

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE	21 NOVEMBER 2019	AGENDA ITEM: 5
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RECREATION GROUND

Purpose of Report

The Purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Environment & Leisure Committee with an update on items relevant to the recreation ground.

Detailed Information

1. Shelter

i. Renewal of Shelter Base

At a meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee held on 19 September 2019 the following points were agreed, the current status of each one being highlighted in red:-

- a. That the Clerk arrange a meeting between Councillors Morris and Whattler, the Clerk and BBLP to discuss the possible installation of a bin adjacent to the shelter and other bin related issues – **A meeting was held on 14 October 2019 where BBLP Stakeholder Manager, Linzy Outtrim advised that they would not consider placing a bin at this site, but that the Town Council could do so if they wished, but that the bin must be in keeping with others in the area. The Clerk is currently waiting for costings for the bins in order to allocate funds within the 2020/21 budget for the purpose of providing a new bin adjacent to the shelter.**
- b. That the Clerk contact the company who installed the shelter to enquire whether they would be able to print the final designs onto bespoke sheets to be attached to the shelter panels and report back to the next meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee – **The Clerk contacted Rekk to ask whether they were able to provide printed designs to be attached to the panels of the shelter. The response received was as follows:-**

"Whilst involvement in the design of the artwork is a good start, our Customer's tell us it's the "hands on" application of the artwork by the current user group that really builds ownership. In fact, with one exception, all the shelter decoration projects we are aware of have been "hands on" facilitated by a local artist. The exception was nearly 20-years ago for a shelter funded predominantly by a local Police

Authority. They wanted to “brand” it and had their logo and name transfer printed so, yes, it has been done before but not by us. To explore this further, you would need to have a conversation with local graphic design or printing companies. They would want to be briefed on the intended designs, colours scheme and outdoor application so they can advise on feasibility, materials and cost. For what it’s worth the Police “branding” didn’t last very long.”

- c. That the galvanised surface that has been damaged due to vandalism be repaired with a zinc galvanising paint and that graffiti remover be purchased for the foreseeable future – **waiting on delivery of the paint**
- d. That the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee be given delegated powers, in conjunction with the Town Clerk, to agree which quote to accept in respect of the replacement surface for the shelter – **The Clerk met with several companies on site with a view to them providing quotes, however only two quotes were received – the Chair of the Committee and the Clerk agreed on which quote to accept in the sum of £3,390 plus VAT and the work will be carried out in early 2020.**

Members will recall that previously it was agreed that John Maesfield High School and Ledbury Primary School should be asked to provide designs for the shelter. A number of designs have been received from both schools, and these will be available at the meeting for Members consideration and to agree on the ones to be used for the design of the shelter. Should any Member wish to see these prior to the meeting they are available to view in the council offices.

Once a decision has been made on which designs to use the committee will then need to decide how they wish to continue in respect of getting the designs onto the shelter. The Clerk has been provided with contact details for two potential illustrator/graffiti artists both of whom have expressed an interest in quoting for the work.

2. Waste Bins

At the meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee held on 19 September 2019 Members discussed the condition of litter and dog bins within the town. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed in a meeting with BBLP and that the Clerk would approach Sustainable Ledbury and the Civic Society to ask whether they would be interested in contributing towards new bins in the town. Emails have been sent to both organisations, but at the time of writing the report no response had been received.

A meeting was held between the Clerk, Councillor Whattler, the Stakeholder Manager (Linzy Outtrim) of BBLP and the Locality Steward to discuss the bins in the town. Linzy advised that whilst they were sympathetic to the state of the bins in the town they did not have the money to replace all of the damaged bins in the town. She advised that if a bin was found to be damaged/dangerous they

would remove it but if there were other bins available in the area it was unlikely that it would be replaced. They did advise that if the Town Council wanted to put new bins put in their place BBLP would not have an issue with this, but they would need to be financed by the Town Council and they would also need to be in keeping with the bins that are currently being used by BBLP.

The Clerk has requested details of the type of bins currently being used by BBLP and the likely cost of these bins, however to-date has not received any information.

