

CLERKS REPORT: JANUARY 2022

1. Pavilions

Now that plan A restrictions have come into place, for the protection of public health and council staff, visitors to and hirers of the pavilions will still be required to wear face coverings and to practice social distancing while indoors.

The Pavilions Management Committee will meet in February. One matter for discussion will be promotion of the venue; a second matter will be the request from a member of public for the creation of an enclosed dog off-lead exercise area at the top of the field. The Committee has a vacancy for a member of public, anyone interested to contact pavilions@broadclyst.org

2. Allotments

The lease between National Trust (superior landlord) and Broadclyst Parish Council (lease-holder) for the northern field is being prepared for renewal. An on-site meeting with the National Trust on 28.01.22 included an inspection of the northern field and a forward plan to bring vacant plots in the southern field forward for lease to the Parish Council. The Broadclyst Allotment Association has confirmed it does not wish to extend its lease to include any additional plots in the southern field.

Completion of the Westclyst allotments is expected to be pursued this spring. The waiting list for Westclyst is over-subscribed; residents could be offered plots once the southern part of the National Trust allotments opposite Cyst Vale Community College are available. This is in line with the current waiting list policy where plots are offered to parish residents before those living outside the parish.

3. Queens Jubilee

Further to discussions at the council table last year, the situation remains that council will not run any events per se, but instead will facilitate and support those who come forward wanting to run their own event. This could be an existing organisation, group, or clubs, or it could be an informal group of people, i.e., one street or area that wants to collectively do something to celebrate the occasion.

As previously reported to Council, the events team did give consideration to rescheduling Fun Day to coincide with the Jubilee, however due to various reasons, including stallholders already having booked elsewhere and that the council events staff team are unavailable that weekend, this is not an option. VIP's have confirmed that the group does not wish to run an event.

Community Jubilee Event Funding

Funding will be available subject to approval of the Finance Committee (limits per application to be determined; applications to be submitted by 30.04.2022 at the latest to allow time for processing. Enquiries to office@broadclyst.org or call 01392 360269.

Where the application comes from a group of individuals rather than an organisation, monies will be reimbursed to an agreed amount on production of receipts (details in application form). This opportunity will be publicised in the Broadsheet and on the Council's social media channels.

4. Exeter Science Park.

I attended a meeting with the Science Park to discuss the preparation of its vision as it grows out. The science park has recently opened its newest building, a zero net carbon building that comprises workspaces of varying sizes. Inclusion in the Broadsheet was discussed, advertising the cafe and on-site facilities, and using the opportunity to explain what the Science Park does, perhaps with input from some of its tenants. The Science Park values its relationship with the parish and hopes to be able to invite Councillors to have a tour of the site later this year.

5. **Food Bank.**

Need continues, driven less now by immediate urgent response but by the cost-of-living increases, including the increased cost of utilities. The TAFF review group is due to meet in February to look at need and to consider options for the longer term. A report will come to council once this piece of work has been concluded. The marquee is in place, providing a shelter and safe area for volunteers when packing. Additional lighting has been installed inside the marquee and on its approach.

This concludes my report to Council.

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