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Agenda for the meeting of the **Management Committee** which will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER** at **THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, HIGH EAST STREET, DORCHESTER** on **MONDAY 14 MARCH 2022** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Adrian Stuart
Town Clerk

Public Speaking and Attendance at the Meeting

The Chairman has discretion to allow members of the public to speak at the meeting. If you wish to speak please **contact the Clerk by 9.00am on the morning of the meeting**. We ask speakers to confine their comments to the matter in hand and to be as brief as possible.

Member Code of Conduct: Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to disclose interests where appropriate. A Member who declares any interest must leave the room. A Member who declares a registerable interest as a Council nominee to a partner organisation may first address the meeting as a member of the public.

Membership of the Committee

Councillors S. Biles, A. Canning, L. Fry, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger (Chairman), D. Leaper, A. Lyall, R. Major (Vice-Chairman), R. Potter, M. Rennie, R. Ricardo, D. Taylor and The Mayor ex-officio.

Agenda

1. Apologies

2. Minutes

To read, confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 January 2022 (adopted by Council on 24 January 2022). A copy of the Minutes can be found at <https://www.dorchester-tc.gov.uk/Committees/Management+Committee/Minutes>

3. Management Arrangements – Outdoor Services

To receive the Outdoor Services update report (enclosed).

4. Hand Washing Facilities – Borough Gardens

To consider a report by the Outdoor Services Manager (enclosed).

5. Friends of the Borough Gardens

To welcome representatives from the Friends of the Borough Gardens who will report on their activities and plans for the future.

6. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

To receive the notes of the Task and Finish Group established to progress the arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee:-

Meetings held on 12 January 2022 and 16 February 2022 (enclosed).

7. Highlighting the Issue of Dog Mess in Public Spaces

To consider a report by the Deputy Town Clerk (enclosed).

8. Dressing Dorchester

To consider a report by the Tourism Development Officer (enclosed).

9. Dorchester Family Support - Grant Feedback

To receive feedback from John Weir, Treasurer, Dorchester Family Support. At its November 2021 meeting the Committee allocated a grant of £1,000 to this project.

DORCHESTER FAMILY SUPPORT - CHRISTMAS 2021

WE SUPPORTED 197 FAMILIES THIS YEAR WITH THE USUAL HAMPER OF CHRISTMAS ITEMS, A COLOURING KIT FOR THE CHILDREN AND A SMALL CASH GIFT TO BUY SOMETHING SPECIAL.

WE ARE AWARE THAT SOME FAMILIES STRUGGLE TO BUY PRESENTS FOR THE CHILDREN AND HOPE THAT THE MONEY WOULD HELP.

ONCE AGAIN WE HAD FANTASTIC SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY WITH CASH DONATIONS FROM SEVERAL CHURCHES AND THEIR MEMBERS, WAITROSE, POUNDBURY COMMUNITY TRUST, DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL, DORSET COUNCIL AND ALICE ELLEN COOPER DEAN TRUST. WE ALSO VALUE THE SUPPORT OF DORCHESTER FOOD BANK

OUR MAIN SUPPLIER OF FOOD WAS MORRISONS WHICH WORKED WELL DESPITE SOME SUPPLY PROBLEMS.

WE THANK OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR PACKING AND DISTRIBUTING HAMPERS AND FOR A SMALL NUMBER OF HOME DELIVERIES

OUR TOTAL COSTS WERE £9652.

10. Grant Applications

To consider the following applications for financial assistance:-

- (a) Junior Parkrun (application enclosed)
- (b) United Church (application attached)

11. Cemetery Matters

(a) Exclusive Right of Burial and Interments and Burial of Ashes

To note the grants of Exclusive Rights of Burial issued and the number of interments, burials of ashes and uses of the South Chapel at Dorchester Cemetery since the last meeting of the Committee (enclosed).

(b) Headstones and Inscriptions

To confirm the action taken by the Town Clerk in approving applications for the design of headstones and inscriptions received since the last meeting of the Committee. The Register of Memorials will be available to view at the meeting.

12. Municipal Buildings Monitoring Report

To consider the Municipal Buildings monitoring and update report (enclosed).

13. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To resolve "That in view of the fact that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following matters the public and representatives of the press be excluded from this meeting during their discussion".

14. John's Pond

To consider a report by the Deputy Town Clerk (enclosed).

15. The Great Field

To consider the draft 'Heads of Terms' for the Great Field lease to the Council (enclosed).

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 14th March 2022 OUTDOOR SERVICES UPDATE REPORT – Early Spring

This report has been prepared whilst the country continues to work under newly reduced government guidance for safe working practices during the Covid 19 outbreak. Whilst governmental control and best practice guidance has been reduced, requirements under the Health and Safety at Work Act continue to have an effect on the team and work practices have been amended in such a way so as to: -

- **Safeguard the public**
- **Safeguard staff health both in and away from work**
- **Maintain services**
- **Provide a good maintenance regime in Parks and Open spaces**

1. The early period saw ongoing maintenance work dominate with routine works being carried out in a variety of locations, works included the cutting back of encroaching vegetation in numerous play areas and open spaces, play equipment repairs and painting, the removal of low tree branches and clearance of accumulated leaves and debris.

2. The Borough Gardens team have been doing numerous routine tasks within the site assisted where necessary by the outdoor services staff.

The new flag pole has been positioned within the gardens, works will shortly progress with the planting of the two cone shaped Yew trees which were delivered in late February, this will then be complimented by some permanent planting around the base of the flag pole.

Works also took place to renew electrical cabling and power sockets which supply electricity to events in the fountain area of the gardens. This area is always popular as a site for various elements of events etc and the old supply system had failed, being inadequate for the demand placed upon it. The new works including installation of new cabling, ducting and external supply points will make more use of this area possible in the future.

Pressure washing has taken place over several hard surfaces in the gardens to try to combat the growth of algae, this will continue periodically through the rest of the spring period.

Work commenced recently on the removal of the old gym equipment which will be taken from site and parts that can be re-used kept as spares for similar equipment at Great Field. The supplier no longer supports this equipment with spare parts so re-use will increase the potential life of the equipment at Great Field.

