



All members of the Cemetery and Town Hall Committee are hereby summoned to a meeting  
of the  
**Cemetery and Town Hall Committee** to be held on  
**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 commencing at 2:00pm at Cullompton Town Hall**

*Judy Morris*

**SIGNED:** Mrs Judy Morris (Town Clerk)

**DATE:** 10 April 2019

Membership: Councillors Lloyd Knight (Chair) Eileen Andrews, Iain Emmett, Gordon Guest  
& Mike Thompson\*

## **AGENDA**

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies for absence.
2. **Resignation:** To receive the resignation\* of Cllr. Mike Thompson.
3. **Declarations of Interests:** To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal interests. *Councillors are reminded of the requirement to declare any interest, including the type of interest, and reason for that interest, either at this stage of the meeting or as soon as they become aware of that interest.*
4. **Minutes:** To agree the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019. (Appendix A)
5. **Public Question Time:** To accept questions from members of the public present at the meeting. *15 minutes is set aside at the beginning of the meeting to enable members of the public to bring issues relating to Cullompton to the attention of Councillors. Up to 3 minutes is allowed for each question.*
6. **Resolutions:** To note (Appendix B)
7. **CEMETERY:**
  - 7.i. **Income & Expenditure:** To receive the Cemetery Income and Expenditure Report (Appendix C)
  - 7.ii. **Rateable Value (Business Rates):** To receive the decision from the Rateable Valuations Office Agency and to consider the way forward.
  - 7.iii. **Cemetery Listed Buildings (Chapel & Mortuary) & Pathways:** To receive an update and to decide any action to be taken.

- 7.iv. **Cemetery CCTV:** To consider the provision of a CCTV system (to complement or to replace existing system).
- 7.v. **Cemetery Report:** To receive Update Report (Appendix D), agree any action to be taken and to formulate a budget for the next three years.
  
- 8. **TOWN HALL:**
- 8.i. **Income & Expenditure:** To receive the Income and Expenditure Statement for the Town Hall (Appendix E)
- 8.ii. **Town Hall Update:** To receive Update Report (Appendix F) agree any action to be taken and to formulate a budget for the next three years.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that due to the commercial nature of the business to be discussed, the following items are dealt with as Part 2 business and, in accord with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public are requested to leave at this point and the next section of the meeting is conducted in private.

- 9. **Town Hall Refurbishment:**  
To receive tender submission quotations to rejuvenate the Town Hall and to agree on preferred contractor.
- 10. **Town Hall Cleaning:** To receive tender submission quotations for a quarterly intensive clean of the Town Hall and to agree on preferred contractor.
- 11. **Town Hall Floor:** To consider estimates to refurbish the Town Hall floor (sanding and re-varnishing) and to agree on preferred contractor.
- 12. **Cemetery Shed Doors:** To consider estimate for the provision of new doors for the Cemetery Shed.
- 13. **Town Hall Alley Wall:** To consider estimates for the painting of the alley wall and to agree on preferred contractor.
- 14. **Date and Time of the Next Meeting:** To confirm the date and time of the next meeting as **28 May 2019 @ 2:00pm** in the Town Hall.

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**In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press are very welcome to attend this meeting.**

**Members of the public will only be permitted to speak at the beginning of the meeting during Public Question Time.**

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## Minutes of a meeting of the Cemetery and Town Hall Committee held on 26 February 2019 commencing 2:00pm at Cullompton Town Hall

Membership: Councillors Lloyd Knight (Chair), Mike Thompson, Eileen Andrews, Iain Emmett & Gordon Guest  
Those present: Councillors Lloyd Knight (Chair), Mike Thompson, Iain Emmett & Eileen Andrews  
Clerk: Maria Weston (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Received from Cllr. Guest (personal).

**RESOLVED:** To accept apologies (personal) from Cllr. Gordon Guest.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Knight      **Seconded:** Cllr. Emmett

2. **Declarations of Interests:** To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal interests. None declared.

3. **Minutes:** To agree the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 22 January 2019.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Cemetery & Town Hall Committee meeting held on 22 January 2019 are accepted as a true and accurate record and signed as such.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Emmett      **Seconded:** Cllr. Thompson

4. **Public Question Time:** No members of the public were present.

5. **Resolutions:** Noted with the following:

- It was noted that the process of trying to get a reduction on the business rates for the Cemetery was taking quite a long time and it was therefore:

**RESOLVED:** The Committee would like the Clerk to:

- write to the Valuations Office Agency to request a response to the Councils 'Check & Challenge' form (stipulating that a response prior to the end of the current Fiscal year would be anticipated);
- (in addition) call the Valuations Office Agency to chase a response

**Proposed:** Cllr. Thompson      **Seconded:** Cllr. Andrews

**Asset Register:** To receive the Asset Register – Town Hall & Cemetery. Noted – however, Cllr. Thompson stated that the register was not complete as there were still fields missing e.g.

6. serial numbers. It was therefore agreed that any matters relating to the Asset Register be referred to the next Policy, Finance & Personnel meeting –where a **comprehensive** (e.g. including serial no's) copy of the **Full** Asset Register can be viewed and discussed.

### **CEMETERY**

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- i. **Income & Expenditure:** To receive the Cemetery Income and Expenditure Report. Noted with the following updates from the Clerk:
- **Estimated income:** Should be £32,000 for the current year (2018-19) and not £28,000 (as was specified on the January financial report);
  - **Electricity:** December credit balance figure of £112.20 – this was not a refund as originally thought but an adjustment made by the Finance Officer (due to a Direct Debit not being called for, a subsequent additional invoice then being raised and paid twice in error and a resulting credit balance on the account).
- ii. **Trees & Hedges:** To receive the tree & hedge survey report and agree any action to be taken. Clerk informed members:
- that the survey was comprehensive and each item was classified according to its priority;
  - only 3 no. items (trees) need addressing (as soon as is practicable) with the remaining classified as medium or low priority (can be dealt with when budgets allow and with discretion) -Two of the three trees had already been dealt with by an external contractor and the remaining one (Rowan, Hawthorne) can be looked at by the Maintenance Team (with no need for an external contractor).

