

## Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

**From:** Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council  
**Sent:** 26 November 2018 11:33  
**To:** 'Keith Sandle'; 'davidwickerson'; 'JUDY ANSCOMBE'; 'Les Scott'; 'Jill Skinner'; 'Paul Darby'; 'Colin Houghton'; 'Jonathan-iceni-info'; 'Kay Wells'; 'Philip Bray'; Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council; 'Sue Gattuso'  
**Cc:** 'Don Saunders'  
**Subject:** RE: The 800 plaque

Dear Town Team,

Sorry to join in your correspondence, but just trying to keep you informed.

We have established in regard to the brick built UKPN power supply structure is that UKPN as a statutory undertaker have permitted development rights and we were amazed to find out that they could have put something in place almost 10 times that size in without planning permission. The Town Council were being guided by Breckland/Capita Planning Department and our Historic Buildings Consultant Andrew Gayton, hence why the structure was added to a retrospective Listed Building Consent application, but it turns out that this was not required. So, to conclude matters we are now advised, and have made an application for a Certificate of Lawful Development, which records the fact that planning permission and listed building consent were not in fact required in this regard.

A lot has been said about the UKPN power supply structure, I won't bore you with the details. The Town Council made a decision to revisit any enhancements to the structure, after the fencing comes down, which will be Friday later this week. The Historic Buildings Consultant Andrew Gayton is totally against any form of public art, as this would detract from the Grade One Listed Building of the Buttercross. Andrew's first choice would be to remove the triangular information boards in front of the Buttercross, as he saw this as decluttering the Market Place and relocate one board on each of the three sides. If not, he would not be averse to a new notice board and with power being available, it could be a notice board that is lit.

I can assure you that the Town Council are not entirely happy with how this situation has evolved, as clear advice from the outset could have avoided a lot of bad feeling and upset, particularly in regard to adverse comments still being made on social media. We are glad to get to the end of this project and look forward to bringing the new facilities into regular use in the coming weeks and if part of that means to improve the aesthetics of a brick structure that no-one is entirely happy with, then it would be good to get this done and dusted too!

I think if the Town Team wants to take on this as a task, can I have this as a formal request ASAP to take to the 12<sup>th</sup> December Town Council meeting – many thanks.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop  
**Town Clerk**



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**Cc:** 'Don Saunders' <[don@iceni.info](mailto:don@iceni.info)>

**Subject:** RE: The 800 plaque

Maybe; each side is "owned" by a different school for them to use/decorate?

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**Cc:** 'Don Saunders' <[don@iceni.info](mailto:don@iceni.info)>

**Subject:** RE: The 800 plaque

I have read the emails and can I suggest that the TT is tasked with presenting STC with some ideas on "decoration"??

Can we also have confirmation that now the need for Listed Building Consent is being removed on this structure, we should not have to involve BDC in this process??

Thanks

David

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

**From:** Keith Sandle <[keith@keithsandle.com](mailto:keith@keithsandle.com)>

**Date:** 23/11/2018 15:00 (GMT+00:00)

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Definitely good plaque news!

To be fair to the brick building detractors I think their main concern is/was the lack of planning permission (or similar, I don't know the exact issues). However, I 100% agree with Judy and think this "shed" could (and should) be unrecognisable and hidden with; information boards, history boards, events boards, works of art (anybody know Banksy?) and anything other than leaving it as it is.

Keith

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**Cc:** Don Saunders <[don@iceni.info](mailto:don@iceni.info)>

**Subject:** The 800 plaque

Hello everyone

So pleased that at last we've got the 800 years plaque installed near the Buttercross and that works are completed!!

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=357411468156733&set=a.122646831633199&type=3&theater&ifg=1>

And in regards to the negativity about the brick building, let's think positively and creatively....why not add some Visitor Information Boards to match those that stand nearby; I'm sure there's more history or information that could be useful to residents and visitors alike, town map would be useful.

I know it's damp and dreary but let's just celebrate what we have in Swaffham: very low vacancy rates for the high street for a starter and look how everyone supported the WW1 commemorations....it's called Team Work!

Best wishes

Judy



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**From:** Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council  
**Sent:** 06 November 2018 11:32  
**To:** 'Stan Sole'; James Dean  
**Cc:** 'Chris'; Kate Gordon; Les Scott  
**Subject:** RE: The Buttercross - Electrical Kiosk and Trees

Dear James/Stan,

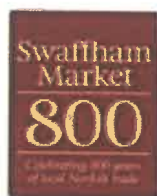
Thank you both for your comments regarding the power supply kiosk which was built to UK Power Network's statutory requirements. I will ensure that Councillors are made aware of your thoughts at their meeting next week.

It is the intention of the Town Council to look at how best to disguise the kiosk after the contractors compound has been taken away. There are various options under consideration and a view has been taken from Historic Buildings Officer Andrew Gayton, as he approved the materials for the kiosk and the location.

