



Clerk Report July 2021

Council Strategic Plan

During my appraisal I requested that council consider (with clerk input) a strategic plan, looking at planning for the remainder of the current councils 2-year term and also longer-term objectives to ensure that there is a 3-year plan in place for budget setting purposes (as previously requested). Cllr Cobb to raise separate agenda item relating to council vision etc. which will interlink with this.

Local Council Award Scheme

As clerk I would like to suggest that council consider applying for this scheme. We have significant 'best practises' in place to cover most of the foundation award and with some work could apply for the next level 'quality' award I would like to be ready to apply in May or Sept 2022 (they usually have quarterly panel dates).

Success with the award would evidence our ongoing commitment to attaining professional standards within the sector and the commitment to improving and developing our council.

Council to advise if they wish me to add this to a future agenda for further deliberation/decision making. Panel fee £50 payable upon application. Annual reviews required.

Link to scheme information can be found here [LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME \(nalc.gov.uk\)](https://www.nalc.gov.uk/Local-Council-Award-Scheme)

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Litter on Bunkers Lane

DBC have confirmed that they are in discussions with Thames Water re gaining access whilst the road is closed. (Thank you to B/Cllr Maddern who assisted with this).

Bunkers Lane Play Park

Play inspection report given to the working group (25th May) I am now waiting for the Working Group outcomes as there are some actions to be determined by council.

Play Park Lease (renewal May 2022)

I have spoken to the facilities manager as our last discussion was pre-pandemic, the lease was on the agenda for the Governors meeting 24/6, I am waiting to hear back with regards to any potential amendments. I have notified the school that we will be in touch should we have any matters that we wish to query ourselves (i.e., tree responsibilities etc.) I have also confirmed with the school the robust safety and inspection procedures that we now have in place.

CCTV

Delay on installations caused by manufacturing delays.

HCC Update

Verges

The Denes & Bunkers Lane- both projects now with the contractor Ringway.

Meadow Road works delayed due to issue with drawings received by HCC from DBC. (Slight amendment needed)

Auditor

All paperwork with external auditor.

Defibrillator update

Separate working group report on agenda

Electrical quotes obtained.

Permissions from HCC obtained

Heads of terms with DBC re licence in progress

Clerk action list and defib risk assessment created.

Police & Crime Commissioner Road Safety Fund

Awaiting decision in relation to submitted grant application for speed indicator device installation on Barnacres Road.

Coronavirus/ Remote Meeting Legislation

NALC and LGA still pushing for a change in legislation to permit remote meetings following their success during the pandemic.

The Denes Sessions

Following an enquiry from a Cllr I will place this on the next agenda for council to discuss once we have the Govt decision regarding the pandemic restrictions and advice going forward post July 19th.

Warden Updates

Warden cleared the litter from Bunkers Lane whilst the road closure was in place.

Correspondence received (please note that this may not include all items)

2 reports received from residents regarding a dog causing noise nuisance and possible dangerous behaviour. Both cases signposted to DBC teams (Dog Warden & Environmental team) as no parish jurisdiction held in this area.

2x Freedom of information requests received (May 2021)

Correspondence received re parking and skip licence permissions. Resident signposted to DBC as they award the licenses. No parish council jurisdiction in this area.

Correspondence from Sir Mike Penning received and circulated regarding the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Correspondence received from a resident regarding their revised planning application. Awaiting application details from DBC.

Correspondence received from DBC planning team and agent acting on behalf of the applicant at Nash House. Waiting for update from planning officer who will now undertake a site visit alone due to DBC Covid risk assessment procedures- see NMPC objection and request for site visit on DBC portal.

Correspondence received from contractor re IP rating on Christmas lights junction box. All confirmed as complying with necessary regulations.

Training Attended

Cloud Productivity & Finance Virtual Summit for Councils

HAPTC Personal resilience

Nikki Bugden

Clerk to the Council June 2021