

Financial advisory Group Meeting 9 am 31st March 2022

Present: Cllrs. Burley and Luckhurst © with parish clerk

Balanced bank reconciliation presented by the clerk.

Detailed expenditure and income presented by the clerk and the nominal ledger report to 31.3.22 was used to examine payments from each budget heading.

1. Net receipts over payments of £40,470. Reason - income from CIL grant £40000 received during the year for payments made over 3 -4 years.
2. Underspends in budget headings:
Lighting, Stonegate Hall, Youth service (diverted to skate park provision) and community bus.
3. **Group to recommend to full council on 5th April a donation to each ward of £250 for Jubilee celebrations** and that the PC would hold income streams for the Jubilee sourced from developers and RDC and ring fence for the occasion and expenses incurred.
4. BDT request for additional grant funding - **recommendation to council to maintain the current budget for 2022/23 and inform the trust that any additional funds required for particular projects should be brought to the council for consideration.** Cllrs. felt that the large sum of £8000 currently provided reflected the age of the building, when compared with £1500 donations given to Flimwell and Stonegate halls respectively.
5. Government payment for parish clerks has been announced from 1.4.21 – **clerk instructed to inform Honey Barrett of the increase** and salary change to be back dated.
6. Bell Field car park extension - concerns were expressed about whether the total costs would increase due to the shortage of materials and clerk was asked to speak to Coppards about quotation and time scale for 2022.
7. Village Centre – **recommendation for resurfacing of the square, the informal crossing should be prioritised over other elements.**
8. Skate park was finished yesterday - invoice to come in soon.
9. VAT to reclaim is likely to be in the region of £17500 - **recommendation to council to ring fence the amount to ensure there are funds to run the necessary cables to the new car park for electric charging points during 2023.**
10. CIL funding - Plan for future income from this site – **recommendation to council to ring fence the amounts to replace the Bell Field pavilion with two buildings (attached at right angles to each other) for the football club and for the scouts. PC to then take on the lease of the scout hut land to safe guard it. Replace the storage container changing rooms at the recreation ground with a new pavilion and replace the Stonegate pavilion.** Some matched funding should be sourced once the CIL money is received.
11. Bark Chippings. Clerk to order chippings for all playgrounds.
12. Wallcrouch defibrillator. Clerk to obtain likely cost of refurbishing to house defibrillator - would this need power?
13. Signatory for account – **recommendation to council to add one more councillor** - easiest route is if someone already holds a Lloyds account.
14. Leylandii by salt bin at Corner Farm – clerk to obtain cost of removing trees and refurbishing the finger post.