Properties and Infrastructure Report for Full Council 20/04/2026

Date of Full Council meeting: 20/04/2026

Actions completed since last Committee meeting

97 Trees have been planted between Donald Pither Memorial Field/ Play area and Fairfield. The majority on Fairfield. This project has been provided through DEFRA, Forestry Commission and Somerset Council at no cost to the Town and Parish Council

Update on existing projects

- Signs have been arranged through Somerset Council for the road closure on Station Road indicating the town is still open for business. A footpath has been created to enable access to town, Ansford School, Fairfield etc.
- The replacement noticeboard has been agreed by TC but not yet fitted as a new position is to be found following the current residents of the wall it is housed on preferring it to be somewhere else.
- Some of the reported paviour repairs have taken place but others are still outstanding through the town.
- Some gulleys have been cleared around the town but not yet in the town centre
- Splash tiles are to be fitted behind the sink up in the new toilet on the Museum floor.
- The faulty lighting in the Undercroft has been repaired
- Netting has been fitted to the Undercroft rafters due to persistent pigeons roosting. The guano has become a health and safety issue.
- Alternative lighting options for the Billiard Room are being sourced.
- The roofers have returned to the Shambles, and we await to see if all the repairs have been successful. Adaptations had to be made in line with the initial quote as work became slightly more extensive than initially expected.
- The Market House requires a full electrical inspection. AR Blaze will be doing this on 5th May 2026
- The Annual Fire equipment and CCTV inspections are to take place on 27th April 2026
- The Inverter and control units in the Cemetery chapel are repaired and working again.
- 60 more plot sites have been identified for the Garden of Rest at the Cemetery
- A CCTV camera has been fitted outside the Millbrook toilets to monitor vandalism issues.
- Meetings continue to build our Community Resilience programme which is now in place and will be activated in the event of an emergency within our community i.e. power outage, water failure, flood, train crash. We have engaged all local facilities and community volunteers to support this.
- The documents have been prepared to enable us to go out to tender for the Pavilion project. Fundraising projects are in place by the Cricket and Football clubs as well as the Grant fundraising documents. Applications are starting to go off, and monies are being received from local companies in support following letters going out.
- An application to Heritage Lottery Funding has been sent off and a reply awaited in respect of the Museum small project for a ‘Minema’ prior to the larger funding application for the Market House project.
- The Play Inspection 6 monthly reports have been received. There are a few maintenance requirements highlighted which will take place in the coming weeks

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