

Title:	Flag Poles in front of library
Description	The Flag Poles in grassed area in front of the Library Car Park need cleaning and/or maintenance. Rope on one pole has now snapped.
Owner:	BPC
Area:	Maintenance
Status	BVS has given recommended action report to BPC
Last Updated:	14/04/2023

Actions

Date	Action by	Event
14/04/2023	BVS	Initial Survey report
12/04/2023	BPC	Halyard on one pole has now broken. BPC checking options for repair
29/07/2022	BVS	Check ownership with BPC and determine how to progress.
29/07/2022		Initial Report

Details

The flag poles in front of the library need to be cleaned and possibly require some maintenance.



12/04/2023: Halyard on flagpole nearest to the fir tree has snapped. It was also noted that the same pole is leaning.

Hi Lindi,

Have had a look at flagpoles. Current thoughts are:

- Lowering/Raising the flagpole(s):
 - Safe method to lower pole is to:
 - Attach a rope as high as practicable up the flag pole
 - Release the bolt at the base of flagpole, keeping the pole upright using the attached rope.
 - Begin to lower the pole using the rope with 2 or 3 'strong' people under the pole to take weight and 'walk' the pole down.
 - Replace rope and check finial.
 - Whilst down, pole(s) can be cleaned – BVS reported this an issue last year!
 - Raising pole is the reverse operation.
 - Lowering the pole closest to the fir tree will block the footpath when it is lowered as it will lower towards the opticians.
 - Lowering the other pole will mean clearing that part of the car park as it will lower towards the library.
- Replacing rope:
 - Each pole needs 20m of 6-7mm flagpole rope (should be pre-stretched). I'll get quotes
- Fittings
 - Don't know if the finial(s) at top of pole(s) will need replacing until pole(s) are lowered.
 - Can you check with Jean Ball if any other fitting needs to be replaced, e.g. halyard clips for the flags?
- Leaning Pole:
 - The lean on the pole that is closer to the fir tree is due to movement of the concrete base. The hinged base plate is in good order.
 - Recommendation (having lowered/removed flagpole) is to:
 - Excavate around the current concrete base, say 1ft all round.
 - Level the baseplate.
 - Infill with concrete
 - It may be possible to correct the lean by 'shimming' the baseplate – but even if practicable, is not a good long-term solution as the current concrete base may well move again.

Assuming BPC wishes to raising flag(s) for the coronation, do you know whether 1 or 2 poles are needed? If only one then we can take a little longer to get things sorted out. If 2 then I would recommend replacing the rope for the Coronation and then correcting the lean at a later date.

Regards

Joe O'Connell

BVS