

497/20 TOWN COUNCIL GRANT SCHEME

Members noted a report by the Town Clerk and considered grant applications from St John's Residents Association, the Friends of the Old Victorian Cemetery, Marlborough St Marys CEVC Primary School and The Merchant's House.

The balance in the grants budget was £2,600 and the applications totalled £4,818.56. Members felt all applications were very deserving causes which would benefit the community and considered how best to award the available funds. They also noted that one element of the application from the Friends of the Old Cemetery (insurance costs) did not meet the scheme's criteria, but its other components were suitable.

Councillors Ross, Hall and Wilson did not vote on the application for The Merchants House and Councillor Loosmore took the chair for the item.

RESOLVED: that small grants be awarded to:

- i) St Johns Residents Association for £973 to create a new flat, paved area and all-weather table and chair set for the Community Garden
- ii) Friends of the Old Cemetery for £300 to purchase tools and plants
- iii) Marlborough St Marys CEVC Primary School for £446.25 to provide books for approximately 20 children in years 3 and 4 of a low reading age
- iv) The Merchants House Trust for £880.75 towards the cost of a survey to determine any damage caused by insect attack to the timbers of the building

Some members of the public left the meeting

498/20 COMMITTEE BUDGETS 2020/2021

Members noted the committee income and expenditure reports to end February 2021 (months 9, 10 and 11) and lists of payments.

499/20 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2020-2021

Members noted the second Interim Internal Audit Report which was the second to be conducted remotely and no major issues had been identified. Members commended staff for an excellent job in managing the Town Council's finances.

500/20 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Members noted a report by the Town Clerk. Whilst potential allocations to sports clubs were discussed, Members felt that that it was more appropriate for this to be discussed at a Full Town Council meeting. Members noted too that if the Neighbourhood Plan were to be approved, that developer contributions would increase from 15% to 25%.

RESOLVED: to recommend to Full Town Council that any decision on unallocated CIL funds be taken by Full Town Council.

501/20 EAR MARKED RESERVES

Members noted a report by the Town Clerk and in accordance with para. 4.2 and 4.9 of Financial Regulations, considered which 2020/2021 budget monies should be recommended to Full Council to move to an ear marked reserve.

RESOLVED: (i) that all current ear marked reserves (2020/2021) remain for 2021/2022 with the exception of the one for staff training where the balance (£2,500) be vired to the new workshop and that a new ear marked reserve is created for £2,000 towards the 2021 Dark Skies Festival

RESOLVED: (ii) that the priority for increases of earmarked reserves going forward for 2021/2022 should be:

- New Workshop
- Heritage Fund
- Open Spaces Maintenance*
- Informal Car Park
- Town Hall

(*to be renamed Open Spaces Machinery Reserve)

RESOLVED: (iii) that the final figures for ear marked reserves (once budget balances are known) be submitted to Full Council for approval

502/20 URGENT MATTERS

Members noted decisions taken during the Coronavirus pandemic under para. 3.2 of the Scheme of Delegation:

- To agree a request to offer a rental holiday to a tenant of a Town Council owned property due to COVID impact
- To agree that the new workshop project includes an extension to the car park and additional tree survey, and that the planning application includes these elements
- To grant permission to GreenSquare for temporary sales advertising boards and flag poles at the Rabley Wood site.

503/20 CHARITIES

Members noted a report by the Town Clerk about taking forward dormant charities

504/20 ASSET REGISTER

Members noted the updated asset register and agreed slight amendments to the layout

505/20 DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT

Members noted a report by the Town Clerk and considered a recommendation about the disposal of mobility scooters following the closure of the Marlborough Shopmobility scheme

RESOLVED: that the sale of 5-year-old scooters to the Mobility Store is approved

506/20 INVESTMENTS

Members noted information from the Public Sector Deposit Fund about the potential future direction of interest rates in UK money markets. It was agreed to continue to monitor the Town Council's investments closely.

507/20 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

RESOLVED: that a review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations is undertaken ahead of adoption by the new council.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: