

War Memorial

The recent inspection report was published on the website on Thursday 14th September. The process to apply for a grant from the War Memorial Trust has been started.

Village Hall car park – tree maintenance

A planning application needs to be submitted to ENPA to obtain permission to carry out remedial work to the trees so quotes can be obtained, for approval by Full Council. The work would need to be done this Autumn/Winter when the trees are not in leaf.

Yew Tree behind St. Dubricius Church – tree maintenance

Following a site visit by ENPA, a planning application needs to be submitted to ENPA to obtain permission to carry out remedial work to the yew behind the Church to cut back branches overhanging/touching the roof and gutters.

Yew Tree at the front of St. Dubricius Church – tree maintenance

Following a site visit by ENPA, the yew tree needs to be trimmed in accordance with ENPA's instructions to preserve the tree. A quote for the work has been provided.

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.

St. Dubricius Church railings finial

A finial which has been accidentally broken off needs to be rewelded (Expenditure is not expected to exceed £200)

Old School Centre

A four-yard skip is to be ordered to allow for the safe disposal of various accumulated waste from a number of council's associated properties around the village. The skip will be left in the grounds of the OSC at a time that will not inconvenience any other OSC users and will remain for a maximum period of ten days. Attention must be paid to the types of waste that can be deposited inside the skip. The positioning of the skip is to be agreed by council and supervised by at least one councilor. Waste should not be brought to the OSC until the skip is in place.

The annual fire extinguisher inspection/service has taken place.

The Parish room door lock is to be replaced to comply with FRA. (Expenditure approved). Locks to the Parish Room and through to the library need be changed as the master keys cannot be located. It is suggested that a contractor can complete these tasks together. (Expenditure to be approved if in excess of £200).

A new key code key safe is to be ordered as we cannot locate more than one key for the existing key safe (less than £200). A set of scales to weigh the cash collected (to speed up the counting) has been purchased and stationery is required for the office (less than £200).

New library risk assessments and safeguarding documents are ongoing.

The order for the fire-proof, lockable bookcase has been chased up. Unfortunately, books are beginning to pile up again with boxes of books being stored under the bench for collection. Other items such as paint have also been left with the books. Members of the public are respectfully asked not to leave books, etc. outside due to the fire risk they present.

The small shed behind the OSC is being emptied to provide storage for the recycling bins and the road safety signs belonging to the PPC, to tidy the Parish Room and provide more internal storage for paperwork, etc.

Hawkcombe Cemetery and the closed Chuchyard at St. Dubricius

Following a site visit and advice provided by ENPA, an independent inspection of the trees in the Cemetery, particularly the large oaks at the top of the slope along the boundary with the Doverhay road, will be scheduled for Autumn/Winter 2024/25.

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.

The FIT (Feed-in tariff) arrangements for the Old School Centre are underway.

Inspection and quotation required from alarm system contractor to be arranged. (Expenditure approved)

Library kitchen hot water system to be inspected and assessed.

- High Bank car park

Rectify the fitting/support of drainage grill at entrance to car park. Contractor required. (Expected expenditure less than £200). Some weeding in bays/tarmac required.

- Doverhay Toilets

Disabled toilet, toilet roll holder damaged and requires replacement.

Honesty box surround of the non-disabled toilet has been damaged, rectification work required.

The contractor's quote to repair the leak has been chased.

- Seating

Charlotte's memorial seat on Dunster steep is in need of repair as dangerous to sit on. Carpenter contacted.

Need to contact parents and discuss repair.

Three bench seats in cemetery require rectification/replacement. Hazard tape has been used to highlight to the public. Carpenter contacted.

6 benches (1 on the High Street, 2 at the OSC and 3 at St Dubricius Churchyard) need sanding down and oiling.

The PCMT are unable to do this so a contractor has been contacted.

- Public and staff toilets

Covered bins for sanitary items and similar needed.

Emergency pull cords should be removed if not attached to anything.