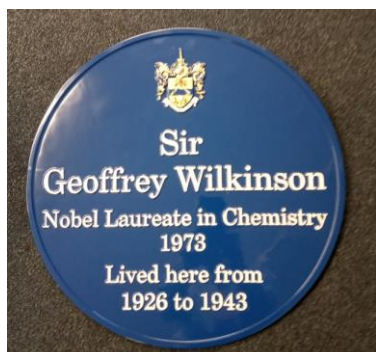


Item 15 – Smaller Projects Update – Resources Committee 3rd November 2021

Blue Plaques

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

The replacement blue plaque for Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson has been fabricated and is at the office awaiting installation on the property at Wellington Road. An installer has been appointed and will liaise with the property owner to identify a date for installation before Christmas. Once this is installed, all work on the Blue Plaque project will be completed.



The two brass plaques, one for Major Robert Barker and one for Pt. Nora Caveney, are now installed in the Council Chamber at Todmorden Town Hall. This concludes all work on the brass plaque project

Town Charter

We have a revenue budget available for £1000

The Town Charter remains with the conservator in North Yorkshire. Cllr Levick has advised that the process of flattening the Charter after years of being folded in a box can take quite some time and that the Conservator will contact us when the process is complete.

Fielden Statue

There is a revenue budget of £1,500 available

The Listed Building Consent application has been submitted but as yet not yet validated. CMBC have requested a heritage statement which has this week been provided.

The wording that has been agreed is detailed below and a suitable plaque identified and a contractor ready to install.

To record the Town Council's recognition of the resolute and robust opposition of John Fielden to the payment of compensation to the 'owners' of emancipated slaves.

The Council notes with civic pride " Honest" John's untiring efforts on behalf of those least able to defend themselves

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Wording update

A research historian has raised the issue about whether the wording is appropriate given that The Fielden's wealth was originally built on association with the slave trade.

Nearer to when Planning permission is given this will need to be considered as to whether that proposed resolution statement is entirely accurate

Mayoral Robes

The robes have been returned in a much healthier state

A report on the works carried is attached as Appendix 1

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 and is being moved into an Earmarked Reserve to ensure is available for 23022/23

We continue to chase CMBC to meet on site to consider an alternative site

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.

Portsmouth Community Garden

We continue to chase CMBC to meet up on site to consider options.

Defibrillators

We have visited Hollins Mill and have agreed where a unit can be placed and will be submitting a Listed building consent application indue course once a suitable piece of equipment to fit the size of space available is identified.

Research into existing locations already provided for still need to be carried out to identify potential new sites.

Children's Festive Displays

Displays have been delivered into the UK and permission from the Markets given to install on 2nd November 2021

Childrens competition winners – images have been prepared by LITE and held in the office. Confirmation is still awaited for approval of Festive Lights switch on event.

Recent change in contractors at CMBC. CMBC have been advised of our switch on date to make sure new contractors install in time

Schools will be contacted next week to award prizes and invite winners to switch on event.

Festive light switch on

All permissions applied for. Only the Tree itself will actually be switched on – all other fittings switched on en bloc by contractors when installing. No separate persons to actually flick switches on the event day.

Lobb Mill

Todmorden in Bloom have carried out some fantastic work on the front bed



Enquiries have been made regarding any Tree Preservation orders in place and response awaited.

Enquiry is yet to be made of CMBC Highways re signage and options to consider

Wheelspark Graffiti and Coaching

These are likely to be taken forward in the spring.