Works to the annual beds and grass surrounding the large yew tree on the West Walks side of the gardens commenced with the aim of improving the levels of the lawn in the area, removing trip and fall hazards and to achieve a significant improvement to both the soil structure and texture for future crops of bedding plants. As work progressed it also enabled the cutting of the previous tarmac path surface, the edge of which was not uniform, to provide a cleaner edge which will in turn lead to a sharper, more uniform, grass edge which will increase the perception of higher

quality maintenance. Soil re-cycled for the old bowling green plus organic material has been imported and the site re-levelled. The wet weather and gales later in February halted work due to waterlogging but this re commenced in the first week of march. The project is still on schedule to be completed in time for summer bedding planting.



3. Cemeteries

Demand for full burials has been seen a reduction over the winter period, the number of burials of cremated remains continues to be around average for the time of year.

Councillors should be comfortable that currently, staff resources and management practices have maintained capacity for all burials, allowing them to continue without the need to re-schedule timings or request help with excavation from others and it is expected this will continue to be the case.

4. The Great Field

Officers of the Town Council continue to be involved in elements of the development and delivery of the overall field layout, such as commenting on species selection of trees and landscaping proposals to placement and maintenance of waste bins and the layout of the path network.

As stated at the last Management Committee meeting, significant work has been carried out on the new play area and surrounds, this has continued to progress towards completion and has seen the following works taking place:

Replacement of topsoil on areas of the site and removal of surplus stockpiled material and final grading to achieve desired ground levels



Completion of Installation of main items of play equipment and positioning of safety gravel around the bases of the majority of items of equipment.



Initial shrub and perimeter hedge planting works and laying of hard surface path network.





Contractors will return shortly to install ancillary play items to the main structure to complete them. This has not been carried out so far so as to reduce the allure of the equipment before full completion.

Works are nearing completion with an anticipated opening time of early to mid-April.

As the popularity of the great field increases and possibly as a result of increased levels of dog ownership during the covid pandemic, the existing litter bin provision on site has at times come under significant pressure. It is somewhat disappointing that dog owners responsible enough to clear up after their dogs then feel the need to pile plastic bags around and on top of clearly full bins rather than carry the bag to another bin with capacity. This has led to accumulations of bags after weekends when the weather was good.

It was always the case that bin provision would be initially provided and then revised from that point dependent on usage patterns and the Town Council will be building larger capacity bins in a similar style to those already on site to increase capacity.

Both the specification and heads of terms documents for the wider site including the play area have now been received and are represented elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

5. Steam Engine at Kings Road

Work has continued to renovate the steam engine, elements requiring remedial work or replacement have been removed including the roof. All of the timbers supporting the roof were found to be rotten, replacements were ordered and have been cut to pattern and have been

painted by the team. The barge boards are currently being sign written with the name Eddison to reflect the heritage of the engine.

Works on the main metal elements will continue, weather permitting, in March.

6. Biodiversity

As detailed in previous reports, Tree Planting phase 1 at king's road field was completed last winter and a second phase of planting took place in January this year, one part of the planting being funded by the securing of a grant from the Forestry Commission which totalled £30,000. This year's works involved the planting of these 71 heavy standard trees all provided with supporting stakes and ties, mulching mats to suppress weed growth and watering kits for use in the summer. In addition to the above a further 230 light standard trees were also be planted with the same planting accessories and maintenance regime.

In addition, a generous donation by the main contractor working on the Dorset County Hospital project of smaller whip sized trees was made to the project.

Both projects were delivered by Town Council staff both from the open spaces and Borough Gardens teams showing the level of integrated working now being achieved.

Students for the nearby Studio School attended to learn more about tree planting, the project overall and to get first-hand experience in planting the larger trees. A planting day was organised by the contractor Willmot Dixon with the assistance of town council staff and various local groups were involved in the planting of over 600 whips, a day that was clearly enjoyed by all who attended.

The development of the circular woodland walk path through planting phases 1 and 2 has been ongoing. The route is complete and ruts etc have been dressed with soil. Seeding will commence when weather allows. Preliminary work will commence over the summer to establish which wildflower species would be best introduced to the site to add further biodiversity value to both the woodland and the walk margins.

A final tree planting by the Mayor Cllr Gareth Jones and the Mayoress Mrs Anne Jones saw the completion of the main area of planting at king's road open space and essentially the birth of Dorchester's first publicly accessible woodland.



In addition to the above, further planting took place in Salisbury field, these plantings are intended to provide the next generation of the boundary trees planted around the perimeter of the field anticipating the future the loss of the current mature tree stock, so providing continuity of the character of the site. These trees have been planted as a result of generous donations from Rotary and Lions clubs in Dorchester.

Current tree species on the site are limited, in the main, to both Lime and horse chestnut. These plantings of mixed natives offer the benefit of increased value to native wildlife, predominantly birds, bats, insects, and small mammals in this location. Additionally, by using mixed species the site will be less vulnerable in the future to species specific diseases such as that currently affecting a large proportion of the horse Chestnut trees within Dorchester.

Further trees were also planted at Fortress green.

7. Staffing

Staff have continued to deliver good quality work throughout this period. Joint working across the teams has already been mentioned within this report and this continues across sites within the town as required. This approach has allowed for larger projects to be completed more efficiently which in turn has allowed time for other works to be carried out.

Staff have also responded to recent gales and the varied work patterns that the gales themselves and the clear up produced, in a very positive and pro-active way. Site closures and re-openings were carried out in a prompt and professional manner.

Currently staff training planning for 2022 is underway and will be completed after staff development meetings have taken place.

A vacancy has been advertised for a park keeper at Borough Gardens, it is hoped it will be possible to select a successful candidate during March.

Carl Dallison
Outdoor Services Manager
Dorchester Town council

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 14th March 2022

Handwash facilities Borough Gardens

1.0 Background

There are currently two buildings within Borough Gardens where public toilets are provided, namely to the rear of the Kiosk building adjacent to the play area and within the old Bowls pavilion building by the new tennis courts at the southern end of the gardens.

The heritage lottery improvements to the gardens over 12 years ago saw the creation of the kiosk building and toilets and later works saw the conversion of the old Bowls pavilion to toilets. In both instances “in wall” vandal resistant automatic handwash facilities were installed.

