

Clerk report - October 22

Cricket Club – Agenda item 9.4

The windows and doors in the cricket club have been installed, awaiting last finishing with sealant and invoice at point of writing this report.

Heater being installed, and a ramp for wheelchair access.

A letter to the Cricket club has been sent asking them to complete some maintenance tasks in line with the lease they hold, and updating them on our work in the building.

Kitchen refurbishment Agenda item 9.3

Wall covering suggestion is Aqua Panels - £1500 plus fitting

Kitchen cupboards - Freestanding metal catering units can be purchased for £500 approx.

Sink and unit - Plumbed £500 Approx.

Flooring - same as toilet covering - £1000 approx.

Labour costs to rip out old kitchen £400

The money is available in the CC budget, part of the IGAS grant is left and we also have some more CIL money due which I have checked can be used on these improvements.

Church Update Agenda item 9.1

The church have now replied to letter we first sent in the early summer, we sent a copy by recorded delivery and received a reply, circulated to cllrs on 15th September. The church so far have seemed reluctant to discuss the future funding of any public meeting space for the parish. I have emailed today ask for a further update from the Strategic Projects department, a lady called Jackie Pontin is looking at this and I will contact her again ahead of our November meeting if I have nothing to report back at the HPC meeting.

Queen Elizabeth II death protocol.

HPC website and social media was updated in accordance with the guidelines, including links to online condolence book.

A designated area for residents to lay flowers in the parish was advertised.

SILCA Agenda item 7

I completed the ILCA in the first 3 months of employment and now I have been in the role for more than 1 year I would like members to support me completing the SILCA.

This will give the council the power of competence and enable us to be more compliant.

Costs - £490 Start date for course March 2023.

Planning has been very quiet over the summer and no applications received this month.

Civility and Respect Pledge Agenda item 10.1

The National Association of Local Councils, the Society of Local Council Clerks, and One Voice Wales, believe now is the time to put civility and respect at the top of the agenda and start a culture change for the local council sector.

We at Horne are very lucky to be able to say how respectful, friendly and kind as a council we are. This isn't the same everywhere and I would like to suggest the council sign up for the Civility and respect pledge to show our continued commitment to this matter.

By our council signing up to the civility and respect pledge we are demonstrating that our council is committed to treating councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations, and volunteers, with civility and respect in their role.

[The Civility and Respect Project | #TakeThePledge](#)



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RBS Rialtas accounting package

The new accounting system is great, very happy with it. I will discuss the reporting with Auditor next month at our half yearly Audit and find out which reports are best presented to a council of our size as there are so many to choose from. Also to note - Salary payments do not have to be added for review by council these amounts were agreed when my contract was agreed so this will now just be on the payments report, to review. Only when there are changes in the pay scales and or hours will I add on to agenda.

NJC pay scales are still being negotiated and the unions hope to have a resolution soon. Below is a recent update

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