**NOTE:** Cllr. Thompson suggested that adding the required tree cutting & hedge work onto a computerised calendar would be helpful as this would act as a reminder (to carry out the works at the appropriate times). The Clerk thanked Cllr. Thompson for this suggestion and advised she will relay this to the appropriate Council staff. It was agreed that August would perhaps be a good time to address any additional tree and hedge works.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee are happy for Council staff to carry out the recommended works to the Rowan, Hawthorne tree - G21.000 (as per A. M. Lane Ltd. Survey Report)

**Proposed:** Cllr. Knight      **Seconded:** Cllr. Emmett

**RESOLVED:** The Committee would like Council staff to remove the ivy that is growing over the Cemetery boundary wall (Tiverton Road side).

**Proposed:** Cllr. Knight      **Seconded:** Cllr. Emmett

- iii. **Cemetery Report:** To receive Update Report, agree any action to be taken and formulate a budget for the next three years.

The Clerk requested members address each issue contained within the report and to then decide on what action (if any) should be taken, bearing in mind projected costs (3-year budget plan) and monetary constraints.

Discussion ensued, addressing the first point within the report: the screening of the metal container. Cllr. Thompson referred to a document (& supplied a copy to the Clerk) which highlighted proposed actions that the Committee had agreed should be added to an Action Plan in June 2015. Cllr. Emmett stated that whilst the container screening had been added to the Action Plan, there had been no Resolution carried for this work to actually be done.

**NOTE:** *Cllr. Thompson left the meeting.*

The Committee continued to discuss the items within the report and the Clerk annotated this report with the resulting decisions (under the Committee Decision column):

ITEM	DESCRIPTION/CONSIDERATIONS	COMMITTEE DECISION
Screening of metal container	Possibly using 'Hit & Miss' panelling. Hingeable for access/space saving runners. Maintenance Supervisor will arrange for the container to be measured and Clerk will investigate suitable cladding/screening etc. Could Committee what option they would prefer in terms of whether a gate/panel on runners – bearing in mind loss of car park space/s & skip currently located adjacent to the container.	*RESOLUTION Passed 26/2/19
Soil Containers	Consider building/purchasing – this would alleviate the need to pay for a skip but not sure how practicable this will be in terms of emptying...	Not considered a priority at this moment in time
Baby Change Unit in W.C.	Not really a great need or call for one so considered unnecessary.	Committee agree that there is no requirement
Security Lighting	This operates on a sensor basis	This is already on the Cemetery Works Checklist & as such, the Cemetery Operative will highlight if there are any issues
CCTV	System is considered inadequate – costs have been factored into the next 3 yr. budget stream	Add to the Agenda for March 2019.
Cemetery Electrics	Electrician that carried out the Periodic Inspection has submitted a quote (specified 7 points). <b>Will be sent under separate cover.</b>	Quotation (£175) is acceptable and works authorised
Extension to Workshop	The current building is not suitable as it is too small for the Cemetery Operatives to use as a workshop. The original plans were for a larger unit to include provision of a shower (for Cemetery Operatives to use). There is scope to extend the unit but would need to liaise with Mid-Devon District Council to see if it would be practicable – there is a sewer drain/manhole cover in the way! The three Disabled bays would also be lost but these could be moved	Clerk to contact Mid-Devon – *RESOLUTION passed 26/2/19

	along the car park but there would only be two spaces for Disabled use.	
Children's Section	Question raised as to whether Parents could have their ashes interred in their child's grave. Town Clerk has advised that a request along these lines had been received but that as this section was dedicated for children, it should be solely used for children and the request was (sensitively) declined.	Committee agreed that this should be the case & the Clerk will incorporate this in the Cemetery Policy that is currently being revised. Policy will be added to the March Agenda for approval
Old Cemetery Border wall	There had been an opening in the wall which has been bricked up – this needs to be re-opened and a path added	*RESOLUTION passed
Drone Footage	I have received drone photos and video footage from an individual and obtained permission for the Council to use as it sees fit. Would Committee like these pictures/footage added to Facebook/Website?	Committee will discuss this at the next meeting (March)
Headstones	Should consideration be given to the types of headstone allowed within the Cemetery i.e. type	Committee will discuss this at the next meeting (March)
Large tombstone (with top slipping off) adjacent to the Chapel	I will investigate the procedure of notifying the Owner of the plot so that action can be taken to remedy this issue which is considered extremely urgent. Local Stone Mason will be asked to assess the tomb and report on its condition etc.	Clerk advised that a local stone mason had been asked to assess the tomb
Individual grave where headstone is dropping	Clerk will investigate the procedure of notifying the Owner of the plot so that action can be taken to remedy this issue. Family visit the grave often and should be aware of any apparent issue. (It is the owner of the plots responsibility)	*RESOLUTION passed
Mortuary	There appears to still be unsafe wiring in the building – investigate whether the wires have been disconnected – Clerk to liaise with the relevant electrician. Will speak to contractor 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb when he visits the Town Hall to assess electrical work required there.	Electrician is due to visit the Cemetery to carry out the 7 items of required works as specified in the Periodic Assessment of the electrics – Electrician will be asked to remove any dangerous wires at the same time.
Shed	Walls appear to be leaning. Concern that if any weight goes into the shed then this may impact on the structure.... Once buttresses project has been finalised, Clerk will concentrate on the shed, its stability & provision of doors.	This will be looked at once the buttresses have been installed.
Mixer	Needs to be added to the Asset Register	Asset register will be dealt with by the PFP Committee