I wouldn't therefore expect a decision on this until the Full Council meeting in December at the earliest, as the contractors are due to finish on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, which is after the Council meet in November.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop  
**Town Clerk**



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**Subject:** Re: The Buttercross - Electrical Kiosk and Trees

Well said James. I am trying to decide whether or not to get in touch with David Whiteley on Inside Out about planning being in the hands of Newcastle and Belfast people with little or no local knowledge. I really am incensed by it. The financial side I can understand, even though it seems not to have worked out so well as promised, but to have matters subcontracted to people so far away is ludicrous. The Market Place kiosk could be a good example of lack of attention to planning regulations by people who are not, and never likely to be, closely involved.

Cheers,

Stan.

**From:** James Dean  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018 9:09 AM  
**To:** Richard Bishop  
**Cc:** 'Chris' ; Stan Sole ; Kate Gordon ; Les Scott  
**Subject:** The Buttercross - Electrical Kiosk and Trees

Good morning Richard

I would just like to place on record my objection to the construction of the electrical kiosk. It shows a complete lack of sensitivity for a historic site being right next to a Grade 1 listed structure. I suppose the most we can hope for now is for the kiosk to be disguised in some way to lessen the visual impact. I also await to hear if it has been possible to introduce one or two extra trees which might have the effect of softening the landscape and help to reduce the negative effect of the kiosk.

Regards

JAMES

## Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

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**From:** Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council  
**Sent:** 12 October 2018 11:32  
**To:** 'James Dean'; Colin Houghton  
**Cc:** Kate Gordon; Stan Sole; Les Scott  
**Subject:** RE: Buttercross area refurb - Trees

Dear James,

Thanks for copying me into correspondence addressed to the Mayor. I will discuss with Colin on Monday if he wishes the issue of providing additional trees to go forward to a future agenda.

I can confirm that the brick structure is the statutory requirement for the 3-phase power supply by UK Power Network, to power the 6 new street lights, the car charging points, the sockets for market traders, the car parking machines and the electricity to the Buttercross. The materials used were approved by Andrew Gayton Breckland Historic Buildings Consultant.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop  
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**Subject:** Fw: Buttercross area refurb - Trees

Hi Colin

Would be grateful for a response to my note below – a few extra trees put in whilst the work is going on would be a distinct improvement. Is that new brick structure needed for the electricity service? It seems very large to be for that purpose.

Regards

JAMES

**From:** [James Dean](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 5:35 PM

**To:** [Colin Houghton](#)

**Cc:** [Claire Heath](#) ; [Kate Gordon](#) ; [Stan Sole](#) ; [Les Scott](#)

**Subject:** Buttercross area refurb

Hi Colin

Just reading the notes in the newsletter about the project. I am sure that overall it will be big improvement but rather surprised there is no mention of new trees. A few extra ones would soften the landscape, contribute to reducing the effects of pollution and provide shade – particularly welcome if we have any more summers like the present one!

JAMES



## Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

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**From:** davidwickerson <davidwickerson@btinternet.com>  
**Sent:** 19 November 2018 09:45  
**To:** Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council  
**Cc:** Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council; Colin Houghton; Judy Anscombe  
**Subject:** Community Projects and other TT related matters

Richard

Good morning and hope you have had a restful weekend.

Firstly and with my apologies for the delay, please thank the outside team for repairing the bench at the Community Garden. It looks great and certainly enhances the area. As you may have heard we have had a couple of vandalism episodes with broken bottles and other debris to clear up plus several of our hessian sacks being moved to form a square fire pit. However, this has not deterred us in our efforts to create a garden that will hopefully be enjoyed by all ages once completed. We had a good day yesterday, with help again from Convent students, and we are almost at the finish line with just trees and hedging to plant along with a welcoming archway in January, when we hope to have a semi formal opening ceremony.

Secondly, you will be aware of the recent email activity surrounding the "Wish List" - which I now note has been re-branded "Community Action Projects" - attached to the Neighbourhood Plan, . I have to admit that I am somewhat confused but more importantly very concerned that there seems to be a push towards several new groups or sub-groups being set up around the Town to tackle these projects leading to duplication of effort and therefore a considerable amount of wasted time. At the outset of the NP it was suggested/agreed that the Town Team should initially consider said "Wish List" but I accept there are several projects that do not fall within the TT A & O and therefore would be better taken on by other entities.

It has also been suggested that as "CAP" forms an official part of the NP, albeit as an Appendix, then this aspect is within the overall STC delivery remit and should be led by STC. I would therefore appreciate some guidance from you as to how you perceive the way forward on this issue before it is taken any further by members of the Steering Group. We do have a TT meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning and I am aware that this has become a hot topic amongst the members of same.

As I understand it, the NP Steering Group is still in existence and will be until the Referendum, and therefore I am of the opinion that there should be an urgent meeting between yourself, Colin and Judy as Chair and Vice Chair of the SG and myself representing the Town Team, of which Judy is also Vice Chair, to put together an agreed way forward before this current thread goes any further.

Many thanks and best regards

David

Planned DAVID  
on 19th Nov

