

Clerk's Report for Full Council 29th April 2025

Bruton Town Council

Sharepoint

A Bruton Town Plan sharepoint site has been created, which I hope you will all have accessed by now. If anyone is struggling with access, please do contact officers for assistance.

Internal Auditor

The Internal Auditor visit for the end of year 2024-25 has been arranged for Thursday 15th May.

Jubilee Park

Ash Trees

The three diseased ash trees were removed recently. This work was agreed by full council back in September 2024, and the invoice is within the list of payments for this month.

Vandalism

The Horse Rocker was recently vandalized but can be repaired. This has been reported to the police, notified to the PCSO supervisor and youth workers, and also reported to the town council insurance company.

Mole mounds

Sadly the contractor sustained an injury which meant she could not attend, but did provide me with a website to find an alternative contractor. I have emailed, but no response yet, and I note that the mounds appear to have been level for some weeks, so may not still be necessary?

Abbey Ponds

Cllr Jones and ATC met with the team at Hauser & Wirth to discuss the planned works with the GWR Grant funding and there is an agenda item on this.

Engine Shed

ATC has been in touch with RG who is happy to help with drawings for the Heritage impact statement and is working on this.

Japanese Knotweed at Station Road car park

There is an item on the agenda about this. Clerk has made contact with Environmental Health Agency (response can take up to 30 days). Although there is no legal requirement to remove Japanese knotweed, you are legally required to stop it spreading. It is considered hazardous waste and must be dealt with as such and should be documented in a knotweed management plan (KMP) and on a

TA6 form (to be referenced in property sale), so will need to contact Godminster about this also.

Highways

- It seems the TTRO alterations/reduction in parking on Bruton High Street (outside of Sexey's Hospital) has been found to be incorrect (thanks to councillor observations when the area was marked for work). The deputy clerk is in contact with Highways to resolve this issue, and will keep us all informed.
- Somerset Council have implemented BTC's March 2025 request (174bi) that reference to the non-existent weight restriction exemption permit scheme be removed from their website.
- A resident attended the office to report HGV's accessing the proposed development site north of Brewham Road (20/02297/OUT), via Wyvern Close (without formal consent, let alone an agreed construction transport plan). This was causing distress to her and her family and other residents in Wyvern Close. On checking in the following days, all seemed quiet following this, and officers have been back in touch with the resident. This will continue to be monitored.

END OF REPORT