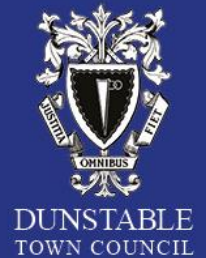


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David Ashlee Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Date: 29 October 2021

Dear Councillors

A meeting of the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee will be held on **Monday 8 November 2021** at **the Council Chamber, Grove House commencing at 7.00 PM**. Those members of the Town Council that are not Committee Members, members of the public and press who wish to attend are invited to do so remotely using Microsoft Teams. Therefore, they are asked to notify their intention to attend by emailing Ian.Reed@dunstable.gov.uk by 5 November 2021.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Grounds and Environmental Services Committee held on 13 September 2021 (copy previously circulated).
3. Specific Declarations of Interest.
4. Minutes of the Meetings of Plans Sub-Committee held on 14 September, 5 and 26 October 2021 (see page 1)
5. Creasey Park Community Football Centre and Bennett's Splash Park Update Report (see page 9)
6. Cemetery, Allotments, Recreation Grounds, Town Centre Gardens, Ranger Service Information Report (see page 12)

Continued

7. Reports from Outside Organisations -
CBC Development Management Committee - Councillors Sid Abbott and Gloria Martin

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DAVID ASHLEE', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Ashlee
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

To: All Members of the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee:
Councillors Gloria Martin (Town Mayor), Liz Jones (Deputy Town Mayor), Lisa Bird (Chairman), Phil Crawley, Greg George (Vice-Chairman), Matthew Brennan, Mark Cant, Alan Corkhill, Pamela Ghent, Kenson Gurney, Gladys Sanders and Johnson Tamara and other Members of the Council for information

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE

HELD AT GROVE HOUSE, DUNSTABLE

ON TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Councillors Liz Jones (Chairman), Sid Abbott, Lisa Bird, Phillip Crawley, John Gurney and Johnson Tamara

Apologies: Councillors Cameron Restall (for whom Cllr Abbott was substituting)

In Attendance: Councillor Kenson Gurney and Ian Reed (Democratic Services Manager)

Public: Two – in attendance at the meeting

1. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors	Interest	Item
Nil	Nil	

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – RECEIVED UP TO 16 AUGUST 2021

The Sub-Committee considered all planning applications submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council in respect of Dunstable between 23 July and 16 August 2021

RESOLVED: that the following comments be forwarded to Central Bedfordshire Council in respect of the applications indicated:

1 CB/21/03494/FULL:	6 Houghton Road
Proposal:	Rear single storey rear extension
Comments:	No objection

2 CB/21/0745/FULL:	18 Pynders Lane
Proposal:	Single storey rear extension, front porch, loft conversion and extension
Comments:	Objection on the grounds of overdevelopment, loss of privacy of neighbours,

3 CB/21/03555/FULL:	102 Beecroft Way
Proposal:	Single storey rear extension and first floor side extension.
Comments:	No objection

4. CB/21/03414/FULL:	35 Croft Green
Proposal:	Demolition of outbuildings and construction of two storey side extension
Comments:	No objection

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- 5.CB/21/03779/FULL:** 43 Salters Way
Proposal: Two storey rear extension
Comments: No objection
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- 6. CB/21/03840/TD:** High Street South
Proposal: Installation of a 15metre high monopole supporting 6 no. antennas and 2. no. transmission dishes, 4 no. equipment cabinets and development works ancillary thereto
Comments: No objection
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- 7. CB/21/03743/FULL:** 2 Priory Road
Proposal: Two storey side extension, conversion of outbuildings to habitable space with link to main dwelling, alterations to rear dormer roof and alterations to side and rear windows and doors
Comments: No objection but the Sub- Committee has the following comments to make;
the Design and Access Statement does seem to make some mention of the Conservation Area such as - *the site comprises of a three-storey dwelling with a detached single storey out building to the rear of the property noted as 'Positive Contribution Building' (Dunstable Conservation Area Appraisal 2010).*
However, it does not make mention of any other heritage assets- such as the Scheduled Monument.
There is a possibility for below ground remains related to the Scheduled Monument. The Design and Access Statement does not make clear if there has been any discussion with the Central Bedfordshire Council Archaeological Officer regarding archaeological requirements
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- 8. CB/21/03733/FULL:** 69 High Street North
Proposal: Change of use; Change of use from former church (use Class F1) to shop/restaurant (Use Class E)
Comments: Objection: there is insufficient information in the application to make a determination on the application including waste disposal and ventilation details
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- 9. CB/21/03780/FULL:** 16 Duncombe Drive
Proposal: Single storey rear extension, two storey rear extension and two storey side extension
Comments: No objection
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- 10. CB/21/03699/FULL:** St Christophers Academy, Gorham Way
Proposal: Erection of modular classroom with associated access steps, ramps, pavings and associated safeguarding works
Comments: No objection
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11.CB/21/03602/FULL: 65 Southwood Road
Proposal: New front porch
Comments: No objection

