

		Shipley Town Council <u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</u> For consideration by Full Council on 25 June 2020 Please note that this does not include any correspondence received which falls within the remit of a committee.		
Sender	Date	Subject	Proposed Actions	By
Paul North (Airedale Masterplan Manager, Economic Development, Bradford Council).	2 June	SUMMARY: Updates stakeholder about the Town Fund Good Morning, I wanted to briefly update you on the Town Fund. We have all been greatly affected by the rise of the Corona Virus and the subsequent lockdown – I hope everyone is well. Plainly some people’s circumstances are now different and no doubt that change isn’t over yet. Some of the expectations we all had for the Town Fund have been affected and none of us yet have a guaranteed expectation of the future. Many are now enormously busy dealing with adapting. With these observations made, please rest assured that we continue to think about Shipley and Keighley’s futures. We expect some further guidance on the Town Fund in the near future. For now, if you have any ideas that you think would be particularly useful in the period of recovery, as we appear to have passed the peak of the virus infection, please share them with me.	Circulate to councillors. Otherwise none. Delegate consideration of the wider issue to the Planning Committee. And add to terms of reference.	N/a

		<u>Equally if your own circumstances have changed affecting your interest, please let me know by return - Thank you</u> The Council has been extremely active and an update on recent activity to help business follows. As of 14th May, Bradford Council has distributed 9,350 grants to businesses with a value of £106.7m. further information on existing assistance and forthcoming help for business can be found at https://www.bradford.gov.uk/business/business-rates/covid-19-business-grants/ Businesses facing difficulties can access the Council's assistance through Invest in Bradford Tel 01274 437727 or info@investinBradford.com For those dealing with redundancy, help can be accessed through the employment hub https://www.bradford.gov.uk/jobs/bradford-employment-hub/bradford-employment-hub/ or ring 01274 437373 / 01535 618330 or skillshouse@bradford.gov.uk		
Local Resident	5 June	SUMMARY: requests the Town Council's support for improvement to Northcliffe Park recreational facilities. Hi all. I wondered if any of you are on Next Door Shipley & have been following the discussion re the bowling green / tennis courts etc at northcliffe. There seems to be a lot of interest in getting a project going there - ideas are ranging from toilets / tuck shop / bring back pitch & put ... it appears from the posts that Friends of Northcliffe would also want to support an initiative..., what are your thoughts re the feasibility of all this? Is it worth trying to elicit further support/ get a (virtual) meeting to consider & progress this? Thank you. Thanks Joe for replying so promptly - if it is Ok with you, I would like to post your response on Next Door Shipley so all are aware - please let me know as I don't like to copy and past to social media without permission!	Delegate to the Allotments Committee where issues concerning land at Northcliffe Park are already under consideration and add to terms of reference.	29 July 2020

		I think it is a great idea to raise this at the next virtual meeting - I don't know if I would be the person to speak to this or whether there would be others who would wish to - again, the current mechanism for determining this would be via a post on Next Door. There is definitely a groundswell of interested individuals out there who are willing to progress this issue - maybe spurred on by the fact that far more people are using the park at the moment as their opportunity to get fresh air and exercise. So I think there would be sufficient interest locally to get some sort of a scheme underway - I appreciate that it takes time to work up these ideas but you have to start somewhere! I am also cc in both Friends of Northcliffe and Vick Jenkins as our local councillor as I am sure that they will also be interested in this.	Town Clerk to undertake some research into the issues raised.	
Sheena Spence (Chief Officer, Yorkshire Local Councils Associations)	19 Jun	SUMMARY: encourages the Town Council to respond to the Local Government Association consultation about local authority codes of conducts/standards in public life. To : All Members (Councils) of YLCA. NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS – CONSULTATION BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION The Local Government Association (LGA) has launched a consultation on a new model member code of conduct. High standards of conduct and behaviour are of huge importance to the local (parish and town) council sector as they are needed to protect the integrity of decision making, maintain public confidence, and safeguard local democracy. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC), strongly encourages all local councils and county associations of local councils to consider the proposed new model member code of conduct and respond to the LGA consultation before the deadline of 17, August 2020.	Consider at the July meeting of the Full Council (if held). Respond by deadline.	17 Aug