These provide hot water, soap and hand drying facilities in one unit. This gives the benefit of being less vulnerable to damage and mis-use. There are 7 of these units within the two locations. Routine cleaning is carried out by gardens staff, breakdown and servicing is carried out by the manufacturing company’s engineer under maintenance contracts which are renewed every 3 years.

2.0 Current position

As mentioned above, the units are cleaned by on site staff and any repairs and servicing carried out as part of a maintenance contract. It was the case that when the contract was last renewed an uplift in cost was observed, negotiations saw a partial reduction on that occasion but the supplier made clear further uplifts were to be expected.

A further communication from the supplier was received in February notifying the council that 2 units located in Borough Gardens would no longer be supported with spares etc. due to their age and offering replacement with modern units at a cost of circa £3000 per unit.

The potential new service and maintenance contact for a three-year period sees an annual cost of approx. £2100 P/a for a period of 3 years.

It is appropriate at this time for Members to consider the future direction of provision of these facilities before any contracts or orders for replacement units are placed.

Existing in wall unit at the kiosk Borough Gardens



Options

A. Retain "In wall" provision

Advantages.

- Security of maintenance contract which includes for all parts and labour plus servicing twice annually. Vandalism etc at extra cost.
- Vandal resistant by design.
- Smart clean modern appearance.
- Limited cleaning required.
- Hot and cold water.

Disadvantages

- Tied to manufacturer for support services, maintenance and consumables such as soap.
- Upfront costs as units require replacement currently x2 @ £3000 each
- Cost of service contract currently on renewal circa £2100 p/a for all units if above replaced.
- Time delay from breakdown to arrival of maintenance operative.

Cost Summary

Immediate replacement of x2 units £6000

Annual contract cost £2100

Total £8100 then £2100 p/a

B. Replace units as breakdown occurs

It would be possible to replace the “In -wall” units as they break down with a stainless-steel sink, splash back, non-concussive taps, soap dispenser and wall mounted hand dryer. These can be installed for a cost of circa £1400 per unit

Advantages

- Cost per unit is lower
- Fittings are normal washroom type fittings so local plumbing companies or TC staff can affect quick repair.
- Less to go wrong
- Use of own soap which is 1/3 the cost of “in wall” soap supplied.

Disadvantages

- Appearance is not as modern and will be slightly lower quality given retro fitting.
- Items are more vulnerable to vandalism
- No hot water
- Wear and tear breakdown/failure has to be paid for

Cost Summary

This element is an estimate due to the uncertainty of when units will break down and require replacement in the future, and vandalism can only be very roughly estimated.

Replacement cost of x2 older units in yr 22/23	£2800
Item Vandalism cost	£400
Total	£3200 then approx. £450 p/A

Note: simple service, maintenance and cleaning will be carried out by existing staff.

For Decision

Members are asked to consider and decide upon whether they would wish to adopt: -

Option A: - renew x2 existing “In wall” units and service contract

Or

Option B: - cease “in wall” service contract and replace existing units when failure occurs with sink and hand dryer.

Carl Dallison
Outdoor Services Manager

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE TASK AND FINISH GROUP

12 JANUARY 2022

Present: Councillors J. Hewitt, F. Kent-Ledger, R. Major, T. Lyall, M. Rennie and D. Taylor.

Officers: S. Newman, Deputy Town Clerk.

1. Background

The Group had been tasked to finalise the arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the June 2022 bank holiday.

2. Thursday 2 June 2022 – Beacon Lighting

Members noted that there was to be a national beacon lighting at 7.00pm on Thursday 2 June 2022. The group felt that an event should be built around the beacon lighting with the lighting of the beacon itself marking the end of the event.

It was noted that access to the area was restricted and there was no event infrastructure in place.

The following ideas were put forward in respect of the event which would be held at Salisbury Fields:-

- The event to be held from 3.00pm and finish with the lighting of the beacon at 7.00pm.
- The bulk of the event should be aimed at children and families, bouncy castle, jugglers, magician, punch and Judy, art workshops, children's procession etc.
- Have a theme of red, white and blue plus regal.
- Contact DASP and the music service in respect of the involvement of local schools.
- Contact local Beavers and Rainbows and the Youth Club.
- Rotary and Lions Clubs might be able to help with stewarding.
- Include the provision of refreshments but not alcohol.
- Hire in some portable toilets.
- Let Poundbury representatives know about the event to avoid clashes.
- Let residents around Salisbury Fields know about the event.
- Provide some flags and bunting.
- Provide some appropriate road signage for All Saints Road and Salisbury Street.
- Publicity to encourage parking in public car parks and DC to be contacted to see if there could be free parking on the day.

3. Saturday 4 June 2022 – Party at the Palace Concert

The group felt that this event should be held at the Borough Gardens and based around the 'Platinum Party at the Palace' concert to be broadcast on the evening of Saturday 4 June. The timings of the concert had not been released but it was anticipated to be between 7.00pm and 10.00pm.

The following matters were put forward for the event:-

- The provision of a large HD outdoor screen (16 square meter screen has been booked)
- The provision of a suitable PA system (PA system booked)
- Additional lighting for the Gardens, especially around the exits and pathways.
- Additional toilets to be hired.
- Provide some additional refreshment facilities.
- Provide a bar.
- An 'MC' would be required on the day.

4. Anything Else

The Group was informed that the THS was proposing to hold its annual Wreath laying event at 5.00pm on Saturday 4 June. Those Members present felt that so long as the concert timings did not interfere there was no reason why the Council could not attend as usual.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held via zoom on Wednesday 16 February 2022 at 4.00pm.

Steve Newman
Deputy Town Clerk

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE TASK AND FINISH GROUP

16 FEBRUARY 2022

Present: Councillors J. Hewitt, F. Kent-Ledger and M. Rennie.

Apologies: Councillor D. Taylor.

Officers: S. Newman, Deputy Town Clerk and N. Hayes, Financial Controller.

1. Notes of Last Meeting

The notes of the last meeting of the Group held on 12 January 2022 were agreed.

2. Thursday 2 June 2022 – Beacon Lighting

It was reported that since the last meeting of the Group the Queen's Pageant Master had announced that the national beacon lighting time would be 9.45pm.

