

## Full Council 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Assets Update

We had quite a bottleneck of tasks going into the summer months. These have now been allocated to different contractors – here is a brief summary of progress made to date:

- Report of rats at Roe Plas Meadow – pest control contractor has visited site. There is no evidence of a rat infestation. Advised rats will always be present and were probably attracted by the river in very dry weather.
- Clearing flood debris – work has been completed – invoice submitted for payment this month.
- Controlling Himalayan Balsam, brambles & nettles – work has been completed – invoice submitted for payment this month.
- Deep Cleaning MUGA and Tennis Court. Tennis Court to be re-painted and new net installed – deep cleaning has been completed. Court painting and new net to be scheduled in September.
- Mary Short plaque – has been removed and secured. Clerk to deliver to sign writer 10<sup>th</sup> September (signwriter has been on leave).
- Report of Hogweed on riverbank – this area has been strimmed back. No evidence of giant hogweed found. The riverside between the two bridges has also been strimmed to reveal the bank for safety reasons. This appears to have been well received by residents.
- Weed spraying around meeting room, the car park and around the external perimeter of the tennis court & MUGA – completed.
- Cleaning moss and lichen off the roof of the meeting room and also the football pavilion. The deposits on the football pavilion roof are minimal so this task has been withdrawn. Clerk to report back to contractor on material of meeting room roof. Gutters and downpipes of both buildings to be cleared.
- Various work to benches & installation of new benches. Meifod are closed for the time being due to covid 19. This is on hold until they re-open so that new benches can be sourced & advice sought re: suitable treatment of benches to be restored.
- Resurfacing work to Library car park – Bodfari Environmental to commence work 21<sup>st</sup> September and will be on site for five days.
- Dipper – accepted quote £300 to make a new tail and restore him in situ. (We investigated a cheaper option of removing him and transporting to Wrexham, then re-installing on completion. He is set in concrete, which would have to be smashed to release him. We thought this would risk further damage). This will take a little longer, but they will let me know when they have a date.
- Two kissing gates have been installed to improve access to riverside for all residents & visitors.
- 18 Dog-walking signs have been installed at various locations on the Common and at Roe Plas Meadow.

- Playground equipment repairs have been carried out. Wet pour kit has been delivered to contractor so he can repair surfaces. Paul will carry out the initial trial runs in September once schools start back as Play Areas will need to close for 12-24 hours.
- Contacted Electrical Contractor to discuss outstanding electrical work (restore lighting to bridge and also fire safety work to three buildings). Agreed that if work is not completed by end of November, these jobs will be re-allocated.
- Finger post signs – Final proofs and order approved 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- Benches for the gathering place – Meifod are closed for the time being due to staffing issues re: Covid. Waiting for them to re-open before we can progress. Once the benches are in place, we can have the bins installed.
- 39 Steps – quote for clearing £360 – accepted. Written to DCC they confirm they do not own the path and it is not a right of way. Written to properties either side and asked them to contact us with concerns about work being done by 23<sup>rd</sup> September.
- Signs Town Council > City Council – the Clerk is taking measurements to submit to Good Signs. Paul Liversidge will remove the signs and deliver to Good Signs, collecting and installing them on completion.
- In case of Emergency signs – these are very old signs and I cannot find any other play areas in Denbighshire or Conwy with these signs in place. I have received a pro forma of a Police sign from Rhuddlan TC, which we will order instead.