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| **OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL** |

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| **Report Authors: David Romney,**  | **Title: Councilor**  |
| **Subject Church Street Toilets**  |
| **Strategic Aims:**  |

**Background**

I was asked by Council to look into a replacement for the Hand wash/dryer units in our Public toilets.

The cost of maintenance and the contract for them is locked to the supplier Wallgate .

 I have looked into alternatives vandal proof washer/dryer unit are a round £5000 plus fitting each. (we would need 5)

During the summer we had a problem with one unit tripping out and a very bad smell coming from it.

 On further investigation( which cost a callout ) it transpired that someone had urinated in to the unit, however this was only the tip of the problem as we also had a leak in one of the pipes from the urinals .

The toilet block was built to be environmentally friendly with water less urinals and solar heated hot water. However the immersion heater is used most of the year.

The toilets are in continuous use by the public whom really appreciate them but at this time lacking, in hygiene which OTC is bring criticized for .

Given the age of the toilets and thier fittings, the cost of heating the water plus the inside is now looking dull and tired together with the cost of replacing the hand washer units Council may what to look at refurbishing the block completely.

We could look into

* Replacing the sanity ware for Stainless steel units.
* The installation of Stainless steel hand basins with individual water heaters and hand dryers .
* Improvements in the lighting to LED.

This may also save in the long run on electrical and maintenance cost.

Recommendations

1 Council agrees to investigate quotations for a refurbishment.