Councillor Whattler has previously carried out a bin survey of the town, the findings of which are attached to this report.

When reviewing the photographs provided by Councillor Whattler it is obvious that over the years Hereford Council have used a variety of bins around the town, so it is difficult to identify which ones they are using at this time for the purpose of costing. However, on investigation the cost of the various types of bins already sited around the town vary from around £60.00 for the smaller 40 litres bins to £300 for the larger 120 litre size. Often the more you purchase the lower the price becomes. Further details on this are included in the agenda item "Items to be considered for 2020/21 budget".

3. Car Parking Spaces

Members may be aware of the parking spaces at the Recreation Ground, where currently, a small amount of parking is available for a maximum of 2-hours (relevant signage in place).

Staff have spoken to me in respect of the cost of parking in the town and that they are finding it a struggle financially due to this and as an outcome of those discussions I have looked into the parking at the Recreation Ground in so far as, whilst there is a sign there advising that the parking is for 2-hours maximum:-

- Are there cars parked there for longer than the permitted 2-hours at any time?
- Does the parking enforcement officer attend this area and if so does he ticket any cars that are parked there any longer than the permitted 2-hours?
- If the parking enforcement officer does attend this area and give out tickets who is the money paid to and do Ledbury Town Council receive any of the money from the fines, as the land owner?

On investigation the answers appear to be that:-

- There are some cars that are parking on this site regularly, but it has not been possible to ascertain whether they are parking there for periods of more than 2-hours.
- The parking enforcement office has been contacted to confirm whether their officers attend this area for the purpose of checking car parking,

however we have had no response to confirm this. One member of staff has been using the parking area for a few weeks and so far has not been served with a parking ticket, so it is probably the case that the area is not visited by the parking enforcement officer.

As stated above one member of staff has been parking in this area for the past few weeks which has eased the burden of the parking costs in Ledbury. One other member of staff currently parks in Bridge Street Car Park, but their 3-monthly ticket expires shortly at which time she will park in the Recreation Ground spaces.

Bridge Street Car Park costs £2.00 per day, but it is possible to park at a reduced rate if you purchase a ticket directly from Hereford Council for a period of 3, 6 or 12 months. This has helped reduce the costs of parking for staff, however you are required to pay for this up front, which staff are not always able to do. There are only two members of staff who would be using the car parking on a regular basis, which would still provide ample parking spaces for visitors to the recreation ground.

If Members were to agree to staff being able to park free of charge at the Recreation Ground, they would be issued with a card to place in the window of the car "Ledbury Town Council Parking Permit" and it may be something that could be extended to Councillors when they are visiting the office for meetings during the day. As it would appear that the Parking Enforcement Officers do not attend this site and Ledbury Town Council are not policing it themselves there would be no loss of income from the parking area should the committee agree to recommend that they be permitted to park their cars there in the future.

Recommendation

1. That Members of the Environment & Leisure Committee receive and note the above report, endorsing the actions taken by the Clerk and Chair of the Committee in respect of the quote for the works to the shelter base in the sum of £3,390 plus VAT being accepted.
2. That Members give consideration to the designs provided by John Maesfield High School and Ledbury Primary School (to be available at the meeting) and agree on which designs should be used to decorate the shelter.
3. That following the above decision being made the committee instruct the Clerk to contact the two illustrator/graffiti artists for the purpose of obtaining quotes to transfer the designs to the shelter.
4. That Members make a recommendation to Full Council that staff be permitted to utilise two of the parking spaces situated at the recreation ground for parking when in work.

10	Play Area			yes	yes	Rusty at base, steel bands detaching and one projecting.
11	Play Area			yes	yes	Rusty, steel band detaching and projecting.
12	Play Area			yes	no	Rusty esp the top, functional of now.
13	Town Trail			yes	yes	Rusty esp at base, steel band starting to detach and project.
14	Skate Park			yes	no	Very rusty but functional for now
15	Town Trail			yes	yes	Rusty, steel bands detaching and falling off.
16	Town Trail			yes	no	Very rusty at base, functional
17	Town Trail			yes	yes	Only a very rusty housing left, no inner bin, no door. Surrounded by litter and dog poo bags. A health hazard to all.
18	Town Trail - under bridge			yes	no	Extreme rust all over, functional but bin will not last much longer.
19	Town Trail			yes	yes	Extremely rusty housing, no door, no standard inner bin.
20	Victoria Rd / Oatleys Rd car park			yes	no	Rusty but functional, corrosion at base.
21	Town Trail op Recycling			yes	yes	Extremely rusty, door broken off and propped against housing, steel bands detaching.
22	TT car park op Brandons			yes	no	Extreme rust all over, functional but bin will not last much longer. A larger bin is required - area around covered with rubbish.
23	TT Riverside Picnic Area			yes	no	Base rusty and corroding through, functional but will not last too much longer.
24	TT Little Marcle roundabout			yes	no	Rusty but functional.

43	Homend			yes	yes	Rusty and corroded through at base, about to collapse.
44	Homend			yes	yes	Rusty with large hole at base, could collapse.
45	Homend - Raduni			yes	yes	Rusty with large hole at base.
46	Homend - Ice Bites			yes	no	Rusty, life could be extended with maintenance
47	Homend - Ledbury Hardware			no	no	Plastic bin, OK, but needs locked in position on base.
48	Homend - JK Nails			yes	no	Very rusty, functional but will need to be replaced.
49	Homend - Gurneys			yes	no	Very rusty, esp at base, life could be extended with maintenance
50	Homend - One Stop			no	no	Plastic bin, OK. (prop of One Stop)
51	Homend - One Stop			yes	no	Very rusty, esp at base, life could be extended with maintenance
52	Homend / Market House			yes	no	Extremely Rusty, should be replaced
53	Homend / Market House			yes	yes	Extremely Rusty with hole at base.
54	Homend			yes	no	Extremely Rusty, should be replaced
55	Homend			yes	no	Extremely Rusty, should be replaced
56	Homend			yes	no	Extremely Rusty, should be replaced
57	Homend - St Katherine's Hall			yes	yes	Extremely Rusty with hole at base.
58	Homend / Top Cross			yes	yes	Extremely Rusty with large hole at base, likely to collapse
59	Kathern St car park			yes	no	Rusty esp at base, should be replaced
60	Kathern St car park			yes	no	Rusty, life could be extended with maintenance
61	Kathern St car park			yes	no	Rusty, functional, but should be replaced
62	Kathern St car park			no	no	OK, general maintenance reqd.

25	TT op Homebase			yes	no	Rusty but functional, steel bands starting to detach.
26	TT Hereford roundabout			yes	no	Base rusty and badly corroded, functional but needs to be repaired or replaced.
27	Missing					Bin not in location shown on map.
28	spare number					
29	spare number					
30	Browning Rd Play area (N)			yes	no	Some rust but functional. Maintenance reqd
31	Browning Rd 5 aside area			no	no	OK.
32	Browning Rd Play area (S)			yes	no	Some rust but functional. Maintenance reqd
33	New Mills Rd bus stop			yes	no	Base rusty and corroding through, functional but will not last too much longer.
34	Footpath westside of LPS			yes	no	Very rusty, functional but will not last much longer.
35	John Lee Rd play area			yes	no	Round bin, very rusty, functional but should be replaced.
36	Hopton Close play area			yes	yes	Base rusty and corroded through, functional but will not last too much longer.
37	Gibson Road			yes	no	Very rusty, functional but will not last much longer.
38	Missing / Not found					Bin not in location shown on map.
39	spare number					
40	Homend (N)			yes	no	Some rust, maintenance reqd.
41	Homend (N)			no	no	Plastic bin, OK.
42	Homend			no	no	Small plastic bin attached to bus stop sign post, functional but unsightly.