12.CB/21/03706/FULL: Clifton Court, 19A Clifton Road
Proposal: Change of use from office to 2 x two bedroom residential dwellings
Comments: Objection on the grounds of;

- Overdevelopment
- Access and egress for vehicles will be very difficult
- Lack of waste provision

13.CB/21/03923/FULL: 20 Gilded Acre
Proposal: Single storey rear extension, loft conversion, infill walkway and extend flat roof over garage
Comments: No objection

14.CB/21/03349/FULL: 6 Penrith Avenue
Proposal: Flat roof timber clad habitable building to rear of of property – supporting information received from the applicant
Comments: Object – Members considered the application to be overdevelopment of the site with no apparent means for waste collection, no access or egress to site and approval might set an unsustainable precedent

15. 11 Harvey Road
CB/21/03897/FULL: Removal of existing conservatory, garage, side extension and roof dormer. New part single and part two storey side and rear extension
Proposal:
Comments: No objection

16.CB/21/01892/FULL: 204 High Street North:
Proposal Change of use: conversion of rear of restaurant to residential flat
Comments: No objection

17.CB/21/03957/FULL: 18 Bullpond Lane
Proposal: Erection of rear garden outbuilding
Comments: No objection

4. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Sub-Committee noted the decisions of Central Bedfordshire Council in respect of recent planning applications.

The Meeting Closed at 19.50

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE

HELD AT GROVE HOUSE, DUNSTABLE

ON TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Councillors Wendy Bater, Sid Abbott, John Gurney, Gloria Martin and Johnson Tamara

Apologies: Councillors Liz Jones (for whom Cllr Sid Abbott was substituting), Mark Cant (for whom Wendy Bater was substituting) ,Phillip Crawley(for whom Cllr Gloria Martin was substituting)

In Attendance: Councillor Kenson Gurney and Ian Reed (Democratic Services Manager)

Public: Nil

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Councillor Gloria Martin was elected Chairman for the meeting

Councillor Martin in the Chair

2. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Interest	Item
Cllr Johnson Tamara	Pecuniary interest – He took no part in the discussion and left the meeting room for the duration of the discussion	7

3a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – RECEIVED UP TO 24 September 2021

The Sub-Committee considered all planning applications submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council in respect of Dunstable between 3 September and 24 September 2021

RESOLVED: that the following comments be forwarded to Central Bedfordshire Council in respect of the applications indicated:

1 CB/21/03991/FULL: 94 Suncote Avenue
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Comments: No objection

2 CB/21/03990/FULL: Land adjacent to Dunstable Community Fire Station, Brewers Hill Road
Proposal: The replacement of the existing 12.5 – metre monopole, the replacement of 1 no. existing equipment cabinet with 2 no. new cabinets, along with minor ancillary works

Comments:	No objection
3 CB/21/03998/FULL:	52 Oldhill
Proposal:	First floor side and two storey rear extensions
Comments:	No objection
4 CB/21/04041/FULL:	19 Calcutt Close
Proposal:	Single storey rear extension replacement flat roof over existing side extension
Comments:	No objection
5.CB/21/03990/FULL:	See item 2
Proposal:	/
Comments:	/
6.CB/21/40122/FULL:	22 West Parade
Proposal:	Single storey side and rear extension
Comments:	
7. CB/21/03272/FULL:	79A High Street North
Proposal:	Change of use of a premises to 1 1-bedroom flat and a 6-bedroom HMO (Houser in Multiple Occupation): Renovation of windows and doors. Extension to the outer building and shop alterations. (CBC has received amendments to this application in respect of the above property in relation to: Revised Description Amended floor plan Updated Design and Access statement to side and rear windows and doors
Comments:	Objection – although the Council recognises/ changes to the application since it was last considered it still considers that the application is overdevelopment as there is no provision in the plans for residents to sit down to eat a meal and there is not sufficient communal living space and the application did not include a fire risk assessment
8.CB/21/04138/FULL:	
Proposal:	178 Chiltern Road
Comments:	Hip to gable loft conversion with front and rear dormer windows No objection
9 CB/21/041620/VOC:	5 Winfield Street
Proposal:	Variation of condition number 7 of planning permission CB/20/01534/FULL (Change of use from office A2 to residential C3 together with the construction of a two storey rear extension to provide 4 number one bed flat units) New proposal: Revised roof style
Comments:	No objection

10.CB/21/04285/VOC: 1 Hadrian School House, Hadrian Academy, Hadrian Avenue
Proposal: Variation of condition number 3 of planning permission CB/21/00983/FULL(Change of use from residential to office/intervention space) Amendment to state "up to 20 children in the intervention space"
No objection

3. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Sub-Committee noted the decisions of Central Bedfordshire Council in respect of recent planning applications.

The Meeting Closed at 19.45

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE

HELD AT GROVE HOUSE, DUNSTABLE

ON TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Councillors Liz Jones (Chairman), Lisa Bird, Matt Brennan, Philip Crawley
Peter Hollick, Cameron Restall and Johnson Tamara

Apologies: Councillors John Gurney (for whom Cllr Peter Hollick was substituting) and
Mark Cant (for whom Matt Brennan was substituting),

In Attendance: Ian Reed (Democratic Services Manager)

Public: Nil

1.. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Interest	Item
Nil	Nil	/

3a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – RECEIVED UP TO 24 September 2021

The Sub-Committee considered all planning applications submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council in respect of Dunstable between 3 September and 24 September 2021

RESOLVED: that the following comments be forwarded to Central Bedfordshire Council in respect of the applications indicated:

1. CB/21/0423/FULL:	9 Blows Road
Proposal:	Single storey side/rear extensions
Comments:	No objection

2. CB/21/03750/FULL:	Weatherfield Special School, Brewers Hill Road
Proposal:	Erection of a single storey timber out building for use as additional classroom
Comments:	No objection

3. CB/21/04123/FULL:	Land at 3 Grove Road and 15 Park Road
Proposal:	Demolition of the existing former factory building. New build terrace of 5 family dwellings with external amenity and parking provision
Comments:	The Sub - Committee objects to this development as they feel it is over development, loss of privacy to neighbouring properties as well as concerns over the waste management provisions and insufficient parking for the development

impacting on neighbouring streets where on street parking is a premium already.

4. CB/21/04200/FULL:	58 Clifton Road
Proposal:	Two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension and loft conversion with dormer window and internal alterations
Comments:	No objection

5. CB/21/04261/FULL:	25-27 High Street North
Proposal:	Conversion of existing first floor Restaurant/Bar to form 5 residential dwellings (2x1 bed flat and 3 x studio flats) with erection of second floor level, with associated waste bins and cycle parking
Comments:	No objection. The Sub – Committee is pleased to see this type of development in our town centre

6. CB/21/04354/FULL:	27 Birchside
Proposal:	Single storey front extension
Comments:	No objection

7. CB/21/03857/LB:	77 High Street South
Proposal:	Listed Building: Repair/replacement of lead downpipes causing damp penetration into the building. Repair of replacement of hopper to be molded like for like and remedial brickwork repairs using lime mortar Amended floorplan Updated Design and Access statement
Comments:	No objection

8. CB/21/03902/FULL:	89 Katherine Drive
Proposal:	Dropped Kerb
Comments:	No objection

9. CB/21/04430/FULL:	1 Lancot Place
Proposal:	Variation of condition number 7 of planning permission First floor front extension over existing garage
Comments:	No objection

10. CB/21/04398/FULL:	21 High Street North
Proposal:	Conversion of two apartments into five one bedroom apartments with flat roof dormer to the rear and single storey rear extension and removal of a pitched roof to the rear
Comments:	No objection but the Sub – Committee would like clarification of waste management plans (weekly to bi-weekly) but separate requirements for domestic and commercial interests

11. CB/21/04426/FULL:	87 Wolseley Drive
Proposal:	Single storey rear extension

3. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Sub-Committee noted the decisions of Central Bedfordshire Council in respect of recent planning applications.

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The Meeting Closed at 19.42

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL**GROUNDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE****MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2021****CREASEY PARK COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CENTRE AND BENNETT'S SPLASH UPDATE**

Purpose of Report: To provide a progress report on operations at Creasey Park Community Football Centre and Bennett's Splash.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report provides the Committee with a summary account of performance to date.

2. ARTIFICIAL TURF PITCHES (ATP) & GRASS PITCHES

2.1 ATP winter block bookings have now been running for a few months. Booking numbers are very high with only a limited number of slots still available between 5-6pm and 9-10pm. Bookings are predominately from Dunstable based teams, but there are also teams from Leighton Buzzard, Eaton Bray, Pitstone and Ivinghoe.

2.2 The youth and adult football league seasons have also now been running since early September. There are over 30 Dunstable based teams calling Creasey Park home and further teams from the Leighton area.

2.3 The main stadium pitch is playing very well and still in excellent condition after 49 matches already played this season.

2.4 Central Beds College has resumed its usage, training and playing matches on the ATP1. There is also additional usage from a new DTFC U19 team playing in a college league on ATP2.

2.5 OneSchool Global based on Ridgway Avenue have booked ATP2 on a weekly basis to run hockey lessons.

2.6 During the October half term ATP1 was booked out for two separate football holiday courses. ATP2 was booked out for three football tournaments, consisting of 48 teams, some travelling as far as Exeter and Wales. Numbers of players exceeded 600 and spectators over 1,000.

Usage numbers

Month	Players	Usage (hrs)
April	4,155	356
May	4,653	374
June	4,175	451
July	4,776	499
August	4,776	499
September	5,131	474
TOTAL	27,666	2,653

2.7 The table above continues to show the high usage the ATPs are receiving. September has been the busiest month thus far, a result of the winter block bookings resuming.

3. INCOME & EXPENDITURE

3.1 Creasey Park Bar & Catering takings comparison EX VAT

	2019/2020	2021/2022	Variation	% Variation
APRIL	£16,930.69	£5,777.67	£-11,153.03	-66
MAY	£12,645.83	£6,550.14	£-6,095.70	-48
JUNE	£8,409.83	£4,275.74	£-4,134.09	-49
JULY	£9,609.22	£12,461.16	£2,851.94	29
AUGUST	£10,065.36	£7,299.09	£-2,766.27	-27
SEPTEMBER	£11,255.73	£12,279.17	£1,023.45	9
OCTOBER wk. 1	£4,301.54	£3,805.08	£-496.47	-12
OCTOBER wk. 2	£2,467.28	£4,307.53	£1,840.26	43

3.2 The table above demonstrates that business as usual has returned to Creasey Park. September's income was an improvement by 9% on 2019/20, and the first two weeks in October an average improvement of 31%.

3.3 The table below shows the year end forecast for Creasey Park. The outlook is much improved from previous reporting. This is due in part to better than predicted ATP income and improved bar & catering performance.

Service Area	Budget 2021/22	Actuals to Date	Year-end Forecast	Year-end Variance
Staff Costs	-672,819	-328,175	-649,819	23,000
Income: Creasey Park - Football	196,522	236,106	240,895	44,373
Costs: Creasey park - Football	-72,155	-40,797	-75,866	-3,711
Income: Bar & Catering	200,000	78,978	140,548	-59,452
Costs: Bar & Catering	-324,367	-151,160	-307,557	16,810
Sub Total	0	123,127	-1,980	-1,980

4. OPERATIONAL & BUILDING UPDATE

- 4.1 The Brewers Hill additional car park, which was redeveloped to serve the new ATP2 at Creasey Park continues to be occupied by the NHS Covid Test centre. This test centre will now be in place until end March 2022, which is the full peak season at Creasey Park. The result of not having access to this additional car park has caused many operational and health & safety issues within the main Creasey Park. Central Beds Council (CBC) have supplied parking marshals to assist in operations. These have been guaranteed until the NHS Covid test centre vacates the car park. CPCFC users in the meantime have access to CBC Watling House car park, access adjacent to the Fire Station. CBC are also looking to install extra signage on the highways directing CPCFC users to this car park.
- 4.2 On Sunday 24 October, Creasey Park hosted a large memorial charity match on the main pitch. Over 500 spectators watched an Arsenal celebrity team play an Dunstable Town XI.
- 4.3 Contract talks with Central Bedfordshire Council continue to take place and these remain positive. An update on the new contract will be provided at the January committee meeting.

5. BENNETT'S SPLASH & SPLASHSIDE CAFE

- 5.1 The Splash Park has now been decommissioned for the winter.
- 5.2 Splashside Café financial summary of actual expenditure vs budget 2021/22:

Service Area	Budget 2021/22	Actuals to Date	Year-end Forecast	Year-end Variance
Bennett Memorial RG Splash Park	-31,664	-22,292	-40,561	-8,897

- 5.3 The table above shows that the Splash Park budget is forecast for a year end deficit of -£8,987. This is as a result of fixed operating costs and poor income performance due to Covid factors such as enforced reduction on users and inclement weather over the summer.

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DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL**GROUND AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE****MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2021****CEMETERY, ALLOTMENTS, RECREATION GROUNDS, TOWN CENTRE GARDENS,
RANGER SERVICE - INFORMATION REPORT**

Purpose of report: - The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the management and maintenance of the town's Cemetery, allotments, recreation grounds, town gardens, floral displays, play areas and Ranger Service.

1. DUNSTABLE CEMETERY

- 1.1 Burial activity has remained ongoing and the table below provides a comparison for the period 1 September 2021 to 29 October 2021 against the same period for the previous year.

	Sept 2020 – Oct 2020	Sept 2021 – Oct 2021
New earth grave	6	10
Re open earth grave	7	7
New ashes	8	6
Reopen ashes	8	18

- 1.2 At the time of writing this report, 312 burials will have taken place in the lawn section of the cemetery extension since February 2016.
- 1.3 The Council continues to work closely with Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) and other Town and Parish Councils to coordinate burial activity in Bedfordshire and remain prepared for any future spike in demand for burials associated with the ongoing Pandemic. Following the full lifting of restrictions, on 21 June 2021, there remains no limit on the number of mourners that may attend a burial or interment of cremated remains.
- 1.4 The friends of Dunstable Cemetery met again on 15 October. They will continue to meet on the third Friday of each month.
- 1.5 Several volunteers from the Church of The Latter-Day Saints will meet on 20 November for a half day work activity in the Cemetery, to help clear overgrown graves and carry out general maintenance duties.
- 1.6 Dunstable Cemetery has retained its Green Flag Status for the last 4 years.

1.7 The Cemetery profiled expenditure and income as at end of September 2021 is given below.

Cemetery Profiled Income and Expenditure Report as at 30 September 2021

	April	May	June	July	August	September
Budgeted Expenditure	£9,001	£9,001	£9,001	£9,001	£9,001	£9,001
Actual Expenditure	£17,125	£9,955	£6,010	£7,271	£10,395	£7,729
Variance	-£8,124	-£954	£2,991	£1,730	-£1,394	£1,272

Budgeted Income	£15,008	£15,008	£15,008	£15,008	£15,008	£15,008
Actual Income	£33,307	£16,884	£15,200	£15,688	£9,148	£20,006
Variance	£18,299	£1,876	£192	£680	-£5,860	£4,998

Overall Variance	£15,703					
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1.8 The overall positive variance can largely be attributed to over achievement on income.

2. ALLOTMENTS

2.1 The waiting list for allotments continues to grow and at the time of writing this report there are 361 people on the waiting list, of which 228 are resident and 133 are non-resident. This continues to reflect the national picture of bigger waiting lists largely resulting from the Pandemic. Appendix 1 provides some detail about the make-up of the current waiting list.

3. RECREATION GROUNDS

Play Areas, Grove Skate Park and BMX

3.1 Since the last report to this Committee there have been no incidents of vandalism to play equipment.

3.2 General wear and tear repairs have been carried out including replacement of the rope bridge at Mentmore and the cargo and walk nets at Newton Recreation Ground. Self-closing gate repairs are ongoing at Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground and Ridgeway Avenue.

- 3.3 The vehicle access issue to the skate park has been resolved and the Ranger team have been cleaning graffiti from the concrete surfaces and walls.

Sports Pitches and General Grounds Maintenance

- 3.4 Grass cutting has been completed for this season and hedge cutting remains ongoing at some sites. Leaf collection will be taking place throughout November and December across many sites and all leaves will be composted for reuse as soil conditioner or mulch in future years.
- 3.5 The 2021/22 football season is now well under way and the grounds staff continue to regularly overmark and prepare pitches for play.
- 3.6 The Council has received provisional approval from the Woodland Trust supporting the creation of the new 0.5 Ha of woodland at Mentmore Recreation Ground. Support will include advice and guidance in the coming weeks to take the project forward, which is anticipated will result in the receipt of trees and additional materials to plant the wood.
- 3.7 The Council has also had a response from Central Bedfordshire Council following an application for funding from the CBC Tree Grant Fund. CBC Officers will be working with the Council to develop the tree planting concept and provide further advice for the project at Mentmore and the urban tree planting on other Council owned sites. It is hoped that this will result in a formal approval to fund the works in due course.

4. TOWN CENTRE AREA

Priory and Grove House Gardens and the Town Centre

- 4.1 The floral displays throughout the town have all been removed following a good summer display. Flower beds which were planted with summer annuals have all been replanted with winter and spring displays including primulas, forget-me-nots, daisies, wallflowers, tulips, and daffodils.
- 4.2 Tree pruning and general arboriculture works have been completed across several sites including Priory and Grove House Gardens as part of the Council's arrangements for managing a healthy and safe tree stock.
- 4.3 Arrangements are in hand to restock some of the large Urbis planters in the Town Centre which were placed at key entrances during Phase 1 of the High Street improvement works. The Council has the maintenance responsibility for these under contract with Central Bedfordshire Council. The Council will take on maintenance responsibility for other planters, from subsequent phases, in due course.
- 4.4 The Council has retained its Green Flag status for both Priory and Grove House Gardens and Priory Gardens has also retained its Green Heritage status.

Dunstable in Bloom

- 4.5 Dunstable in Bloom entered 3 projects into the RHS Britain in Bloom Community Awards and the Incredible Edible Dunstable project at Katherine Drive was assessed by the RHS judges to be 'Outstanding' in the 'Nourishing Your Community' category. Of the 118 entries nationwide, 21 projects were judged as 'Outstanding' across all 5 categories, so Incredible Edible Dunstable is amongst the very best community projects in the country. The other projects at Weatherfield Academy and the sustainable planting in the High Street have both received certificates of 'Achievement'.
- 4.6 With support from the Council, Dunstable in Bloom entered all 10 of the Anglia in Bloom categories, showcasing various projects and places in the town. Dunstable has been judged the overall winner in 2 categories; Priory Gardens winning the Best Local Authority Planting award and a gold medal and Dunstable Cemetery being judged the best Cemetery and achieving gold.
- 4.7 Dunstable in Bloom is not resting on its laurels and continue to work hard to help improve the town. The Parks and Green Space Development Officer has been working with the In Bloom volunteers to refresh the planters and baskets provided to High Street shops this summer, with winter and spring flowering plants.
- 4.8 The Parks and Green Space Development Officer is also working with The Square Methodist Church community to replant the gardens around the church using funds awarded from the Joint Committee, High Street Heritage Action Zone, CBC Ward Councillor Grant Fund and matching funding from the church.

5. TOWN RANGER SERVICES

- 5.1 The Rangers continue to undertake good work across the town tidying 'grot' spots and keeping areas clean and tidy including the town centre and the Ashton Square toilets. Routine activities also include pavement washing, graffiti removal, cleaning and repainting street furniture and litter bins and weed control in paved areas.

6. AUTHORS

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AGENDA ITEM 6

Appendix 1 – Allotment Waiting List

Waiting list	Total	Resident	Non-Resident
Willing to accept any plot/site	105	41	64
Specific plot/site requested	235	168	67
Second plot requested	13	11	2
Offer made - not yet accepted	8	8	0
TOTAL	361	228	133
Added to list since last report (included in above total)	11	9	2
On list but don't want plot yet (included in above total)	1	1	0

Site	Catchacre	Hillcroft	Maidenbower	Meadway	Pascomb Road	Westfield	ALL SITES
Total available plots on site	21	18	22	112	15	85	273
Vacant plots	1	0	2	5	0	1	9
Notice to Cultivate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice To Quit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plot Newly let	2	0	2	1	0	0	5
Plot Given up	1	0	0	2	0	0	3
Inspection Dates	20 th July 2021. Reinspection 12 th August 2021. Next full inspection to take place in October.						