Fuel storage	Any flammable liquids will need their own storage facility e.g. metal box. Clerk has 'chased up' the local contractor who was asked to quote to build a dedicated storage container/s (vented due to fumes & lockable) <b>Quote received – will be sent under separate cover.</b>	Committee would like the Clerk to investigate other options and to report back with findings
Row Markers	There is a large quantity of row markers which are not being used. Can these be used/sold? Town Clerk has advised that these cannot be used at the Cemetery as the numbers do not match what we need!	*RESOLUTION passed
Descendant's on Line	Clerk to investigate if the Council has the map which was apparently produced a few years ago... The Town Clerk has informed me that there was a company that photocopied the burial books many years ago and people can search them for information if they are trying to find out where their descendants are buried. No map...?	NOTED.  Clerk will liaise with Councillor Thompson further...
Buttresses	Engineers schematics were distributed with Tender documents. Quotes have been received for the Committee to consider. <b>Quotes will be available for the members to view at the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	*RESOLUTION passed – preferred contractor chosen
Chapel	All in agreement that the Chapel is in a worrying condition with parts of the roof (lath & plaster) having fallen onto the floor. Floor itself has cracks which the Committee are already aware of – please refer to my separate report. NB: Advisable to supply a quantity of 'hard hats' & safety jackets so that these are available for staff/visitors –These will be purchased ASAP. Committee would like to arrange a further site visit in conjunction with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health &amp; Safety Officer of Mid-Devon District Council</li> <li>• Listed Building Officer</li> </ul> Clerk will facilitate a meeting with the above individuals if possible. E-mail sent to Conservation Officer & acknowledgement received – awaiting contact. NB: Chapel is possibly subsiding – again, refer to separate report. NB: The Chapel is not to be used by any one. NB: The inside 'Trip Hazard' sign needs to be located and put up again.	Preferred date to meet Conservation Officer agreed as 6/3/19
Rateable Value	Assistant Town Clerk has submitted the 'Check & Challenge' form to the Valuations Office Agency – awaiting their decision as to whether the business rates will be reduced.	*RESOLUTION passed

Wooden Fencing – adjacent to where the new vehicular gate will be	Maintenance Supervisor has assessed the fence and has found that it is structurally sound. The fence may need to be looked at again once the vehicular gate is installed.	NOTED
Vehicular Gate	A number of contractors have been contacted – Clerk to chase up the quotations.	*RESOLUTION passed
Grant Funding	Clerk contacted Mid-Devon District Council’s Funding Officer who will carry out a search on our behalf (using specialist software programmes) to establish possible grant providers	Clerk advised that no response as yet from MDDC & will chase
Cemetery Work Schedule Checklist	This should be put into operation asap. Current template needs slight revision as some task regularity is not practicable.	Clerk advised that this has been finalised
Cemetery Operative Task Pack	This should be put into operation with immediate effect (in order to be health & safety compliant)	Clerk advised that this has been finalised. NOTE: Use of the pack is to be reviewed in May 2019.

**NOTE:** – *The following Resolutions relating to the above report \*were carried:*

#### **Screening of Container**

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee would like the Clerk, in conjunction with the Maintenance Supervisor, to investigate various options (e.g. painted mural, boarding) to ‘screen’ the container doors. Clerk to report back to the Committee.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Knight      **Seconded:** Cllr. Emmett.

#### **Workshop**

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee would like the Clerk to contact Mid-Devon District Council in relation to the Cemetery Operatives’ Workshop area to assess/establish:

- whether the correct health & safety regulations are in place;
- whether the current facilities are adequate (and if not –);
- the feasibility of increasing the size of the Workshop, to include the provision of a shower.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Andrews      **Seconded:** Cllr. Emmett

#### **Opening/Gateway in Boundary Wall**

(currently ‘bricked-up’) – to give easy access to/from the ‘old’ Cemetery

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee would like the Clerk to arrange for a contractor to assess the boundary wall to determine:

- the feasibility of opening up the ‘bricked-up’ area of the wall to re-instate an opening/gateway (or if not practicable-);



- to suggest a suitable alternative location for an opening/gateway to be made.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Knight      **Seconded:** Cllr. Emmett

**'Sinking' Headstone**

**RESOLVED:** The Committee would like the Clerk to write to the plot owner to inform them that the headstone appears to be slipping and to advise that it would be the owners responsibility to address this issue. **Proposed:** Cllr. Emmett      **Seconded:** Cllr. Andrews

**Plot/Row Markers**

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee would like the Clerk (after determining the best option) to arrange for the disposal (either by gift or sale) of the unused Plot/Row Markers

**Proposed:** Cllr. Knight      **Seconded:** Cllr. Emmett

**Cemetery Gates**

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee are happy for the Clerk (in conjunction with the Maintenance Supervisor) to determine the most appropriate width for the new Cemetery gates, which should be vehicular (not vehicular and pedestrian) and for quotations to be sought accordingly and as previously resolved on 22 January 2019 -any vehicular gate quotes should incorporate a cost for both:

- A. metal gates with straight bars
- B. metal gates with decorative leaves - as per the existing gates

**Proposed:** Cllr. Emmett      **Seconded:** Cllr. Andrews

**NOTE:** Due to time constraints, the Committee agreed to defer the 3-year budget plan until the next meeting.

**Chapel Floor:** To receive report on Chapel floor & pathways and agree on any action to be taken.

iv Report was noted and the date of 6 March 2019 was proposed as a suitable date to meet with Mid Devon District Council's Conservation Officer – Clerk to arrange.

8. **TOWN HALL:**

i. **Income & Expenditure:** To receive the Income and Expenditure Statement for the Town Hall. Noted with the following update from the Clerk:

At the January meeting, the Committee had expressed concern over the high cost for water & sewerage as specified on the Town Hall Income & Expenditure statement for December 2018.

**Town Hall Water Usage:** Confirmation received from South West Water that:

- August bill £164.25 was estimated (30/8/18)
- January bill £656.83 was generated using actual reading taken on 02/01/19
- Prior to this, meter hadn't been read since 6/6/17
- Usually, the meter is read twice a year (every 6 mths) and in between, bills are estimated – this is standard.

- We will receive the next bill in 3 months which will be estimated and then, when the meter is next read, any adjustment necessary will be accounted for and a bill generated accordingly.

ii. **Town Hall:** To receive Update Report, agree any action to be taken and to formulate a budget for the next three years. Noted with the following:

**RESOLVED:** The Committee are happy for the Clerk, in conjunction with the Maintenance Supervisor to arrange for:

- a permanent roofing structure to be built externally at the back of the Town Hall (in the area at the end of the side alley) so that this may be used for storage;
- to add the required shelving to the ex-outside WC (at the end of the side alley) so that this too may be used for storage.
  - The work to be carried out by Council staff.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Knight      **Seconded:** Cllr. Emmett

iii. **Town Hall Refurbishment:** To approve tender document for the redecoration of the Town Hall.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee are happy to accept the Town Hall Refurbishment Tender Specification and that the Clerk should source quotations accordingly.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Knight      **Seconded:** Cllr. Emmett

**RESOLVED:** The Committee would like the Clerk to source quotations for the refurbishment of the Town Hall floor. The floor is to be sanded down and then covered with an appropriate hardwearing wax which includes a light oak stain.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Knight      **Seconded:** Cllr. Emmett

iv. **Town Hall Cleaning:** To approve tender document for a periodic (quarterly) intensive clean of the Town Hall.

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee are happy to accept the Town Hall Cleaning Tender Specification and for the Clerk to source quotations accordingly.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Knight      **Seconded:** Cllr. Emmett

9. **RECOMMENDATION:** that due to the commercial nature of the business to be discussed, the following item is dealt with as Part 2 business and, in accord with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public are requested to leave at this point and the next section of the meeting is conducted in private.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee are happy to consider the following part of the meeting as Part 2 and that this section of the meeting shall be conducted in private.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Emmett      **Seconded:** Cllr. Knight

**NOTE:** No members of the press or public were at the meeting.

10 **Cemetery Buttresses:** To receive tender submission quotations for the installation of 5 no. buttresses and agree on a preferred contractor.

After an in-depth discussion and consideration of all quotations received, the Committee:

**RESOLVED:** That the quotation from E K Ballantyne is accepted.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Emmett      **Seconded:** Cllr. Andrews

11. **Date and Time of the Next Meeting:** The date and time of the next meeting was approved as Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 2:00pm in the Town Hall.

With no further business Cllr. Knight thanked attendees and closed the meeting

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It is certified that these Minutes are a true & accurate reflection of the meeting:

Signed: .....

Name: .....

Date: .....

DESCRIPTION	DATE OF MEETING	RESOLUTION/ACTION REQ'D	CONTRACTOR	DATE CONTRACTED	DATE WORK COMPLETED	REMARKS
<b>COMMUNAL - CEMETERY &amp; TOWN HALL</b>						
<b>CEMETERY</b>						
CONTAINER Screening	26/02/2019	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Committee would like the Clerk, in conjunction with the Maintenance Supervisor, to investigate various options (e.g. painted mural, boarding) to 'screen' the container doors. Clerk to				
BOUNDARY WALL OF OLD CEMETERY	26/02/2019	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Committee would like the Clerk to arrange for a contractor to assess the boundary wall to determine:  the feasibility of opening up the 'bricked-up' area of the wall to re-instate an opening/gateway (or if not practicable-); to suggest a suitable alternative location for an opening/gateway to be made				This is not practicable as there are gravestones directly behind the old opening. Making another gateway will be futile as will mean a long walk - the other gateway can be used and gives free access between the old and new Cemeteries!
HEADSTONE (SINKING)	26/02/2019	<b>RESOLVED:</b> The Committee would like the Clerk to write to the plot owner to inform them that the headstone appears to be slipping and to advise that it would be the owners responsibility to address this issue.				Clerk to write to family.
IVY ON BOUNDARY WALL	26/02/2019	<b>RESOLVED:</b> The Committee would like Council staff to remove the ivy that is growing over the Cemetery boundary wall (Tiverton Road side). Proposed: Cllr. Knight    Seconded: Cllr. Emmett				Maintenance Supervisor has advised that most of the ivy has been removed.
PATHWAYS	22/01/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pathways:</b> Clerk informed the Committee of the position with the Cemetery survey of the pathways and the soakaway tests, including the questions as received from Contractors asked to quote for the works. The Committee would like the Clerk to establish what size the 5 no. soakaway test trial pits would be.</li> </ul>				Committee to decide on course of action. This is considered the most pressing issue within the Cemetery.

