



Full Council 09/01/2025

Agenda Item 24/105 Clerk's Report

1. Memorial Headstone A09

Further to the annual headstone inspection, the memorial on plot A09 which was found to be in need of remedial works has been repaired.

2. War Memorial:

Updated the asset register and the transparency land reports- highways own it and we maintain it by default

3. Consultation: Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England

The government is seeking views on proposals to introduce measures to strengthen the standards and conduct regime for local authorities in England. The consultation closes at 11:59pm on 26 February 2025 and details may be found at [Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England - GOV.UK](#)

4. Health and Safety

At November's meeting it was reported that concerns had been raised that part of the MUGA surface is slippery. Infinity Playgrounds Ltd will be undertaking an inspection. An update on this is that on advice received, the Custodian is sweeping the surface twice a week and shall be cleaning the moss with "Wet and Forget". The surface has been inspected and whilst patch repairs are not recommended, as this will potentially lead to other issues, an overskim could be undertaken. £15,000 has been allowed in the Budget 2025/26 for this purpose.

5. Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2AA

- a. Since September 2020, all parish, town & borough councils must have a website that complies with Website Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). In October 2024 the relevant rating level changed from WCAG2.1 AA to WCAG2.2AA.
- b. The Assistant Clerk attended a 'Keeping on Top of Website Accessibility Compliance' webinar on 11 December, and it showed that the SMPC website is mainly compliant. The website provider, 28across, confirmed some work had already been undertaken to ensure WCAG2.2AA compliancy and the other minor issues are being addressed. The Accessibility Statement will need reviewing in light of WCAG2.2AA.