Members felt that due to the lateness of the beacon lighting it would not be possible to hold a children's event at Salisbury Fields which ran into the beacon lighting.

The Group felt that the two events should be split and given that the children's event no longer ran into the beacon lighting this event could be held at a different location. **It was agreed that the children's event (love parks style) be held in the Borough Gardens between 11.00am and 4.00pm.** The event to be children and family focussed but also aim to have something for every generation.

In respect of the beacon lighting it was felt that this could be a fairly short event and include as many choirs as possible singing the new jubilee anthem rise up and serve. The lighting could also include a piper and the specially written town cry. **The event should start at 9.00pm and end with the lighting of the beacon by the Mayor (in robes) at 9.45pm.**

3. Saturday 4 June 2022 – Party at the Palace Concert

It was noted that the timings for the 'Platinum Party at the Palace' concert to be broadcast on the evening of Saturday 4 June had still not yet been released.

To make use of the screen in the afternoon it was hoped to source some historical digital archive and / or documentary footage about the Queen locally. Contact had been made with the History Centre and Dorset Museum on this matter.

The following update was given:-

- The provision of a large HD outdoor screen (16 square meter screen has been booked)
- The provision of a suitable PA system (PA system booked)
- Additional lighting for the Gardens, especially around the exits and pathways (booked).

- Additional toilets to be hired (6 x booked)
- Provide some additional refreshment facilities (booked)
- Provide a bar (booked).
- An 'MC' would be required on the day – still to be identified
- First Aid (booked)
- Security (booked)
- Extra waste bins (booked)

It was noted that this event had potential to be a long day for officers and Councillors, particularly with Thomas Hardy Wreathlaying also being held late afternoon. Some refreshments (fish and chips) should be provided for those working through the day.

It was felt that some gazebos should be provided for the day and that if necessary two or three new gazebos should be purchased.

4. Events Elsewhere in the Town

The Deputy Town Clerk reported on a meeting he attended at the Duchy offices regarding events being held in Poundbury. He also confirmed that he was keeping a list of events being held around the town.

5. Memorabilia

It was agreed that keepsake memorabilia should not be purchased.

6. Anything Else

Members were informed that the Durnovaria Silver Band had expressed a wish to be a part of the celebrations and **it was agreed that the band should be invited to be a part of all of the celebrations.**

It was suggested that the BID might wish to dress the town with union flags and have a royal themed super sleuth competition.

Steve Newman
Deputy Town Clerk

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 14 MARCH 2022

TACKLING DOG FOULING

1. As the Committee will know there is an ongoing problem with irresponsible dog owners not picking up their dog's mess in the Council's open spaces. To not pick up your mess is an offence under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 – The Dorset Council Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2020. A person who fails to comply with the Order is liable to summary conviction and a fine of £100.
2. The Dorchester Youth Council, some years ago, recommended that the Council introduce dog bins with bag dispensers. This worked well and reduced the amount of dog mess that was left in the open spaces.
3. There is however still a problem with dog mess not being picked up in certain areas. Councillor Hogwood recently forwarded an article from Dorset Live (attached) which she had been sent by a local resident.
4. The Town Council's Outdoor Services Staff do not have sufficient capacity to regularly walk and inspect all of our outdoor spaces and spray dog mess. However there might be an opportunity to undertake some work around this either with established groups or during special events.
5. The Town Council is helping organise the Earth Day event to be held at the Great Field on 23 April 2022 and this might be a good opportunity to highlight this problem if a suitable number of volunteers came forward and the special paint could be sourced.
6. Members are asked to give consideration to this proposal.

Steve Newman
Deputy Town Clerk

Council wardens tackling dog fouling by spray painting it red

"Whilst the poo does biodegrade, it actually causes a lot of negative affects and impacts."

Wardens at a heathland near Poole are spray-painting dog poo to highlight how much fouling occurs in the area.

It is meant to alert dog owners of the waste being left, which wardens warn is damaging to the heathland, despite myths that the faecal matter is biodegrade.

The risks of heathland being spoiled could in part be due to the harmful pathogens that lie in the dog waste, so wardens have urged dog owners to dispose responsibly.

Dorset Live spoke to Frankie Gamble, Assistant Heathland Warden at Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, to understand the issues being faced in our green spaces and why dog poo is so harmful for Dorset's nature reserves.

By-and-large it is down to negatively affecting the heathland soil, that grows plants specific to the area.

"Dog poo is a huge aspect of a negative effect on the heathland. For example, on one of our heath you can see it's lined with just monotone grass and that's just from dog poo that's enriched this nutrient poor soil, and it creates these boarders."

But being nutrient poor means that the heathland absorbs nutrients differently in order to produce specific plants native to that area.

It means that exposing the heathland to dog waste is harmful to surrounding wildlife.

Frankie explains: "The soil on our heathland nature reserves are very nutrient poor, and that allows these specialists plants to develop in nutrient poor soil."

"Once you enrich it with something like dog waste, what it's doing is creating a richer soil where grasses can effectively take over and dominate."



Dog poo can negatively effect native plants.

Perhaps the misconception about dog poo is that, like other waste from animals, it will biodegrade.

Though this is the case, Frankie explained how the contaminants and pathogens found in dog poo actually harms the way plants are grown in the area.

He said: "Whilst the poo does biodegrade, it actually causes a lot of negative effects and impacts.

"We have grazing cattle on our heathlands and they also produce dung, but their diet is from the heathland. It also functions within the eco-system for other animals.

"Whereas dog waste just has a negative impact."

Although residents in the area were first confused by the site of spray-painted dog waste, Frankie said that the reaction has mostly been positive from locals.

He said: "We get a lot of positive comments from the public.

"Sometimes when I'm spraying, they will come up to tell me they're glad that I'm doing it as they're sick of being tarnished with irresponsible dog owners that don't pick up after their dog."



Images of the poo, spray painted red, to highlight the amount that ends up on nature reserves

Spraying highlights how much there is.

He also tells us that the lines of monotone coloured grass that the public might consider to be a normal part of the heathland is actually a result of dog dung.

"So what people think to be normal on the heathland, it is actually caused by dog poo," he said.

"It's not only messy, but it causes all sorts of negative issues. It has all sort of contaminants and pathogens, which, if they run off into the water bodies, can affect native fauna. It can also make people and other dogs ill, so it's a big issue.