		Please can you send a copy of your response to YLCA at: admin@yorkshirelca.gov.uk NALC says “We all know the impact that poor behaviour, bullying and harassment can have on individuals and on local councils as organisations, so it is vital we continue to work as a sector to improve standards and push for further reform, at both local and national level”. In January 2019, the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL), published a report on the current ethical framework, which was implemented in 2012. The report followed a period of consultation with principal authorities and local councils (the parish sector). In summarising its recommendations, the CSPL said that strengthened sanctions “would enable councillors to be held to account effectively and would enhance the fairness and transparency of the standards process. Introducing a power of suspension and a model code of conduct will enable councillors to be held to account for the most serious or repeated breaches and support officers to address such behaviour, including in parish councils. Strengthening the role of the Independent Person and introducing a right of appeal for suspended councillors will enhance the impartiality and fairness of the process, which is vital to ensure that councillors are protected from malicious or unfounded complaints. Greater transparency on how complaints are assessed and decided in a system which is currently too reliant on internal party discipline will also provide a safeguard against opaque decision-making and provide reassurance to the public”. Recommendations 16 and 21 read as follows: Recommendation 16: Local authorities (principal authorities, ie standards committees), should be given the power to suspend councillors, without allowances, for up to six months. Recommendation 21: Section 28(11) of the Localism Act 2011 should be amended to state that any sanction imposed on a parish councillor following the finding of a breach is to be determined by the relevant principal authority. There was also a recommendation that an individual councillor that is suspended, will have a right of appeal via the Local Government Ombudsman. As yet, the Government has not responded to the CSPL report, although the LGA has now taken the action of issuing a consultation on a revised code. You will note		
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		from the LGA consultation paper that the issue of strengthened sanctions is outside of the scope of the consultation, as it requires legislative changes by Government, but the LGA has sought to reflect some of the possible changes by using square brackets where legal changes would be necessary. The LGA has said that it continues to take soundings from the sector on the issue of sanctions in anticipation of a Government response to the Committee's recommendations. The National Association of Local Councils is encouraging local councils to take the following action: a. Respond to the LGA consultation on a revised code of conduct (by 17 August 2020). NALC does not object to a single code for all tiers of local authority, provided that the model is relevant to parishes; b. State their opinions on the matter of strengthened sanctions to the LGA; particularly the suspension of councillors for a period of up to six months; c. Write to your MP with reference to the LGA consultation and the need for strengthen sanctions as recommended in the CSPL report. Also to request that the Committee on Standards in Public Life reviews progress on the implementation of its 2019 report's wider recommendations. The CPSL report can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-ethical-standards-report		
Councillor Vick Jenkins (Shipley Ward, Bradford Council)	27 May	SUMMARY: Welcomes the new Town Council I wanted to welcome you all to your new role and to let you know how pleased and even excited to have a Town Council for Shipley. As you all know Shipley is a fantastic place to live with so many positives in the people and the place. We have great community strength which has been highlighted more through the Shipley Covid mutual aid groups during the pandemic and we have beautiful places to spend time. I am really happy to see you Town Cllrs with different strengths and from all over the ward, I have worked with you on many different things already, and look forward to getting to know better those of you I know less well. When Joe Ashton asked us district Cllrs recently for our three priorities for Shipley I was really pleased that we along with our Ward Officer Paula Truman had a	Circulated to councillors. Placed on the record.	N/A

		consensus. I will really enjoy working with you to build on what we already have and achieve what is best for our community and the local area. We have some opportunities on the horizon, with money previously allocated to our area from different sources. I am hoping as and when we emerge from the pandemic that this will still be in place and that we as Cllrs together will help support real community consultation. I myself am very keen for the potential £25million 'My Town' regeneration funding will be used to help us achieve a 'Sustainable Shipley'. I hope when you are up and running you might be able to quickly endorse a couple of community initiatives I have helped set up with local people, the Clean Streets of Shipley and Plastic Free Shipley, neither which require any funding at present. Anyway that is probably enough for now. I look forward to our joint work in the near future and wish you the very best of success in your new roles.		
Amanda Warrent (Community Fundraiser North & East Bradford, Marie Curie Care and support through terminal illness)	19 May	SUMMARY: Seeks financial support for Marie Curie I hope that you are safe and well during these unprecedented times. I love how so many people are helping everybody out right now, restores my faith in humanity. Our staff working at the Bradford Hospice has seen this first hand recently, lots of local businesses have been donating meals and PPE and more recently on Thursday the local police came and clapped for our Nurses. I am contacting you to see if Shipley Town Council would be in a position to help Marie Curie by donating to our Emergency Funds appeal? As you know so many businesses and charities have been affected and will continue to be but right now there has never been more need for Marie Curie. When given a choice people overwhelmingly say they would prefer to die in their own home, or in a hospice rather than a hospital. Marie Curie makes this wish possible. This relieves pressure off our hospitals when beds are needed more than ever. If you are in a position to do so our details are below.	Establish community grants scheme for applications in August (requires resolution of Full Council in July and confirmation of banking arrangements) Send details of grants scheme for consideration in September.	As soon as possible

