside positions.

There will be a cost for putting these back up. A provision of £500 has been made in the budget.

BEFORE



AFTER



Fielden Statue

There is a revenue budget of £1,500 available

Listed Building Consent is required. We have now sourced the requisite plan and the application will be submitted very shortly.

Wording has been agreed and a suitable plaque identified and a contractor ready to install.

Mayoral Robes

These require specialist attention to clean and repair a conservator identified with the help of Cllr Levick has been identified and the Robes will shortly be delivered. These are anticipated to be returned by the end of August.

This is one of those jobs that a price cannot be determined as labour intensive and specialist. A provision of £1,000 has been made in the budget

Walsden Community Garden

Following liaison between the Walsden Community Neighbourhood Watch Group CMBC, and the developer of the Walsden Library Site, it was agreed that the site was not feasible to introduce a community garden.

Following discussion between the Town Clerk and the Developer a contribution of £1,000 was agreed to help the group with costs once a suitable site has been identified – waiting on CMBC for a site meeting.

The £1,000 contribution has been received and a budget established of £1,000 for exclusive use by the WCNWG as and when a site is taken forward.

The Developer is pleased to sponsor the group in this way with the agreement that when a site is identified then we will issue some joint PR.