Due to the size of our heathlands, Frankie says it's not always easy to spot dog poo.

This is where wardens will spray the area to highlight the amount of poo that's being left in the area.

"It's very hard to cover because a lot of it isn't seen. When you're out on your walk with your dog, or casually, you don't really notice it.

"So spraying the dog poo actually really highlights how saturated, how much a lot of our sites actually get."

The team uses a biodegradable chalk spray which biodegrades within in a week if there's a bit of rain.



A HAPPY WELCOME TO DORCHESTER

Proposal:

Commission artist to create and install 9 sunflower flags across the South Street Christmas light catinaries to add a bright a cheery welcome to the town and raise money for local charity.

Why?:

A big part of a visitor experience to Dorchester is the welcome. That is why so many towns invest in bunting, it is bright and welcoming in a town. Bunting has been used in the past but there is no longer the fixings available to erect it at the appropriate height for a whole summer. It is also not very PR worthy, many towns have bunting but none have giant sunflowers. Something like this in a town can increase visitor numbers to the town centre, enhance visitor experience and boost pride in the town.

The Sunflower trail near Maiden Castle farm was one of the most visited tourist attractions in Dorchester last year and it is running again this year. The Sunflower trail is a charity project. The farm cover their costs but last year they raised £25,000 for the Special Care Baby Unit and Dorset County Hospital (DCH).

I have spoken to the organiser Hazel Hoskin and she is delighted for the sunflowers and the fundraising to take place in the town centre too. She is keen for people to park in the town centre and walk to the farm, if this is promoted this could mean that more people spend more time and money in the town centre visiting other attractions, restaurants and shops too.



The flags:

The sunflowers themselves are hand drawn, bright and colourful. They are printed on to light kite material with a recycled (and recyclable) flexible plastic inner to keep the shape and additional holes inserted to ensure the wind can circulate through the sunflowers so they don't act like sails. Each sunflower will be attached to the top and bottom catinaries with 4 points so will be secure.



Permissions:

Dorset Council have said that they are happy for them to be installed as long as they are put up on a Sunday.

Additional project elements:

- Community growing project

The Environmental Development Assistant will be working with local schools, garden groups and residents to improve pollination potential across to town and bring the community together.

- Sunflowers in Borough Gardens

The Borough Gardens team could grow different varieties of sunflowers in the Borough Gardens this year to join in with the project.

- Sunflower shop window competition

The Tourism Development Officer will be working with shops across Dorchester to run a Sunflowers window display competition and asking participating shops to have collection boxes for the chosen charity. Mini bunting using the sunflower motive will be printed to use in shops and venues.

- Walking route to the Sunflower farm

A walking map from the town centre to Maiden Castle farm will be produced with the farm to promote walking and spending time in town

- Marketing

The Tourism Development Officer will coordinate marketing to make sure the project boost tourism numbers as much as possible for the town. Dorchester BID will be supporting the project in kind with promotions.

Budget

ITEM	PRICE
Seeds a pots for community growing project	£100
Cost of install	£600
Artist costs to design, create and oversee install	£1080
Prize for Sunflower window competition (free promotion or printing)	£200
Marketing budget - national press coverage	£500
TOTAL	£2480

Request to Members: Members are asked to consider funding the project from the Tourism Development Budget.

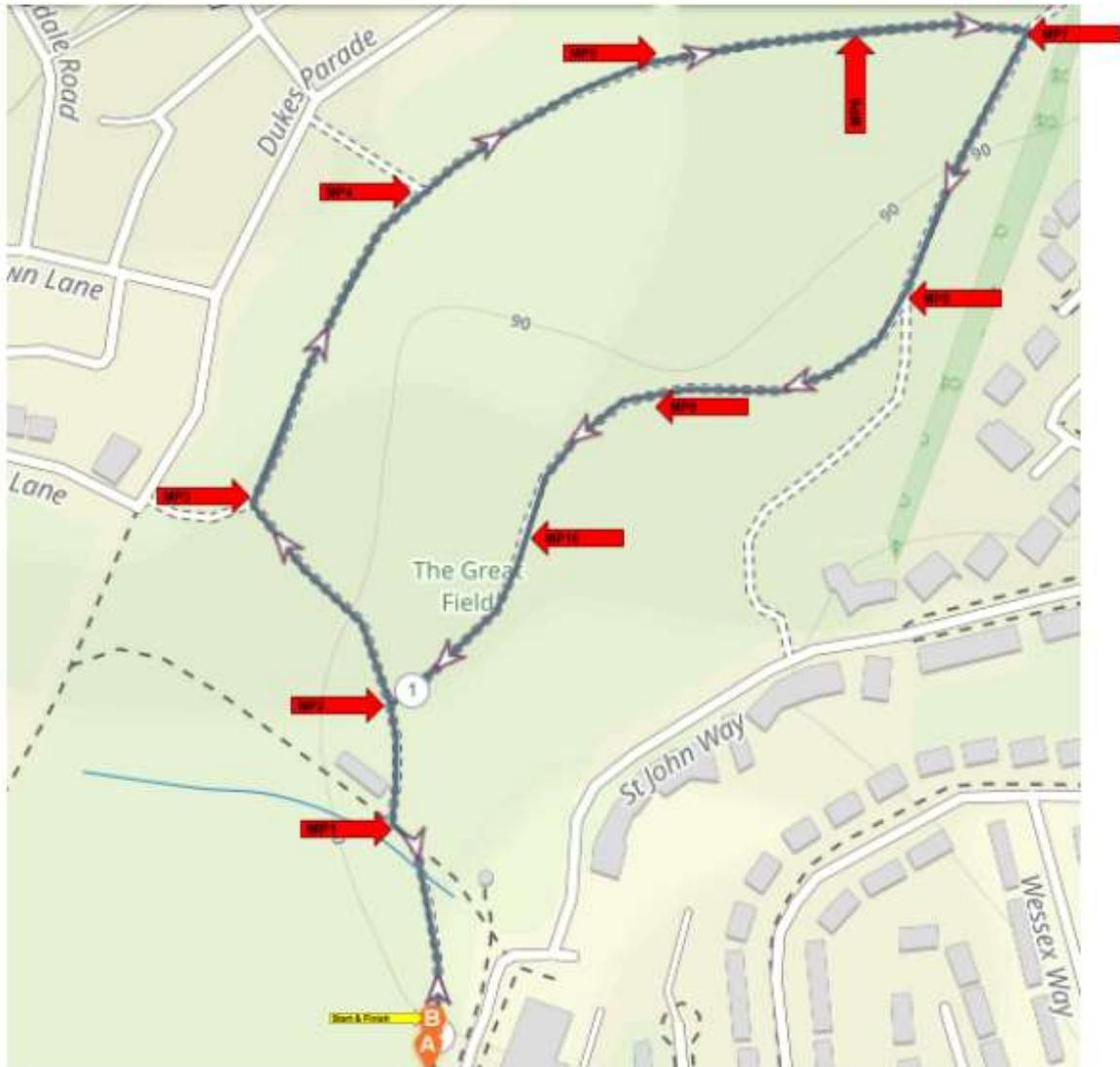
Report prepared by Matilda Manley, Tourism Development Officer

**DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL
GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

1.	Name of organisation. <i>(If your application is successful the grant cheque will be made payable to the name used here.)</i>	PARKRUN UK (LOCALLY JUNIOR PARKRUN DORCHESTER)
2.	Name and address of responsible officer who should be contacted regarding this application.	Name TOM EDMONDS Address 55 HIGH ST. FORDINGTON DORCHESTER DT1 1LB Tel: — (Mobile) 07786193902 Email: <u>thomas-edmonds@hotmail.co.uk</u>
3.	Address where activities are based.	THE GREAT FIELD ST. JOHNS WAY DORCHESTER DT1 2FD
4.	What area (community) is served?	YOUTH 4-14 OF DORCHESTER & SURROUNDING AREA.
5.	Are there any other similar facilities or services provided in the area/district?	PARKRUN (ADULT 5K - SATURDAYS)
6.	How does your organisation / activity benefit the residents of Dorchester	JUNIOR PARKRUN PROMOTES ACTIVE LIFESTYLES IN YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 4-14. THE 2km EVENT PROVIDES A MORE ACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN ALTERNATIVE TO THE 5km SATURDAY EVENT. THE EVENT ALSO ALLOWS COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FROM OTHER ECHELONS BY VOLUNTEERING TO HELP RUN THE EVENT.
7.	Present charges/ subscription/fees. Please attach schedule if available.	N/A - PROJECT NOT YET LAUNCHED.
8.	Are there any proposals to change or introduce charges, subscriptions or fees? If so please advise effective dates.	£4000 LAUNCH FEE REQUIRED. THEREAFTER EVENT WILL HAVE £0 RUNNING COSTS. SUPPORTED BY PARKRUN UK CHARITY.

9.	<p>Details of the project facilities or service to be provided and how they will benefit the community. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2km WEEKLY EVENT ON SUNDAYS AT 09:00. OPEN TO ALL 4-14 YEAR OLDS. PROPOSED COURSE ROUTE ATTACHED. • FULLY MARSHALLED ROUTE SO CHILDREN CAN RUN UNACCOMPANIED. • DEFIB + FIRST AID FACILITIES AVAILABLE. • PROMOTES PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TO YOUNG PEOPLE. • DRAWS FAMILIES OUT ON SUNDAY MORNINGS TO ENJOY COMMUNITY EVENT AND FACILITIES AT THE GREAT FIELD.
10.	<p>How, if the project is ongoing, will you plan for it to become financially sustainable into the future – donations, charging, grants, other etc.</p>	<p>AFTER LAUNCH FEE, PARKRUN UK COMMIT TO SUPPORTING EVENTS INDEFINITELY. POTENTIALLY OCCASIONAL SMALL FUNDRAISING IF NEEDED.</p>
11.	<p>a) Proposed starting date of project or acquisition date of equipment. b) Estimated completion date.</p>	<p>ASAP. HOPE TO LAUNCH BEFORE AUTUMN BUT DEPENDENT ON FUNDING. SEE ABOVE.</p>
12.	<p>Please give details of the cost of the project.</p>	<p>£4000</p>
13.	<p>Please give details of other grants awarded or applied for.</p>	<p>APPROACHING OTHER BODIES FOR CONSIDERATION: DORCHESTER LIONS DORCHESTER ROUND TABLE CASTLEBRIDGE ROTARY SPORT ENGLAND LOCAL BUSINESSES.</p>
14.	<p>Amount of grant requested from Dorchester Town Council.</p>	<p>£500.</p>
15.	<p>Any other relevant information. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)</p>	
16.	<p>Declaration</p> <p>I/We declare that the information given on this application is true and complete in every respect.</p> <p>I/We understand that the information provided on this application form will be used by the Council to judge whether or not to award a grant and that the information will be available in the public domain. If you have provided any information which you do not wish to be made publicly available please make this known when submitting the application.</p> <p>Signature of Applicant(s).....<u>TEO</u>.....</p> <p>Position Held...<u>EVENT DIRECTOR</u>.....</p> <p>For and on behalf of...<u>PARKRUN UK</u>..... Date...<u>27/01/2022</u>.....</p>	

The Great Field junior parkrun



1. Start opposite the entrance to the Poundbury Surgery
2. Cross the tarmac path by PiP café (straight ahead arrow?) MP1 **100m**
3. At the fork follow the path left, along the edge of the playground MP2 **150m**
4. At the next fork follow the path right MP3 **250m**
5. Continue past the next joining path from Duke's parade MP4 **380m**
6. Continue past the next path joining from Duke's parade, near the cemetery MP5 **500m**
7. Continue along the edge of the cemetery MP6 **550m**
8. At the top corner of The Great Field turn sharply right back towards PiP café MP7 **620m**
9. At the fork follow the path right towards the playground MP8 **740m**
10. Follow the path all the way back to the junction by the playground MP9 **840m** & MP10 **920m**
11. At the junction (MP2 **1010m**) turn right and then follow steps 4-10 again

JUNIOR PARK RUN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hello Steve,

I hope you're well.

Les gave me the attached grant application to complete to apply for funds for the junior parkrun, which he asked me to return to you once complete. I have completed the form and have also attached the proposed route for the event (which I don't think I sent over to you before.)