PLOT/ROW MARKERS		<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Committee would like the Clerk (after determining the best option) to arrange for the disposal (either by gift or sale) of the unused Plot/Row Markers				Samples will be brought from the Cemetery so that Officers can establish the value (with a view to selling them on...)
POLICY (CEMETERY)	29/11/2018					Clerk to amend the policy once Committee have visited the Cemetery & taken decision as to the Children's section.
TREES	26/02/2019	<b>RESOLVED:</b> The Committee are happy for Council staff to carry out the recommended works to the Rowan, Hawthorne tree - G21.000 (as per A. M. Lane Ltd. Survey Report)				
TREE/HEDGE WORK - CALENDAR	26/02/2019	<b>NOTE:</b> Cllr. Thompson suggested that adding the required tree cutting & hedge work onto a computerised calendar would be helpful as this would act as a reminder (to carry out the works at the appropriate times). The Clerk thanked Cllr. Thompson for this suggestion and advised she will relay this to the appropriate Council staff. It was agreed that August would perhaps be a good time to address any additional tree and hedge works.				This is a good idea and Council staff will implement this asap.
VEHICULAR GATES	22/01/2019	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Committee are happy for the Clerk (in conjunction with the Maintenance Supervisor) to determine the most appropriate width for the new Cemetery gates, which should be vehicular (not vehicular and pedestrian) and for quotations to be sought accordingly and as previously resolved on 22 January 2019 -any vehicular gate quotes should incorporate a cost for both: A. metal gates with straight bars B. metal gates with decorative leaves - as per the existing gates				Clerk to chase contractors for prices.

CEMETERY WORKSHOP	26/02/2019	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Committee would like the Clerk to contact Mid-Devon District Council in relation to the Cemetery Operatives' Workshop area to assess/establish: whether the correct health &amp; safety regulations are in place; whether the current facilities are adequate (and if not –); the feasibility of increasing the size of the Workshop, to include the provision of a shower</p>				
<b>TOWN HALL</b>						
CLEANING	22/01/2019	the feasibility of increasing the size of the Workshop, to include the provision of a shower				Tender spec to be supplied 26th Feb'19. Tender document has been publicised. Quotes to be considered by Committee members in April.
FLOOR (HALL)	26/02/2019	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Committee would like the Clerk to source quotations for the refurbishment of the Town Hall floor. The floor is to be sanded down and then covered with an appropriate hardwearing wax which includes a light oak stain.</p>				
REDECORATION	22/01/2019	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Clerk obtains three quotations for the painting of the walls (top &amp; bottom) and woodwork (including any benches) in the Town Hall, kitchen, Foyer, Staircase and WC's.</p>				Tender specification has been published. Committee to consider quotes in April.
STORAGE - TOWN HALL		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Committee are happy for the Clerk, in conjunction with the Maintenance Supervisor to arrange for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a permanent roofing structure to be built externally at the back of the Town Hall (in the area at the end of the side alley) so that this may be used for storage;</li> <li>• to add the required shelving to the ex-outside WC (at the end of the side alley) so that this too may be used for storage.</li> </ul>				

		- The work to be carried out by Council staff.				
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## APPENDIX C

## CEMETERY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2018-2019

AS AT 10th April 2019

## INCOME FROM BURIAL FEES

Estimated Income 2018-19 £32,000

	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	Total
Burial fees (Code 1300)	£2,614.00	£1,169.00	£679.00	£2,340.00	£2,876.66	£697.00	£6,432.00	£348.00	£4,177.00	£2,431.34	£0.00	£3,829.00	<b>£27,593.00</b>
Other Cemetery Income (Sale of bier etc) (Code 1305)													<b>£916.33</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>													<b>£28,509.33</b>

## EXPENDITURE- General Running Costs (Code 4310) Annual budget £13,580.00

	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	Total
	MTH 1	MTH 2	MTH 3	MTH 4	MTH 5	MTH 6	MTH 7	MTH 8	MTH 9	MTH 10	MTH 11	MTH 12	
Allstar (fuel card)	£17.12	£39.40	£31.13	£34.95	£35.32	£18.43	£34.75	£0.00	£0.00	£28.97	£27.55	£43.64	<b>£311.26</b>
Business rates (half year)	£3,443.50	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,444.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£6,887.50</b>
Building and Contents Ins	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£750.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£750.00</b>
CCTV Repair	£0.00	£0.00	£12.55	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£12.55</b>
Cemetery Operative Telephone	£12.25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£12.25</b>
Cess Pit Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£360.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£235.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£595.00</b>
Colin and Martin Tyres	£22.66	£58.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£80.66</b>
Cemetery Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£89.71	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£89.71</b>
Cemetery leaflets	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£27.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£27.00</b>
Digger Hire	£0.00	£112.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£122.66	£60.00	£0.00	£150.33	£0.00	£110.00	£172.00	<b>£726.99</b>
Electricity	£135.62	£0.00	£112.20	£0.00	£0.00	£130.91	£0.00	£0.00	£169.46	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£548.19</b>
Equipment repairs and servicing	£164.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£84.79	£195.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£97.33</b>
Grass cutting	£0.00	£360.00	£318.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£678.00</b>
Labdon Bld Supp	£0.00	£59.76	£9.06	£12.70	£121.18	£57.48	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£53.98	£14.89	£0.00	<b>£329.05</b>
Mole catcher	£0.00	£91.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£91.00</b>
Mole Valley Farmers	£0.00	£40.00	£0.00	£0.00	£49.99	£22.88	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£112.87</b>
PPE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£46.44	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£46.44</b>
Padlocks	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£53.98	£30.85	£0.00	<b>£84.83</b>
Pathway survey	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£666.80	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£666.80</b>
Protective Clothing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£62.77	<b>£62.77</b>
Quad bike insurance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£284.76	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£284.76</b>
Reserved' Markers	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£180.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£180.00</b>
Skip hire	£20.00	£620.00	£0.00	£310.00	£310.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£330.00	<b>£1,710.00</b>
Survey Report	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£493.25	<b>£493.25</b>
Turf	£0.00	£8.82	£0.00	£4.41	£0.00	£0.00	£4.41	£0.00	£7.35	£0.00	£11.76	£17.93	<b>£54.68</b>
Water/Sewerage	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£333.36	<b>£333.36</b>
Teleshore (Shoring Service)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£220.10	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£220.10</b>
Waste Collection (wheelie bins)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£881.40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£881.40</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£3,815.15</b>	<b>£1,349.58</b>	<b>£451.81</b>	<b>£373.55</b>	<b>£1,540.98</b>	<b>£1,665.49</b>	<b>£4,521.60</b>	<b>£215.00</b>	<b>£347.14</b>	<b>£571.93</b>	<b>£187.50</b>	<b>£1,409.31</b>	<b>£16,367.75</b>



