

## **Clerk's Report for Full Council 26 May 2026**

### **Bruton Town Council.**

#### Internal Audit final visit for 2025/26.

The second visit for this current financial year took place on 14 May 2026. The report is available for councillors to view at the meeting, and will be published on the website. There are some actions required, but overall the audit was very positive!

#### Display Screen.

The display screen is installed, and after a few initial teething problems (some of which are still being worked through).

### **Community Office.**

#### Somerset Council.

Somerset Council have recently attended the Dovecote Building to work with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to undertake a fire risk assessment for the whole building. During the process it was apparent that there are a number of risk assessments and processes that need to be introduced for the Town Council occupation of the Community Office. Officers are working on these. Somerset Council has also requested further information, the detail of which is being determined.

### **Abbey Ponds.**

The final foundation pad has been installed, and officers are working with the designer and the quarry to establish an installation date. The deadline for completion of the project is 31 May, and it is hoped that the stones will be in place by then.

The Town Clerk, along with Cllrs Crawford and Jones, and members of the Abbey Ponds Working Group met with an Inspector from Historical England to discuss the recent scrub clearance, and also plans for the future for the area. A summary of the meeting has been circulated to councillors and working group members.

Follow up communication from the Historic England Inspector has reinforced not using machinery within the ponds area. Any significant works to install features such as a footbridge or a leaky dam will require an archaeological investigation before making representations to Historic England.

### **Allotments.**

A report was provided for town committee recently summarising the recent works by volunteers both at Cuckoo Hill and Durslade Community Gardens sites. Thank you to all of those involved.

**Footpath Closure, Crown Green through to Bishton Green.**

Despite best efforts from Town Council officers, there have been no further updates regarding the wall collapse and subsequent closure of the footpath from Crown Green through to Bishton Green.

Members of the public continue to use the footpath, despite the barriers and signage highlighting the instability of the ground in this area.

Officers are regularly informing Somerset Council of concerns, and requesting updates, with no response.

**Somerset Council.**

Somerset Council have contacted the clerk regarding a previous expression of interest for Somerset Council assets and services which may be appropriate to devolve to the Town Council. This will be discussed further at Finance and Resources Committee in June.

**END OF REPORT.**