

Item 17 – Smaller Projects Update – Resources Committee 8th September 2021

Blue Plaques

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

The Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson plaque at Wellington Road has been ordered and will take approximately six weeks before being ready. Once received arrangements will be made to install this last outstanding item

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.

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.

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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Mayoral Robes

These require specialist attention to clean and repair a conservator identified with the help of Cllr Levick has been identified. The Conservator has not yet been in a position to take delivery of these robes and we continue to press on this matter.

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.

No further contact has been made as yet with CMBC to identify an alternative site with the contact moving on within CMBC and a new postholder awaited.

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

No further progress has been made as yet with CMBC to consider this site with the contact moving on within CMBC and a new postholder awaited.

Defibrillators

No further progress made on this project at the moment pending the opportunity to visit Hollins Mil owner to consider where a unit can be placed and to undertake some research into existing locations already provided for and to identify potential new sites.

Children's Festive Displays

Following a site visit waiting on images of where these can be located to approve final positioning and details of fixings and weight loadings in order to approach CMBC for permission to install.

Childrens competition winners – images being prepared by LITE and once Festive Lights switch on is confirmed by CMBC will send invite for Mayor to attend to present to schools and invite winners to switch on lights.