

<b>Committee</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>11</b>

## **Update on the Riverside Footbridge (between Riverside Court and Chapel St car park)**

The footbridge working group met on Thursday 29th October

Cllr Munday provided an update of his action points, as follows:

1. Meeting held Monday 12th October with sealant repair contractor  
Sealant works were fine to carry out, but contractor cannot repair section of concrete
2. Meeting held Thursday 15th October with both on-site welder and metal fabricator  
All works for welding agreed and exact sizing of metal components established  
Quote received from welder; go ahead to start given for Thursday 29th October; AM collected the metal work on the morning of the start date and was the site contact.  
Town Clerk provided car parking permits for vehicles involved as well as confirmation from the EA that these works were lawful to carry out.  
Some before and after pictures were shared at the meeting after day one of welding
3. Meeting held 27th October with local concrete fabrication company  
All works were discussed and agreed including the pre work for the sealant part  
Installation timing is not yet confirmed but the local company has offered to do the work for no charge which is fantastic news
4. Limited progress regarding painting the bridge railings  
Sealant contractor contacted a local contact from a paint company and from this we know how to carry out the work, and what to use, but need a plan going forwards
5. No progress on work beneath bridge to cover exposed piling

Cllr Munday thanked Cllr Atkinson and Cllr Penn for carrying out the cleaning of the footbridge of leaf detritus in time for the welder to start; very much appreciated.

Cllr Munday provided feedback that the EA would allow trimming of the tree overhanging the bridge walkway and thanked Town Clerk for her help in communicating with the EA

A discussion about painting the bridge railings concluded that a professional company be sought to do this given the time constraints and current pandemic conditions.

It was decided at the meeting to do the following in addition to any remaining actions:

1. Cllr Atkinson to look into the tree surgery requirements of the overhanging tree
2. Cllr Atkinson to put together a communication to ECC to be agreed by members
3. Until all works had been completed the group decided to hold off on placing thankyou plaques/signage as there are still other works to be completed in the spring when the EA allows, but it is certain that other as yet unknown benefactors will help
4. Opening the bridge is someway off but as to who does this, how it is done, and the way acknowledgement to those who had helped to date is shown, needs discussion

The meeting closed after the above discussions, but thanks to Cllr Radley who provided updates to his action points very shortly afterwards, as follows:

- Invoicing and payment process now understood and can be actioned for contractors
- Legal process for HTC to own the bridge followed up with Town Clerk
- Tree clearing discussed with Cllr Atkinson, update to follow at next meeting

Also after the meeting Town Clerk confirmed that she had requested to the Land Registry that the ownership request from HTC be expedited.

Since the meeting the welding repair works have now been completed, see pictures below.

Another working group meeting will be scheduled for the end of November.

**Recommendation:** that Council notes the above report and agrees for the work to continue

Cllr Andrew Munday  
Chairman of Riverside Bridge Working Group

Appendix of photos:

