

REPORT TO ASSETS AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE PROJECTS UPDATE

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1.0 CEMETERY CHAPEL REFURBISHMENT

The contractor has now completed work at the cemetery chapel. One of the new heater panels is defective and the contractor is awaiting a replacement from the supplier. The Town Clerk is visiting the building with the contractor and the council's surveyor to undertake a final inspection of works on 23rd April and a verbal update will be given at the meeting.

The cemetery working group is visiting the chapel on 21st April to review works and discuss and agree any further/outstanding furnishing requirements, a verbal update will be given at the meeting as appropriate.

Taylor Bells, maker of the chapel bell, visited the chapel on 6th April to review the feasibility of reinstalling the bell in the tower, their formal report is awaited.

2.0 PUBLIC TOILET COMMERCIAL WORKS

Following the building regulation inspections, it was necessary to obtain SAP calculations to determine the EPC ratings for each unit; as reported via the *Week in Brief* updates the works were paused in February to allow for the calculations to come through to prevent abortive work as there was a concern from the council's surveyors that additional works may be required to make the units reach the minimum requirements. The report was received at the beginning of March and building control confirmed the required amendments to the scheme as installation of insulation to the ceiling and walls at Malt Street at a cost of £2,200.

Works recommenced at both sites on 12th April with a 4-6 week schedule of works. It is anticipated that the units will be completed by the end of May.

The council's agents (Williams Sillitoe) have confirmed there has been strong interest. They are currently taking expressions of interest and once the units are visitable will undertake viewings with potential tenants and invite bids.

3.0 OBELISK WORKS

The second contractor appointed to undertake the repair/cleaning of the obelisk has let the council down and said they cannot give a timescale to be able to complete the works after months of chasing. The Town Clerk has contacted a third contractor to attempt to get the works programmed.

The Town Ranger has planted the rear blackthorn hedge and the grass seed has taken well. Once works have been undertaken to the obelisk verge posts will be installed to prevent parking on the green.