

Clerk's Report for Town Committee 19th May 2026

Abbey Ponds GWR project update:

The new way-finding signage external to the site has now been successfully installed at the agreed positions; Opposite the train station attached to the lamppost, and opposite the junction on to Station Road attached to the King's School wall.

The base for the stone signage at the lower gateway has been completed, with stones ordered for delivery.

Damaged wall at Bishton Green:

Officers have been updating the website and social media with actions taken.

Officers have been reporting when the barrier has been removed/ignored.

According to the Asset Maintenance Officer at Somerset Council, this pathway is likely to be closed for several months. A meeting has taken place with an engineer to gauge the full extent of the problem, and it is likely that a very large length of the wall will have to come down and be completely rebuilt. The River Authority and Environment Agency will also be involved in this process.

A report has been promised to confirm the outcome of the meeting with the engineer.

Jubilee Park:

A quote has been received from SLR for the installation of the new bins, which have yet to be purchased. I am still awaiting confirmation regarding the cost of larger capacity bins, it may be that the cost only remains the same for specific style of larger capacity bins. This item will return to a future meeting.

To receive update from SASP regarding School Streets project:

- Scott Brooks from SASP met with Somerset Highways in April regarding its future.
- The Primary School have been asked if they wish to continue.
- The 'mode-of-travel survey data had not been received from the school (deadline 27th April).
- Without this data, Highways are not in a position to extend the project.

Abandoned Motorhome at Cuckoo Hill Cemetery/Allotment car park:

This has thankfully now been removed with the owner cleaning the oil residue.

Bishton Memorial Bench:

Delivery is expected in June, with the agreed position (backed on to the wall of the bridge in the smaller grassed area by the stepping stones).

Installation has been organised with SLR, with the family covering these costs.

Work Experience – Sexey’s School Student:

Florence Owen will be joining the office team during 29th June – 3rd July. Officers have formed a schedule, including the meeting on Tuesday 30th which Florence is keen to attend. If any of you would like to pop in and chat to Florence one morning whilst she is with us, please do let us know.

A new “Local Organisations” page is now available on the website, for advertising local events/charities/organisations.

This is something the Chamber of Commerce had requested, and therefore they have been informed. This opportunity has been shared during the Annual Town Forum invitation process.

Annual Town Forum:

The annual town forum took place on 12th May with 26 attendees. A summary of the information shared will be made available on the website as usual.

Thank you to Patrick, Jocelyn, Carol, Karen and Emma.

Community Office:

Volunteers have now been successfully trained to use the Android tablet, and will be encouraged to utilise it. I have added the following pages to the front screen as short-cuts:

- Avon & Somerset Police reporting page
- Somerset Council reporting page
- One.network map of roadworks
- Public Rights of Way map
- Somerset Council ‘Check my collection’
- Bruton Town Council website
- Bruton bus times
- Bruton train times

The tablet will be placed on the front desk each morning for either volunteers/officers to help members of public with enquiries and to share how things should be reported to Somerset Council/Avon & Somerset Police.

The new Digital Display Screen has been successfully installed for the front window, with a few teething problems with displaying some of the documents

intended. Officers are working with ZEN to resolve these issues. I have developed a DRAFT Policy for its use for consideration as an agenda item.

There have been regular repeat reports of the iron gates being left unlocked, on occasions this has resulted in unpleasant and unexpected surprises for the cleaner. Officers are planning a meeting with other users to find a suitable way forward.

Station Road Car Park

Potholes have been successfully patch repaired, which took place on Monday 27th April.

END OF REPORT