

Item 06 - Report On Matters Arising

The Clerk has inspected the work to repair the bus shelter roof, and notes the following:

One broken tile has been replaced, one broken tile still remains.

This remaining broken tile is more than just a simple remove and replace operation, as it requires removal of cemented in tiles.

The SID siting documentation has been sent to SCC, but as yet no response.

Item 07 - Financial

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	Income	Expenditure	
CIL	£14.04	Web site fees	£60
		Insurance	£234.08
		Salary&Expenses	£478
		Grants/Donations	£1100

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Invoiced

Description	Amount		
	Nett	VAT	Total
SALC - Payroll Services	£19	£3.80	£22.80
Planning Application Fee	£117.59 ¹		£117.59
Total	£136.59	£3.80	£140.39

To be invoiced

Description	Amount		
	Nett	VAT	Total
Adult Defib pads	~£60	?	~£60
ICO Fee	£40 ²		£40
Total	~£110	?	£111

1 Already paid – this is conformation of approval for payment

2 £35 if paid by direct debit

Salary & Expenses

Salary		Expenses	
Month	Amount	Details	Amount
October	£392.79 ³	Home As Office - Oct	£10
November	£235.20	Home As Office - Nov	£10
		Travel - 32.4m @ 45p	£16.20
		Postage	£6.74
		Planning Maps	£35.40
Total	£627.99		£78.34

d. Draft Budget

The budget is slightly up on last year, due to additional running costs, and additional projected grants/donations (inline with this year). This gives a band D increase of 2.82% on last year.

The budget is divided into two sections:

1. Council running costs
2. Outgoing donations & grants

Previously, Council has not given consideration to fund accumulation for offsetting of future costs when budgeting. With the purchase of both the SID and the sewage treatment works looming, the Council should consider if funding should be accumulated to cover any maintenance it needs to provide, and look at future replacement costs. Council should also consider this for the car park, and potentially for other assets it owns.

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SLCC fee is £78

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Zoom license for a year is £119.90 per year, for a suitable license.

³ Includes back pay due to pay scale change and CIL bid time

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The lack of a card has meant that the Clerk has had to buy certain items themselves, and claim expenses. This means that VAT cannot be reclaimed on them. The Clerk has reluctantly done this in the past for small ticket items, but will not do so for large ticket items (for instance the Zoom license fee). This means that there is an inability to pay certain vendors who only deal in online transactions using cards. Having a debit card would alleviate this.

Item 12 - Update report on the village hall sewerage system issue

All information requested by the Infrastructure team has been supplied, and the CIL bid is going before MSDC this December.

As part of the CIL bid work, a planning application was raised by the Clerk. This has been formally approved.

The Clerk is currently working with the Communities Group at MSDC to gain additional funding for the sewage treatment works, as CIL will not be covering the entirety of the cost.

Council should note that any funding received will NOT cover any VAT due on the cost of the installation of the treatment works - this is currently estimated to be around £5k. This VAT will be recoverable, however that cannot happen prior to the payment being made.

Item 11- Highways

Report of blocked drain on Lower Farm Road/B1078.

Highways matters are the jurisdiction of SCC, and there is limited scope for what the Parish Council can do.

There is a tool on the SCC website which allows anyone to report faults on the highways. A link to this can be found on the Parish Council's website at <http://www.ringshall.onesuffolk.net/home/useful-information-and-links/>

Item 13 – Car park

Quotes obtained by Cllr Hitchcock are as follows:

Contractor Ref	Work	Cost
C1	Clean joints and cracks in surface, reband, remark lines Lay wearing course to patches	£1650 + VAT
C2	Blowout existing joints, reband, remark lines	£4057 + VAT
C3	Clean joints and cracks in surface, reband, remark lines Lay wearing course to patches	£2450 + VAT

The Clerk has received no information from the Asset Trust on this matter. The Asset Trust had indicated that it would be willing to repair the surface or at least contribute to its repair.

Item 15 – 3 year business plan

The Clerk has left the plan as it was at the last meeting, as the decision Council took at the time was that the plan did not need to be updated in light of the contents of the Resident's Survey.

The Clerk would note however, that aspects of the plan coincide with elements suggested by residents, ones which Council decided to take no further action on. If not for the aforementioned decision by Council, the Clerk would have updated the plan by removing said elements before resubmitting to Council.

The Clerk's advice to Council is that it firstly needs to decide if the plan is required, and secondly to properly review its contents.

Item 16 – Quiet Lanes

Registration is not a commitment to proceed.

Item 17 – Slow ways

The basic principle behind the Slow Ways project is that we should be able to walk reasonably directly, safely, easily and enjoyably between neighbouring settlements. We should also be able to combine Slow Ways routes for longer walks if we want to too. Being able to do this will lead to more people walking, more often, for more reasons and more purposes.

We've made a great start. During lockdown 700 volunteers drafted over 7,000 Slow Ways routes that connect all of Great Britain's towns and cities as well as thousands of villages.

We are focused on Great Britain for now, but plan to collaborate with people on Ireland next.

The challenge

The next challenge is to walk, test, review, record, verify and enjoy all of the Slow Ways routes that have been drafted.

That means checking over 100,000km of routes, the equivalent of walking 2.5 times around the equator.

This sounds like a big job, but shared between 10,000 volunteers - individuals, established groups, new groups and collaborators - we'd need to walk an average of just 10km each. We could do that over a weekend...right?

Work in progress and next steps

We are currently developing a website that will host all of the Slow Ways routes. This website will enable anyone to search, browse, share and download any of the Slow Ways routes for free. It will also handle thousands of people reviewing, verifying and sharing routes on an ongoing basis.

We want the website to be available as soon as possible, but it's going to be a few weeks yet as we put funding in place to support the project and develop the website.

There are some things you can do to help now though.

1. Know someone who likes walking? Please invite them to [sign-up!](#)
2. Are you a member of a group that might be up for checking a Slow Way route? Let us know by [registering your group here](#).

3. Connections with your local council? Ledbury Town Council was the first to officially support Slow Ways, [passing a council motion](#) to promote the project to local residents. Why not ask your civil, parish, town or local council to support the project too?

If you can't wait to get started (we don't blame you), help to spread the word by going on a walk between two towns, cities or villages. Share your journey using the hashtag #SlowWays - say where it is, and perhaps why you walked it. If you are on Twitter tag us @SlowWaysUK.

Got more questions? Please read our [FAQs](#).

We will not email often. When we do we'll have something to say, so please do open our newsletters when they land in your inbox. For more frequent updates and informal sharing please see our [Twitter stream](#).

Our team is a small one, thank you for your patience as we pull this big project together.

And thanks so much for your interest and enthusiasm - to date and in the coming months. We'll be back in contact again when we have more to report. We might like slow things, but we can't wait to get going!

Very best,

Dan the Slow Ways Team

Item 21. Meeting dates

Please note that these dates have not been confirmed with RVHMC for use of the hall, as at this time it seemed unnecessary. Once the hall is back an operational for such meetings, then these dates will be negotiated with them.

January 26th 2021

March 30th 2021

May 25th 2021 - AGM

July 27th 2021

September 28th 2021

November 30th 2021