The boxes for questions 6&9 were a bit small, so let me write a bit of blurb below to accompany:

Junior parkrun offers 4-14 year olds the opportunity to run the 2km unaccompanied, or accompanied if desired, by having a fully marshalled route, this is something that under-11s cannot do at the Saturday 5km event where they must be accompanied by an adult. Marshals are positioned within line of sight of each other so that there is supervision of the children at all times, ensuring they cannot leave the course, and support is available should there be an accident. Clearly, there are health benefits afforded to the participants, but there is also a high level of community engagement in these small events. Volunteers are required in order to make the event happen, and these come from all echelons of the community. In Weymouth they are also currently engaging Duke of Edinburgh students who can count the volunteering towards their award.

On 16th January 2022 there were 326 junior parkruns in the UK with a total of 15,724 runners. There are currently 4 locations offering a junior parkrun in Dorset: Lodmoor Country Park in Weymouth, Upton House in Poole, Moors Valley Country Park in West Moors and Slades Park in Bournemouth. There is also one at Yeovil Recreation Ground. These Dorset events generally have good attendance with a total of 306 participants on 23rd January, with a breakdown as follows:

Weymouth: 35

Upton House: 84

Slades Park: 90

Moors Valley: 97

I believe that Dorchester would benefit massively from a junior parkrun on The Great Field as it is well situated in the town, meaning that most Dorchester residents could reach the event on foot within 20 minutes. Currently, the nearest event, which many Dorchester families attend, is in Weymouth, with at least a half an hour round trip in a car which contributes negatively to emissions and traffic in the area. I believe that, with the proximity to residential areas and great facilities in the new play area and the PiP café, an event on The Great Field would have good attendance.

Thank you and best wishes,

Tom Edmonds

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

1.	<i>Name of organisation. (If your application is successful the grant cheque will be made payable to the name used here.)</i>	United Church Dorchester
2.	Name and address of responsible officer who should be contacted regarding this application.	<i>Name Dianne Lawrence</i> Address United Church Dorchester 49-51 Charles St Dorchester DT1 1EE Tel: <u>01305 457477</u> __ (Mobile) _____ Email: <u>___office@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk</u>
3.	Address where activities are based.	South Street / Charles Street, Dorchester
4.	<i>What area (community) is served?</i>	Dorchester
5.	Are there any other similar facilities or services provided in the area/district?	There are other denomination churches in Dorchester
6.	How does your organisation / activity benefit the residents of Dorchester	Place of worship, plus associated activities
7.	<i>Present charges/ subscription/fees.</i> Please attach schedule if available.	No charge to attend church
8.	Are there any proposals to change or introduce charges, subscriptions or fees? If so please advise effective dates.	No

9.	<i>Details of the project facilities or service to be provided and how they will benefit the community. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)</i>	Members of URD would like to install a public access defibrillator on the outside of the church on the South Street side, as there is no other defibrillator available 24/7 at this end of South Street (nearest one is Antelope Walk)
10.	<i>How, if the project is ongoing, will you plan for it to become financially sustainable into the future – donations, charging, grants, other etc.</i>	The church will meet the ongoing costs of maintenance
11.	a) Proposed starting date of project or acquisition date of equipment. b) Estimated completion date.	April / May 2022 April / May 2022
12.	Please give details of the cost of the project.	Depending on the model, between £1,500 - £2,500 (currently researching models)
13.	<i>Please give details of other grants awarded or applied for.</i>	Dorchester BID have agreed to match fund any grant from Dorchester Town Council
14.	Amount of grant requested from Dorchester Town Council.	£500
15.	Any other relevant information. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)	
16.	<p>Declaration</p> <p>I/We declare that the information given on this application is true and complete in every respect.</p> <p>I/We understand that the information provided on this application form will be used by the Council to judge whether or not to award a grant and that the information will be available in the public domain. If you have provided any information which you do not wish to be made publicly available please make this known when submitting the application.</p> <p>Signature of Applicant(s).....DMLawrence.....</p> <p>Position Held.....Church Administrator.....</p> <p>For and on behalf of...United Church Dorchester Date...07/03/22.....</p>	

2020

2021

RECEIPTS

61,358	Giving		57,956
	2434	Cash	3,175
	19984	Envelopes	14,391
	38940	Standing Orders	40,390
20,579	Donations		25,232
7,005	Lettings		12,885
1,785	Wednesday Coffee & Stall		714
35	Bank Interest		0
1,553	Investment Interest/Dividends		1,466
14,424	Tax Refund on Gift Aid		14,662
3,934	Earmarked		3,842
774	Other		593
1,093	Youth and Family		928
1,500	Coffee Lounge		2,489
1,500	Church Shop		0
115,540		Total Income	120,767

2020

2021

PAYMENTS

72,090	Church		69,645
	53,676	Dorset South & West Circuit	53,676
	5,045	Insurance	5,344
	5,562	Cleaning and Waste Collection	4,885
	2,358	Gas	3,746
	4,145	Electricity	562
	959	Telephone and BB	883
	81	Water	82
	264	Business Rates and BID	467
	0	Other	0
8,354	Minor Items		11,787
3,044	Property		23,223
2,527	Property Maintenance - General	4,879	
0	Property Maintenance - Emergencies	0	
0	Roof Repairs	14,436	
-1,553	Insurance reclaim	-5,710	
	Access to Flat Roof	4,500	
	No51 Loft Spce	269	
216	Church Spire	4,848	
0	Lift	0	
10,980	Charitable Giving		7,841
1,062	Music in Worship		1,095
398	Youth and Family		1,692
97,118			115,283
18,422		Net Receipts/Payments	5,484

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 14 MARCH 2022
EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL AND INTERMENTS AND BURIAL OF ASHES

1. To note that grants of Exclusive Right of Burial have been issued for the following grave spaces:

Name	Full Burial/Ashes	Grant No:	Grave Number
Dorchester Cemetery			
Poundbury Cemetery			
BRIAN GALE	DOUBLE BURIAL PLOT	3153	T.B.A.
WILLIAM MAHON	DOUBLE BURIAL PLOT	3154	821
MICHAEL PARRY	DOUBLE BURIAL PLOT	3155	183
MICHAEL SMITH	DOUBLE BURIAL PLOT	3156	T.B.A.
NEIL MACDONALD SIMPSON	SINGLE BURIAL PLOT	3157	T.B.A.
Fordington Cemetery			

