

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	25 July 2017
Title:	Priest End Allotments to Burial Space
Contact Officer:	Graham Hunt, Town Clerk Janine Howells, Asset Manager

Purpose of this Report

1. To provide a verbal / written update on the plans to convert Priest End Allotments to Burial Space.

Update

2. Thames Valley Archaeological Services (TVAS) executed the required Archaeological Survey in April / May 2017 and have recorded various finds of pottery, posts, ditches and animal bones. The County Archaeologist has confirmed that nothing of such significance as to require further investigation has been found. We await the formal report from TVAS so that an application to discharge Condition 4 of the planning application can be made. This has removed the "open endedness" risk of the project.



3. Additional costs of £1,295 were incurred in back-filling the land after the archaeological survey, but still within the available s106 monies.
4. The Asset Manager has held a meeting with clergy and funeral directors to help establish the exact further seeding / pathway / fencing / infrastructure works required and therefore associated costs to be covered by s106 monies. Nothing has so far been identified as requiring any additional planning permission.
5. Identified s106 monies of around £26,000 relate to various developments around Thame (The Elms (£3,341), Site F (£18,335 on 75th occupation), Thame Service Station (£1,806) and Angus House (£2630.33 received by SODC)). SODC has been informed that the Town Council is forward spending these s106 funds.
6. The Council's solicitor has been instructed to prepare all required documents for transfer. The resolution of 26 July 2016 is sufficient to confirm their sealing once ready. The solicitor has verbally reported a lack of response from the Diocese solicitor.
7. The church expects to consecrate the land in October 2017 and carry out the first burial in 2018, once Condition 4 has been discharged.

Legal Powers: LGA 1972 s127 and Localism Act 2011, ss1-8

Action Required:

To note the report.