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Building & Environment Manager Report to Buildings and Communities Committee 1st August 2023

1. **KC Allotments** Gate & Fencing. TVBC will provide the fencing at some future time when funding allows but will provide temporary dragons teeth. I have just received confirmation from Kevin Harrington at TVBC proceed with the gate and will order forthwith.
2. **Speed Limit Reminder Sign** New brackets have been purchased for the new locations. I have contacted National Community Speedwatch and HCC. I have had a detailed discussion with Cllr Critchley on the way forward. HCC have to approve the new locations.
3. **Woodley Village Hall Notice Board** The new notice board has been purchased. Delivery is w/c 28/8/23.
4. **Ashfield Roundabout Signage** As per the discussion at the last meeting I have contacted TVBC to remove the damaged signs from this roundabout.
5. **Wi-Fi / Network** This has been extended to the basement and Mayors Parlor. This enables the alarm system to be monitored over the internet and LTVAS to use our connection. For which they are going to pay an increased rent. We are now ready for the end of PSTN services.
6. **Budget** I am currently working upon the 2024/25 budget. I will present it to the Sub Group later in August along with the five year rolling maintenance plan. It must be noted that costs are rising across the whole spectrum of our activities.
7. **Woodley Village Hall** I have discussed the current situation with the Chairman. There is a live project at present replacing the soffits and facias. The Hall will have a full condition survey later in the year to establish the base line and bring it within the RTC procedures for maintenance of buildings.
8. **Exterior Decorations** Apart form some small snagging issues only the final ground floor flat roof is outstanding.

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9. **Town Way Markers** I believe we can start moving forward with this project in the Autumn after the summer visitor influx. However, I am having great difficulty in finding more than one company to quote.

10. **SR Allotments** I have found a willing contractor who is in the process of providing a quotation for the repair of the car parking and tracks damaged by the cycleway contractors.

11. **Maintenance Technician** I would just like to say how much I can rely on our Maintenance Technician David Chase. Over the last few months, he has really helped me with the extra workload and taking on new tasks.

12. **Honors Board** Will be updated in August.

13. **Security** The remainder of our worn and aging internal locks have been changed. First phase was last year. This is making life much easier for our attendants who now only have a bunch of 6 keys instead of 43.

14. **Lengthsman** The shared Wellow Lengthsman has declined the extra work. Therefore, I am applying to HCC to get our share paid direct and then probably employ our current grounds maintenance contractor at Woodley for extra tasks.

15. **Cornmarket Trough** Following a request from Bertie the market "Flower Man" he will take over the planting display of the Horse Trough/Drinking Fountain in the Cornmarket.