1. Since the November 2021 meeting of the Committee there has been the following interments, ashes etc. at Dorchester's Cemeteries:-

01.11.2021 – 31.02.2022	Dorchester	Fordington	Poundbury
Interments	5	-	5
Ashes	3	-	1
Garden of Remembrance	2	-	
Poundbury Chamber			-
Children's Plot			-

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 14 MARCH 2022

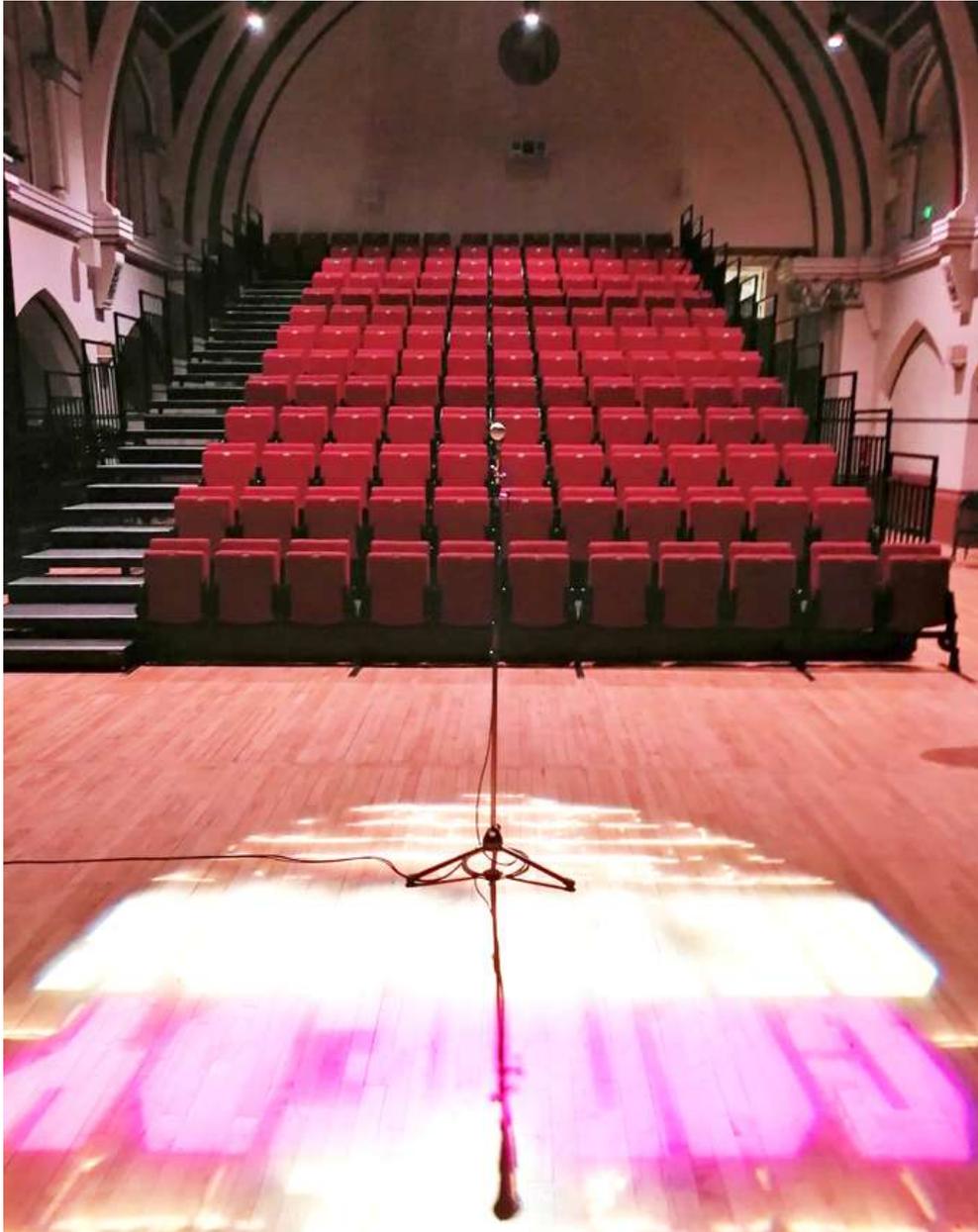
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MONITORING REPORT

Staffing

1. The front part of the Municipal Buildings have been opened for use including the Corn Exchange, Town Hall, Magistrates Room and the Council Chamber. All bookings (other than for the Council Chamber) are taken and managed by Dorchester Arts.
2. Day to day management and supervision of the Town Hall Keepers has now moved to Dorchester Arts.
3. The formal lease for the operation and management of the building between the Town Council and Dorchester Arts has now been signed and sealed.

Municipal Buildings Corn Exchange and Re-Roof

4. Corn Exchange - Works complete, apart from a few snagging items, for example the window actuator.
5. Apse - All works complete apart from the flat roof abutment to the east forming phase 2 works which are ongoing. Re-roofing of the lean-to to the rear of the stage/apse will commence once the scaffolding has been removed.
6. Council Chamber - All works complete apart from final snagging inspection.
7. The work inside has highlighted the need for the external woodwork to be smartened up by the Town Hall Keepers. It is proposed to change the green colour from the existing to the green that has been used on the pillars in the Corn Exchange.
8. The new audio visual equipment and retractable seating purchased by Dorchester Arts has now been fully installed and works well.



Extension for Biomass and Offices

9. Work on this phase is underway, it is likely that the construction programme will now show a completion date towards the end of June 2022.
10. Extension:-
Piling, concrete slabs and walls to fuel store complete.
Brick and block work has commenced.
Beam and block first floor due to be installed on March the 28th
11. Offices, Changing and Meeting Rooms:-
Rooflights installed and around 50% of the slate is complete on the old dressing room roofs
Wall tanking to ground floor installed.
First fix mechanical and electrical works have commenced.
New metre (change over to single supply) will be installed on the 29 March.

Groundworks to the rear of the Buildings



Steve Newman
Deputy Town Clerk