

War Memorial

The grass was deliberately not cut behind the War memorial to allow the wildflowers to bloom to very good effect.

Old School Centre

The order for the new shed has been put on hold (deposit paid) while the Council consider future storage needs given that the shed provided for the Visitor Centre will be passed back to PPC for use from 1st November 2024.

High visibility anti slip step nosing to be considered on the steps leading down from the pavement. A site meeting has been arranged to consider options.

The condition of the library carpet tiles has been mentioned a number of times and a meeting has been arranged to consider the options necessary to improve them.

Hawkcombe Cemetery

The wildflower grassy area (as marked on the Cemetery map) has not been cut to allow the bluebells to flower. The infestation of wild garlic affecting the top area has been strimmed to prevent further spread. The blocking of the entrance by work vans and the damage to the wildflower grassy verge to the right of the entrance has worsened despite efforts to liaise with the contractors. A site visit by the newly formed Cemetery committee members to be organised urgently.

A commemorative bench for Annie Kingdon has been discussed with Stephen and Rich Kingdon (father and brother respectively). A further report to support this item on the agenda will be circulated to Councillors.

Doverly Manor

PPC reps, Cllr. D McCanlis and the Clerk, attended a meeting of the Doverly Manor Management Committee and the Clerk is to request a quote on behalf of the re-instated charity for property and PL insurance. The Museum provides its own contents insurance.

Doverhay Toilets

New honesty boxes for both toilets are required following recent vandalism. (Expenditure expected under £200)

Hand dryer in disabled toilet to replace broken one has been ordered. (Expenditure under £200)

Repair needed to fix leak in the small toilet has been costed. (Expenditure over £200 – see item on agenda for approval)

High Bank Car Park

Two fence panels between the car park and the fire station and the post between need replacing. Quotes have been requested, one received. Responsibility for the fence is being confirmed prior to authorising repairs.

A contractor has made good and refitted the drainage grill at entrance to High Bank car park. (Expenditure £110).

St. Dubricius Churchyard

A finial which has been accidentally broken off needs to be rewelded. Quote received. (Expenditure over £200 – see item on agenda for approval)

A broken bench has been reported, to be marked with hazard tape and ownership established as repair required.

Ongoing:

- The flagpole needs a bracket for refixing so it can be reinstalled – Cllr. D Thornton and the PPC Caretaker to undertake. Cllr. L Thornton to contact a local craftsperson regarding the repair of the bird table.
- A review of the positioning/purpose of the post by the gate to the picnic area/orchard garden has been undertaken as part of the OSC risk assessment. It needs to remain in place but should be repainted.

- Lockable cupboard lock in the office is being replaced – contractor contacted. (Expenditure under £200)
- National Grid has been contacted regarding the electrical supplies to the building. Due to VC giving up the building this may need to be revised depending upon the use of the space.
- Crosswells have been contacted and supplied with an order for electrical upgrade work.

Still outstanding:

- OSC
Light bulbs on the ceiling in the library need replacing. Storage for a lightweight moveable tower/platform for future use by PPC and others such as the Visitor Centre is being investigated so that PPC could purchase.

Library kitchen hot water system to be inspected and assessed.
- Doverhay Toilets
Disabled toilet, toilet roll holder damaged and requires replacement.
- Seating
Three bench seats in cemetery require rectification/replacement. Hazard tape has been used to highlight to the public. Carpenter contacted, awaiting quotes.
6 benches (1 on the High Street, 2 at the OSC and 3 at St Dubricius Churchyard) need sanding down and oiling or revarnishing. This work will be timetabled and undertaken by the PPC Caretaker who has provided feedback on best course of action.
- Public and staff toilets
Covered bins for sanitary items and similar needed. However, PPC would need a contract to dispose of the clinical waste.
- Damage caused by tree roots to path behind St. Dubricius Church
ENPA have provided advice regarding the damage caused to the path behind the Church due to tree roots primarily from the oak in St. Dubricius First School. Suggestions including retarmacking some patches, filling cracks with liquid tarmac and/or using temporary coverings to make the footpath safer to walk on are all being considered.