63	Kathern St car park / Bye St.			no	no	Plastic bin, OK but looking tired.
64	Bye St / Market St.		no	no	no	Plastic bin, OK.
65/69	spare numbers					
70	Police Station		yes	no	no	Very rusty, functional, but should be replaced
71	alley behind walled garden		yes	yes	yes	Very rusty, steel bands detaching and starting to project from bin - dangerous.
72	alley behind walled garden		no	no	no	Plastic bin, OK.
73	nr Heritage Centre		yes	no	no	Some rust, life could be extended with maintenance
74	Walled Garden		yes	no	no	Rust at base, life could be extended with maintenance
75	Walled Garden		no	no	no	Plastic bin, generally OK, cigarette damage to top
76	Walled Garden		no	no	no	Plastic bin, generally OK, cigarette damage to top
77	Walled Garden		no	no	no	OK.
78/79	spare numbers					
80	Bye St car park Garden		yes	no	no	Minimal rust, life could be extended with maintenance
81	Bye St car park		yes	no	no	Rusty, functional, life could be extended with maintenance
82	path btwn Raduni & Rec		yes	no	no	Very rusty, functional, life could be extended with maintenance
83	Bye St / Lawnside Rd		yes	no	no	Very rusty, base corroded, should be replaced.
84	Landside Rd (N)		yes	no	no	Base rusty, functional, life could be extended with maintenance

85	Swimming Pool car park - Community Hall		yes	no	Rusty esp at base and top, functional, life could be extended with maintenance, but should be replaced as it is outside the community hall.
86	Swimming Pool car park		yes	no	Small post mounted bin, rusty, functional, life could be extended with maintenance
87-89	spare numbers				
90	Bye St / Bridge St		yes	yes	Rusty, base corroded with holes, life minimal
91	Bridge St / Queen's Close		no	no	Round plastic bin, condition OK except for top which has cigarette damage
92	Bridge St / Woodleigh Rd				Bin missing, only concrete base left.
93	Bridge St / Oatley's Crescent		yes	yes	Rusty at base, bottom of door badly corroded, should be replaced.
94	Lower Rd / Victoria Rd - by bus stop		yes	no	Some rust, base of bin set into earth bank, condition unknown, functional, life could be extended with maintenance.
95	Lower Rd / Trading Est.		no	no	Round plastic bin, condition good.
96	Childer Rd play area		no	no	Round perforated steel bin, condition good.
97	Lower Rd / Little Marcle Rd		yes	no	Some rust showing at base, life could be extended with maintenance.
98	Little Marcle Rd / Town Trail		yes	yes	Rusty, base corroded with holes, life minimal
99	spare number				
100	New St / Full Pitchur		yes	yes	Rusty, base corroded with holes, earth banked against back and sides, life minimal
101	New St / Cementary (S)		yes	yes	Very rusty, steel bands starting to detach, door broken, should be replaced.

102	New St / Cementary (N)		yes	yes	Dangerous bin. Very rusty, steel bands starting to detaching and projecting.
103	New St near Woodleigh Rd		yes	yes	Very rusty, steel bands starting to detach.
104	New St		yes	yes	Very rusty, steel bands starting to detach.
105	New St op Market St		yes	yes	Very rusty, steel bands starting to detach and project.
106	New St cnr Market St		yes	yes	Very rusty, steel bands starting to detach and project, door broken.
107/109	spare numbers				
110	The Southend (N)		no	no	Round plastic bin, condition OK
111	The Southend		yes	yes	Dangerous bin. Very rusty, large hole in base, could collapse at any time.
112	The Southend		yes	yes	Rusty, base corroded with holes, life minimal.
113	The Southend		yes	yes	Rusty, base corroded with holes, set into earth bank.
114	The Southend / A449		no	no	Round plastic bin, condition good.
115	A427 Parking Lay-by		no	yes	Large housing with two inner bins, top cracked, door missing, litter strewn everywhere, size fit for purpose.
116	John Masefield School		yes	yes	Rust with holes through base
117	Not Found				
118	Play area nr Blenheim Drive		no	no	Circular concrete open top bin, good condition
119	Play area nr Blenheim Drive		no	no	Circular concrete open top bin, good condition
120	Grass area adj Jubilee Close		no	no	Circular concrete open top bin, good condition
121	Biddulph Way / Oakland Dr		yes	no	Base rusty, two side set into earth, poor condition.

