

## **Report Statement**

### **Report Purpose:**

To update committee on progress and work associated with the street scene.

### **Author:**

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### **8.1 Public Realm Furniture**

At the last services committee it was approved to fund 6 benches at St. Michaels Church for the use of all in the town. St Michaels are still working on getting getting a price for installation.

The Town Council also put a bid into the Welcome back fund with CEC, and we should be getting deckchairs, planters.

### **8.2 Town Ranger**

Please see attached report prepared by Andy McKeith.

### **8.3 Notice Boards**

CORE at Upton Priory have agreed to have a noticeboard installed on their building. We are waiting for confirmation and photo of where they would like it to go. On the advice of Cheshire East Planning we need to apply for a Certificate of Proposed Lawfulness which is a formal planning application and this will confirm whether full planning permission is required.

### **8.4 Middlewood Way Lights**

The Town Clerk contacted Craig Browne, and promptly received an update from Highways. The time delay has been down to a change in the financial system. Hopefully this is now overcome, and CEC Highways will be ordering the equipment and letting us know the installation date, which they have advised would be this year.

### **8.5 Adoption Phone Boxes**

There are 2 K6 red BT phone boxes in Market Place, outside of the town hall, which are listed. The rangers have cleaned them, but the need painted and some of the Perspex restored. In communication with BT, they will not let us paint them, and instead have proposed to add the painting to their maintenance schedule for next year, although this is not guaranteed. BT proposed the town council may wish to adopt them. This would mean taking over the maintenance of them, and gaining planning permission for any possible changes of use. The town council has other

phone boxes across Macclesfield that is has adopted and used predominantly for housing defibrillators. As these are in a prominent position and are the K6 style, if adopted we could make an attractive feature of them.

**Action:** To consider adopting 2 phones boxes on Market Place from BT>