

Clerk's Report for Full Council 27th May 2025

Bruton Town Council

Town Forum

Thank you to Councillors, the Deputy Clerk and Assistant Clerk for facilitating the Annual Town Forum on 13th May. It was really well attended, and the support of all for helping with the arrangements, setting up and clearing away is much appreciated.

Internal Auditor

The Internal Auditor visit for the end of year 2024-25 took place on Thursday 15th May. The Internal Audit report, along with any recommendations, is an agenda item on the Annual Town Council meeting 27th May 2025.

Town Council website

The Town Council website is being transferred to a new host system, with the council IT support. A small issue was encountered with the domain provider, which should be resolved, and normal service resumed.

Jubilee Park

Zip Wire

A young child suffered a relatively minor injury whilst playing near to the zip wire recently. This has been reported and dealt with via the installer, whilst remaining in contact with the family involved. The young child is fine.

Pavilion

An apparent break in was reported to the town council, after a youth group session in the pavilion. The youth workers were contacted who confirmed that the session in question had taken place mainly outside, and that no windows were left open in the building. No damage occurred, and it is understood that a mop was taken.

Abbey Ponds

Officers met online recently with Historic England, to discuss the plans for the upgrade of the lower entrance to the ponds area. The improvements to the gateway, planned maintenance of the hoggin path, and the installation of information boards was overviewed. The Historic England Officer provided an outline of what information is required from officers to support the preliminary discussion, after which, guidance will be provided for the Scheduled Monument Consent application to be submitted.

Officers have set aside some time on 27th May to collate the required information, with a view to submitting it as soon as possible to Historic England for consideration.

Cemetery

The diseased ash tree was removed on 19th May 25.

Japanese Knotweed at Station Road car park

A registered contractor assessed the Knotweed situation on 6th May. The report has not yet been received, but it is hoped that next actions will be discussed at the Town Committee meeting in June.

Allotments

An inspection took place at Cuckoo Hill allotments on 19th May, and an inspection is scheduled for Durslade on 27th May. The allotments at Cuckoo Hill are looking splendid, with a few tenants requiring a slight nudge regarding management of the plot.

One of the plots that has been a challenge for some years is being dealt with by some new allotment tenants. Unoccupied allotments is an agenda item for Town Committee on 3rd June, with a short report overviewing the areas for discussion.

As a result of a complaint received from a resident, a large sycamore tree has been inspected by a contractor, and a recommendation for reducing the crown of the tree later this year is also an item for discussion at Town Committee in June.

END OF REPORT