

Business from the last Council meeting

Action reference	Date of meeting	Action	PH responsible for action	Response/update
FC11	15/10/2024	<p>Cllr Guest addressed Cllr Bromham, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Operations in respect of parking solutions (verge hardening) and asked; is it legal information that the Council has highlighted regarding the status of leisure land that is preventing schemes being installed at the Galley Hill end of Spring Lane and the cul-de-sac end of Quinces Croft.</p> <p>Cllr Bromham responded that due to the specific nature of the question, he would request that an email is sent setting out and requesting that particular information.</p> <p>Cllr Guest requested that any response be sent to her ward Councillor colleagues. Cllr Douris pointed out that it is the general practice for answers to such questions asked at Council to be shared with all members.</p>	Cllr Bromham	Please see attachment 'FC11 response' as attached.
FC12	15/10/24	<p>Cllr Douris addressed Cllr Bromham, also in respect of the parking solutions (verge hardening) and asked; could you give us a timeline of this as you have mentioned some figures and funding but haven't said when it will come about and our residents will be very interested in that.</p> <p>Cllr Bromham responded to advise he would provide a written response to that query.</p>	Cllr Bromham	<p>The next steps as per the Cabinet report are below:</p> <p>Conclusions and next steps:</p> <p>12.1 Physical delivery of any projects in the current financial year will be minimal, and it will be necessary to reprofile the projected spend of the current allocated within the Capital Programme – a reprofiled spend will need to be agreed.</p> <p>12.2 To deliver successful schemes, which this proposed policy underpins, will require staff resource. Within the current establishment is a project manager for implementing this policy (it is within the associated capital budget), officers need to ensure this position is filled so that the policy and its implementation can be properly managed and avoid undue delay.</p> <p>12.3 A marketing and communications plan will be developed to cover the policy including how engagement will be carried out especially when schemes are consulted on – this will allow further transparency on all aspects of the policy and its implementation. This could include how new schemes are nominated, possibly via an online form. The Council website will be updated accordingly</p> <p>Officers are currently reviewing the job description of the project manager for delivering the policy and schemes, it is anticipated this is advertised and an appointment is made before Christmas with work on assessing scheme commencing in later late Q4 of 2024/25 or early Q1 of 2025/26.</p>

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FC13	15/10/24	<p>3. Cllr Timmis referred to the River Gade restoration works and commented that there seems to be a great deal of work going on in Great Gaddesden and asked the Portfolio Holder for some indication of what is happening there as it looks like the river has been dried up. Cllr Timmis clarified this is not the work taking place in Gadebridge Park, this is further up in Great Gaddesden.</p> <p>Cllr Bromham advised that he was not familiar with that, it may be that the Environment Agency is carrying out work but advised he would look into it and provide a written response.</p>	Cllr Bromham	<p>I note from the minutes of the Full Council meeting last night that Cllr Timmis raised the issue of works being undertaken to the River Gade in Great Gaddesden. The works are associated with the removal of a weir to the grade II listed South Bridge on the Leighton Buzzard Road at Water End and include channel restoration works and habitat improvements as per planning permission 22/02836/MFA. The main objectives of the proposed scheme are to reinstate chalk stream characteristics and remove obstructions to fish passage.</p> <p>The proposed scheme is needed to contribute towards improving the River Gade Water Framework Directive (WFD) waterbody status from “bad” to “good” as required by the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017.</p> <p>The works do not have any impact on the foundations of the bridge and will not undermine the structural integrity of the bridge itself; the central weir being a latter addition.</p> <p>I am currently dealing with a planning condition to allow a reduced scope of works to occur within the upcoming salmonid spawning season (1st November to 28th February) in accordance with advice from the Herts and North London Fisheries team at the Environment Agency. Works are being undertaken by Affinity Water and are expected to be completed just before Christmas.</p> <p>The scope is as set out in the screenshot below (24/02162/ROC)</p>
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