Report to Kimpton Parish Council

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Council meeting date: 26th January 2022

1. Key activities undertaken and items achieved in last period

Finance Working Party met on Wednesday 19th January, 6,30pm via zoom with Cllrs Ian Corbett, Neil Burns and David Reavell. Cllr A Firth sent his apologies due to illness.

It was noted that the current bank balance is £116,446 and discussion took place on the anticipated expenditure to the year end. It is anticipated that the council will have a surplus to add to reserves at the year end.

The currently agreed and forecast projects include replacement of the seesaw and information panel at Recreation Ground, tree works around the parish, tree/hedge planting at Parkfield Sports Ground and addition of road planings to Parkfield Sports Ground carpark.

Two allotment tenants are terminating their allotment tenancies and will be entitled to the return of their £100 deposit.

The Clerk will be providing financial and governance information by 25th January to the internal auditor, as per the request, ahead of the internal audit review in April.

2. Intended achievements in next period

Prepare the VAT reclaim form ready for submission on 1st April 2022.

3. Items requiring Council decision

Recommendations to the Council:

- 1. Following the successful Kimpton walking Christmas Market 2021 KPC to make donations of £500 to Kimpton School and Kimpton Pre-School.
- 2. Accept the quote from Andrews of Kimpton, dated 14th January 2022 for tree works following the tree health and condition survey undertaken in

the Autumn. Finance WP recommend that the works be split between the financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23 for £1,950 and £1,000 (English Oak tree tag 3777) respectively. This to align expenditure with the budgets agreed.

3. Parkfield Sports Ground re-hedging project.

The council approved clearance works of 25% of the hedgerow at the meeting held on 27th October 2021.

Council to approve the following quotes:

- a) Additional clearance work of £950. This will result in 100m clearance of a total hedgerow length of 160m.
- b) Tree planting of 1,000 trees