		Continued: Thank you for getting back to me so quickly, I hadn't realised you were a new parish council so best of luck. I am sure you will all do a fantastic job. That would be great if you could bring it to the attention at your first meeting. The figures that you asked for in Shipley and also the local hospice are: 8138 of nursing hours in 2019/20 provided in Shipley 183 patients looked after in 2019/20 in Shipley 1019 Outpatients attended the Bradford Hospice in 2019/20 – Just FYI our outpatients have art therapy classes, exercises classes, complementary therapies from massages to haircuts, counselling, three course dinner and the nurses and volunteers work so hard to make them feel normal, valued and comfortable so that they have a positive end of life experience. 238 Inpatients, we have 16 beds in the hospice and 12 individual rooms. Each patient and family is met by a Doctor, Chef, Counsellors, Social Workers, Nursing Team and get the best possible care. One story I particularly like to share is of a lady who had two very young children and wanted to visit the seaside for the last time. She was too ill to go so the Nurses brought the seaside to her! Each room has a patio area so the nurses bought sand, buckets and spades for the children, the chef made fish and chips and we nearly had a Donkey from the Donkey Sanctuary but it was too poorly to come. This is just a snippet of some of the memories we like to make. 100 people attended our Bereavement group. This is a new group allowing others to talk openly about their feelings and feel supported. Hope the above is enough and thank you. Have a lovely first meeting.		
Tonya Ward (Area Manager,	18 May	SUMMARY: Reminder that the National careers Service is still open Dear Parish Councillor	Circulate to councillors. Publicise	

Bradford, Keighley & Halifax, National Careers Service)		National Careers Service – COVID-19 We deliver the government funded National Careers Service (NCS) across Yorkshire and the Humber with a team of 69 professional careers advisors who in 2019/20 supported the people we help to secure 11,472 job and learning outcomes. This is a free service open to all. The National Careers Service is still operational - We are now in unprecedented times as we all continue to provide services and support through the COVID-19 pandemic to your community. The service currently is being delivered via telephone with our advisers working from home providing advice on finding work and accessing learning. https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk We are also offering direct support for businesses, employers, and furloughed workers all who may have been directly affected by COVID-19. We would like to offer our support For example, if you were holding a virtual surgery, one of our career’s advisers could be online to assist with regards to the support available from the National Careers Service. You may also already be aware, the Department for Education released The Skills Toolkit it is a new online learning platform launched by the Government last week (theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/). This gives people access to free courses, to help them build up their skills, progress in work and boost their job prospects. Boosting the nation’s digital skills in particular is a first step towards recovery, helping people build up the skills employers need and boosting growth and productivity as well as helping people cope and keep in touch in the lockdown period. The National Careers Service: Provides personalised careers information, advice and guidance to assist young people and adults to make informed choices about learning, employment and skills	through social media and website post.	
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Barbara Judd (Convenor, Shipley Fairtrade Group)	6 May	SUMMARY: Requests the Town Council's support for Shipley Fairtrade. I wonder if you would forward the resolution from Bradford MDC below to the people involved with Shipley Parish Council for their consideration. <i>-16.7.19. Full council renewed its support for Fairtrade and Fairtrade Bradford. Cllr Adrian Farley's motion was passed unanimously. Motion:</i> <i>This council resolves to:</i> <i>Renew its commitment to 'Fairtrade Community' status.</i> <i>Actively promote Fairtrade locally, through support for local groups, in the media including social media, and events, including during Fairtrade Fortnight.</i> <i>Support local Fairtrade Schools and Universities, and actively promote Fairtrade teaching materials in local schools and educational institutions.</i> <i>Celebrate and incentivise businesses championing Fairtrade products in the local community.</i> <i>Review its procurement policy, including its catering offer, to ensure that Fairtrade produce is chosen wherever possible, and that Fair Trade considerations are included as a preference in any contracts going out to tender.</i>	Identify if councillors wish to place a support motion onto the agenda of the Full Town Council meeting or delegate it to a committee.	By March 2021

		Continues: We are proud that SHIPLEY has been a FAIRTRADE town for fifteen years. Shipley has been a Fairtrade Town since 2005. We were the 204th town in the UK to achieve this recognition. Fairtrade status has to be renewed every two years. Part of the requirements for renewal in March 2021 is that the new Shipley Parish Council [<i>congratulations by the way!</i>] should pass a resolution supporting Fairtrade. The resolution should include a commitment to serve Fairtrade tea and coffee at its meetings and in its offices whenever hot drinks are served. The Fairtrade Foundation asks that the exact wording of the motion passed by Shipley Parish Council should be stated on the renewal application. In normal times this means that Fairtrade tea and coffee are always used at meetings. At functions organised by the Council where products such as wine, flowers, and bananas, cocoa and chocolate might be provided these should be Fairtrade. [They are available at the Co-op and other supermarkets] The resolution could also include a pledge to request Fairtrade in procurements for gold, cotton goods, sports balls etc. Fairtrade products are those that carry the registered Fairtrade Mark. [See above.] All Fairtrade products must meet sustainable economic, social and environmental criteria. Fairtrade spans many areas and we are currently trying to highlight how Fairtrade is one of the solutions to addressing the climate emergency. More information about Fairtrade is available on the Fairtrade Foundation website fairtrade.org.uk Shipley is part of Fairtrade Bradford which covers BMDC. Cllr Adrian Farley is Bradford Council's Fairtrade Champion. Shipley Fairtrade Group has been grateful for the encouragement and support from Cllr Kevin Warnes, Cllr Love and Susan Hinchcliffe. We hope you will consider this request and that we will have the support of our new Parish Council.		
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