## APPENDIX D

REPORT TO: Cemetery & Town Hall Committee

PREPARED BY: Maria Weston – Deputy Town Clerk

DATE: 20 March 2019

RE: Cemetery Update Report

NB: Update is in **RED**

### CEMETERY:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION/CONSIDERATIONS	COMMITTEE DECISION
Screening of metal container	Possibly using 'Hit & Miss' panelling. Hingeable for access/space saving runners. Maintenance Supervisor will arrange for the container to be measured and Clerk will investigate suitable cladding/screening etc. Could Committee what option they would prefer in terms of whether a gate/panel on runners – bearing in mind loss of car park space/s & skip currently located adjacent to the container.	RESOLUTION Passed 26/2/19 Clerk has met with Maintenance Supervisor to discuss possible options. Clerk has contacted the Cullompton Arthouse project to investigate whether they could help with painting the doors (mural). Preference would be to add a fence with (gate) openings for the bin, skip & container.
Soil Containers	Consider building/purchasing – this would alleviate the need to pay for a skip but not sure how practicable this will be in terms of emptying...	Not considered a priority at this moment in time
Baby Change Unit in W.C.	Not really a great need or call for one so considered unnecessary.	Committee agree that there is no requirement
Security Lighting	This operates on a sensor basis	This is already on the Cemetery Works Checklist & as such, the Cemetery Operative will highlight if there are any issues
CCTV	System is considered inadequate – costs have been factored into the next 3 yr. budget stream	Add to the Agenda for March 2019. - <b>Agenda pt. 7 iv.</b>
Cemetery - Mortuary Electrics	There appears to still be unsafe wiring in the building – investigate whether the wires have been disconnected – Clerk to liaise with the relevant electrician. Will speak to contractor 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb when he visits the Town Hall to assess electrical work required there. Electrician that carried out the Periodic Inspection has submitted a quote (specified 7 points). <b>Will be sent under separate cover.</b>	Electrician is due to visit the Cemetery to carry out the 7 items of required works as specified in the Periodic Assessment of the electrics – Electrician will be asked to remove any offending wires at the same time. Quotation

		(£175) is acceptable and works authorised. Clerk has chased contractor (19/3/19) to see if works completed – awaiting reply
Extension to Workshop	The current building is not suitable as it is too small for the Cemetery Operatives to use as a workshop. The original plans were for a larger unit to include provision of a shower (for Cemetery Operatives to use). There is scope to extend the unit but would need to liaise with Mid-Devon District Council to see if it would be practicable – there is a sewer drain/manhole cover in the way! The three Disabled bays would also be lost but these could be moved along the car park but there would only be two spaces for Disabled use.	Clerk to contact Mid-Devon – RESOLUTION passed 26/2/19  Clerk has contacted Mid-Devon's Health & Safety Officer & is awaiting a response. E-mail response received – cost of £230.00 per day. We will contact our own H&S company and arrange a site visit through them instead. E-mail sent 20/3/19
Children's Section	Question raised as to whether Parents could have their ashes interred in their child's grave. Town Clerk has advised that a request along these lines had been received but that as this section was dedicated for children, it should be solely used for children and the request was (sensitively) declined.	Committee agreed that this should be the case & the Clerk will incorporate this in the Cemetery Policy that is currently being revised. Policy will be added to the March Agenda for approval. Work has been carried out on this policy but there are still a few additions and amendments to be made.
Old Cemetery Border wall	There had been an opening in the wall which has been bricked up – this needs to be re-opened and a path added	RESOLUTION passed. This is not practicable as there are gravestones directly behind the opening.
Drone Footage	I have received drone photos and video footage from an individual and obtained permission for the Council to use as it sees fit. Would Committee like these pictures/footage added to Facebook/Website?	Deferred to next meeting (March). Committee to consider.
Headstones	Should there be consideration given to the types of headstone allowed?	Deferred to next meeting (March). Committee to consider.
Large tombstone (with top slipping off) adjacent to the Chapel	I will investigate the procedure of notifying the Owner of the plot so that action can be taken to remedy this issue which is considered extremely urgent. Local Stone Mason will be asked to assess the tomb and report on its condition etc.	Clerk advised that a local stone mason had been asked to assess the tomb. Stone Mason has attended the site.

