BRUTON TOWN COUNCIL

Clerk's Report for Town Committee 10th November 2026

PCSO attended the office on Wednesday 7th October:
Patrols have increased at Jubilee Park following recent reports of ASB at the park. Looking at mobile speed cameras in the area following recent reports.

Neighbourhood watch information shared and some publications are being delivered to the office; Crime prevention book, little book of big scams, cyber scams, no trick or treaters posters for residents.

Jubilee Park:
There have been some further reports of ASB at the park in October, which has been shared with the PCSO:

- Late night drivers on the football pitch, broken lock on access gate to pitch was replaced.
- Fireworks debris left on the football pitches.

Fraud Prevention free training attended:
I attended some free fraud protection online training provided by Avon & Somerset Police which was useful in terms of signposting members of the public and some key advice to share. I have added the presentation that was shared in the meeting papers for those that may be interested, and have added the 'Report Fraud' poster to the website.

Commercial Bins at Crown Green:
I met with the manager to discuss the issues they are facing regarding bin collection from the back of the business in Lower Backway.

It seems they have tried multiple service providers who have all refused collection from Lower Backway (even with the double yellow lines now in place). The pinch point now seems to be where the road narrows (by parked cars) from the back of At The Chapel towards the turning point.

We walked up to Higher Backway to look at the challenges those business service providers faced with access, which has offered cause to return to these service providers and ask again due to similar access issues.

In the meantime I will discuss with Somerset Council to see if they can offer any support/advice with this, particularly as the wheelie bins are hindering the vision of oncoming traffic at Patwell Street where pedestrians cross.

Collapsed wall at Crown Green footpath leading to Bishton Green:
A report of the long history can be found in the meeting papers for your information.

Highways – The clerk has a planned TEAMS meeting to discuss the following issues:

1. The Bruton Town Ranger focuses around the town centre; weeding/litter picking/repainting pedestrian signage/reporting any defects. For areas like Lower Backway, where there is no actual pavement, does he need a licence for this? If so, how do we go about getting this, as the Section 171 is for volunteers only.
2. Permission to install 2 cycle racks at Library Junction.
3. Patwell Street;
    a. Water pump.
    b. Viability of widening the footpath at Patwell Street and a refresh of the 20mph road markings.
4. Permission for fingerpost on the triangle between the Church and the bridge.
5. At The Chapel Wheelie bins; to discuss issues the business is facing in arranging waste collection.
6. Wyke road; Assessment for signage warning westbound traffic approaching the left-hand bend?
7. Significant water discharge onto the highway (Dropping Lane) from Abbey Ponds during a yellow (and above) weather warning, and heavy rain incidents. Support to elevate the priority of the works with Network Rail, as the insufficient capacity means that water is actively discharged onto the highway, a breach of the1980 Highways Act.
8. Burrowfield House private driveway; Signage request, eg. Blind bend/Hidden entrance?
9. Weeding/litter picking around Bruton; request for schedule of works to co-ordinate with Town Ranger plans effectively.

Abbey Ponds GWR project update:
As you will all have noted by now, 4 the final stone at the roadside entrance to Abbey Ponds has been successfully installed on 19th October, which means the project has now finalised.

The end of project report for GWR has been completed and sent.

Somerset Activity Sports Partnership (SASP) – School Streets
Following the end of the school streets project at Bruton Primary, we have received notification that the signage along Higher Backway has now been replaced with the School warning signs.

Quotes for Engine Shed and Patwell Pump repairs:
I have made contact with the contractor at Sexey's Hospital in order to discuss the potential for purchasing some of the tiles for the Engine Shed. At the same time, I have requested a quote for the repair works to both the Engine Shed and Patwell Pump.

Walls:
I have successfully submitted a Faculty application with the Diocese with Cllr Dunn's helpful assistance!

Of note, there may be an additional cost if a schedule of works is required, also, there will be a requirement for a watching brief. I have requested a quote from Philip Hughes Associates for this.

END OF REPORT