		<p>Until the tree has been removed they are unable to identify any issues with the vault.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the tree roots could be the problem and until the tree has been removed the Stone Masons are unable to undertake any further investigation.</p> <p>If the tree was to be removed, the Stone Masons do not have the gantry to carry out any works due to the weight but would be able to enquire about hiring it.</p> <p>We need to find someone else to take a look and provide a written report. If we were to remove the tree we could undermine the vault.</p>
Individual grave where headstone is dropping	Clerk will investigate the procedure of notifying the Owner of the plot so that action can be taken to remedy this issue. Family visit the grave often and should be aware of any apparent issue. (It is the owner of the plots responsibility)	RESOLUTION passed. Family have been notified.
Shed	Walls appear to be leaning. Concern that if any weight goes into the shed then this may impact on the structure.... Once buttresses project has been finalised, I will concentrate on the shed and its stability & provision of doors.	This will be looked at once the buttresses have been installed. Local builder has been asked to quote to make new shed doors.
Mixer	Needs to be added to the Asset Register	Asset register will be dealt with by the PFP Committee
Fuel storage	Any flammable liquids will need their own storage facility e.g. metal box. I have 'chased up' the local contractor who was asked to quote to build a dedicated storage container/s (vented due to fumes & lockable) <b>Quote received – will be sent under separate cover.</b>	Committee would like the Clerk to investigate other options and to report back with findings. Further investigation on options req'd.
Row Markers	There is a large quantity of row markers which are not being used.	RESOLUTION passed.

	<p>Can these be used/sold? Town Clerk has advised that these cannot be used at the Cemetery as the numbers do not match what we need!</p>	<p>A selection of markers have been brought to the Town Hall so that Clerk can attempt to value them – with a view to selling markers on/gifting</p>
Descendent's on Line	<p>Clerk to investigate if the Council has the map which was apparently produced a few years ago... The Town Clerk has informed me that there was a company that photocopied the burial books many years ago and people can search them for information if they are trying to find out where their descendants are buried. No map...?</p>	<p>NOTED. Clerk will liaise with Councillor Thompson further...</p>
Buttresses	<p>Engineers schematics were distributed with Tender documents. Quotes have been received for the Committee to consider. <b>Quotes will be available for the members to view at the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b></p>	<p>RESOLUTION passed – preferred contractor chosen</p>
Chapel	<p>All in agreement that the Chapel is in a worrying condition with parts of the roof (lath &amp; plaster) having fallen onto the floor. Floor itself has cracks which the Committee are already aware of – please refer to my separate report. NB: Advisable to supply a quantity of 'hard hats' &amp; safety jackets so that these are available for staff/visitors –These will be purchased ASAP. Committee would like to arrange a further site visit in conjunction with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health &amp; Safety Officer of Mid-Devon District Council</li> <li>• Listed Building Officer</li> </ul> <p>I will facilitate a meeting with the above individuals if possible. E-mail sent to Conservation Officer &amp; acknowledgement received – awaiting contact. NB: Chapel is possibly subsiding – again, refer to my separate report. NB: The Chapel is not to be used by any one. NB: The inside 'Trip Hazard' sign needs to be located and put up again.</p>	<p>Meeting with Mid-Devon District Council's Conservation Officer scheduled for Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April @ 10:00.</p>
Rateable Value	<p>Assistant Town Clerk has submitted the 'Check &amp; Challenge' form to the Valuations Office Agency – awaiting their decision as to whether the business rates will be reduced.</p>	<p>RESOLUTION passed. On Agenda Pt. 7.ii.</p>
Wooden Fencing – adjacent to where the new vehicular gate will be	<p>Maintenance Supervisor has assessed the fence and has found that it is structurally sound. The fence may need to be looked at again once the vehicular gate is installed.</p>	<p>NOTED</p>
Vehicular Gate	<p>A number of contractors have been contacted – Clerk to chase up the quotations.</p>	<p>RESOLUTION passed. Maintenance Supervisor &amp; Cemetery Operative</p>

		have established a suitable width of the gate – which will allow free access particularly when using the trailer. Companies have been contacted for revised quotations.
Grant Funding	Clerk contacted Mid-Devon District Council’s Funding Officer who will carry out a search on our behalf (using specialist software programmes) to establish possible grant providers	Clerk advised that no response as yet from MDDC & will chase. Funding Officer has responded. Refer to Agenda Pt. 7.iii.
Cemetery Work Schedule Checklist	This should be put into operation asap. Current template needs slight revision as some task regularity is not practicable.	Clerk advised that this has been finalised
Cemetery Operative Task Pack	This should be put into operation with immediate effect (in order to be health & safety compliant)	Clerk advised that this has been finalised. <b>NOTE: Use of the pack is to be reviewed in May 2019.</b>

**In conclusion:**

Could the Committee please prioritise any action to be taken in the Cemetery – obviously factoring in the monetary side of things and the three-year budget action plan. The most pressing issue is considered to be the uneven pathways in the old Cemetery and complaints have been received from members of the public who have difficulty manoeuvring around the site.

**TOWN HALL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2018-2019**

**APPENDIX E**

as at 10/04/2019

<b>(Budgeted income 2018-19 £11,500)</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Total</b>
Hall Hire income (Code 1400)	£1,120.00	£1,345.00	£1,260.00	£1,730.00	£775.00	£695.00	£1,120.00	£805.00	£630.00	£1,345.00	£1,010.00	£490.00	<b>£12,325.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE -general running costs (Annual budget £11,500) Code 4405</b>	<b>April MTH 1</b>	<b>May MTH 2</b>	<b>June MTH 3</b>	<b>July MTH 4</b>	<b>Aug MTH 5</b>	<b>Sept MTH 6</b>	<b>Oct MTH 7</b>	<b>Nov MTH 8</b>	<b>Dec MTH 9</b>	<b>Jan MTH 10</b>	<b>Feb MTH 11</b>	<b>March MTH 12</b>	<b>Total</b>
Boiler Insurance	£24.18	£24.18	£24.18	£24.18	£24.18	£24.18	£24.18	£24.18	£24.18	£28.29	£28.29	£0.00	<b>£274.20</b>
Building and Contents Insurance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£550.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£556.00</b>
Business rates (half year)	£617.01	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£617.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£1,234.01</b>
Carpet Cleaning	£0.00	£0.00	£150.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£150.00</b>
Cleaning materials	£0.00	£38.07	£0.00	£27.80	£0.00	£67.52	£63.44	£4.07	£0.00	£41.43	£0.00	£22.40	<b>£264.73</b>
Clock Service Agreement	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£504.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£504.00</b>
Drains - Unblocking	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£75.00	<b>£75.00</b>
Electricity	£181.03	£145.00	£138.10	£138.10	£138.10	£138.10	£120.83	£120.83	£120.83	£138.10	£138.10	£0.00	<b>£1,517.12</b>
Fire alarm and Emergency lighting	£64.31	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£97.86	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£162.17</b>
Fire extinguisher service	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£0.00</b>
Gas	£171.76	£77.89	£2.99	£1.18	£0.44	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£254.26</b>
Labdon Bld Supp	£0.00	£15.64	£21.40	£5.81	£22.07	£0.00	£49.89	£0.00	£100.51	£0.00	£59.10	£33.68	<b>£308.10</b>
Mole Valley Farmers	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£97.05	<b>£97.05</b>
Noticeboard Purchase	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£494.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£106.00	£0.00	<b>£600.00</b>
Premises Licence	£0.00	£21.82	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£70.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£91.82</b>
Portable Appliance Testing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£0.00</b>
Repairs and maintenance	£0.00	£209.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£124.17	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£333.17</b>
Sanitary bin	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£8.50	£8.50	£36.50	£8.50	£8.50	£8.50	£110.50	£8.50	<b>£198.00</b>
Stair lift service	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£160.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£160.00</b>
Sundries	£0.00	£82.87	£0.00	£0.00	£20.05	£0.00	£0.00	£19.83	£0.00	£0.00	£44.31	£102.31	<b>£269.37</b>
Toilet Signs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£14.92	£0.00	<b>£14.92</b>
Town Hall Lights	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20.56	£0.00	<b>£20.56</b>
Water & sewerage	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£315.10	£164.25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£656.83	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£1,136.18</b>
Window cleaning	£45.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£45.00	£0.00	£0.00	£45.00	£0.00	£0.00	£45.00	<b>£180.00</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£1,103.29</b>	<b>£614.47</b>	<b>£336.67</b>	<b>£1,556.17</b>	<b>£377.59</b>	<b>£407.47</b>	<b>£1,085.70</b>	<b>£681.41</b>	<b>£459.02</b>	<b>£873.15</b>	<b>£521.78</b>	<b>£383.94</b>	<b>£8,400.66</b>
<b>Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£16.71</b>	<b>£730.53</b>	<b>£923.33</b>	<b>£173.83</b>	<b>£397.41</b>	<b>£287.53</b>	<b>£34.30</b>	<b>£123.59</b>	<b>£170.98</b>	<b>£471.85</b>	<b>£488.22</b>	<b>£106.06</b>	<b>£3,924.34</b>

## **APPENDIX F**

REPORT TO: Cemetery & Town Hall Committee

PREPARED BY: Maria Weston – Deputy Town Clerk

DATE: 20 March 2019

**RE: Town Hall Update Report**

### **Storage**

The Committee have resolved for Council staff to arrange the provision of a roof/cover at the Back of the Town Hall (towards back of building down the side alley) which will enable staff to store items (e.g. Hall chairs when the hall is re-decorated) underneath. The Maintenance Supervisor has been informed and will arrange for this to be carried out asap.

### **Legionella Test**

Further quotations being sought to test the water at the Town Hall, Allotment sites & Cemetery.

### **Town Hall Bookings**

Bookings have been relatively steady with the regular hirers such as Slimming World & Bingo nights, (including Bingo sessions for St. Andrews Primary & Cullompton Pre Schools).

We have Saturday bookings each week until the 27<sup>th</sup> April and the free 4 hr slot charity sessions have been allocated up until July - there are currently 4 no. slots available for the rest of the year (August, Sept-Nov).

Once the hall is re-furbished bookings may well increase...

NB: The Street Market was moved into the hall on Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> March due to inclement weather.

### **Sound System**

The hall now has a 'state of the art' sound system in place which will facilitate the smooth running of Council and Committee meetings etc., and will enable individuals, including those with hearing difficulty, to hear proceedings clearly. **Please could the Committee consider purchasing a lockable box so that we can securely store items e.g. cleaning materials & microphones (Agenda point 8.ii)**

### **Town Hall Refurbishment & Intensive Cleaning**

The tender specifications have been published and also sent to appropriate parties– we are currently awaiting quotations.

### **Town Hall - Requirements**

Whilst carrying out the assessment for the painting & cleaning of the Town Hall it was noted that the microwave and fridge in the kitchen are in a somewhat 'sad state'. Both items are quite old and look 'shabby'. Paint is peeling from the fridge exposing rust. The microwave has definitely 'seen better days'. **Please could the Committee please consider replacing both of these items.**

### **Hall Floor**

The floor in the hall is in quite a poor condition, with scratch marks and discolouration. It has been agreed to get the floor sanded and re-sealed. I have spoken to the contractor who recently carried out works on the Town Hall building who has advised that the floor should ideally be sanded prior to any redecoration and that it is then covered with a coat of hard wearing wax which can also contain colour e.g. light oak. There is no point varnishing the floor as this will inevitably end up being scratched when the tables and chairs are moved around the hall. Quotations are currently being sought.