

Clerk's Report - Full Council Meeting 11th June 2024

Agenda Items

- 9.6 **Cambridge and Counties** - This 1 year bond has matured and funds have been received back in to the current account. It was recommended to put these funds into a Redwood 95 day notice savings account initially with a view to the Clerk sourcing any available alternatives in due course. Signatories on the existing account are GS, SP and AH.
- 9.7 **Investment Policy** – New policy for adoption. Best practice dictates that any Council holding funds in excess of £100k should have an Investment Policy.
- 10i. **Communications Policy** - Periodic review. References to social media have been removed as we have a stand-alone Social Media Policy.
- 10ii. **Vexatious Complaints Policy** - New policy for adoption. This is a NALC model policy.
- 10iii. **Policies General** - Currently, some of the Council policies have delegated authority for the Clerk to make minor text amendments. It would seem sensible to have uniformity across all policies.
- 12.2i. **FPF Fencing** - There have been a number of concerns regarding the dilapidated fencing around the pond, particularly now that there will be new facilities and an expected increase in children visiting the site.
- 12.2ii. **FPF Playpark Bin** - We currently have one near the field entrance and another smallish one in the park. Once the new playpark is in situ it is likely there will be considerably more footfall to the area. There is a budget available for replacement bins of £1500. Costs:

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| Bin | | £468.00 |
| S.115 Structure Licence | | £63.00 |
| Installation | Tony Read | £90.00 |
| | Total | £621.00 |

- 12.2iii. **FPF Noticeboard** - We have recently gained access to the existing noticeboard that LDC passed to us. It is quite tatty and Council may wish to replace it in keeping with rest of the village noticeboards. The unallocated CIL fund could be used for this purpose. Cost: £1,780k + VAT. + £250.00 for fitting. There is a budget of £2,000 for available for noticeboards.
- 12.3 **Eastbound Bus Stop at the Village Green** - Following a request from a member of the public who advised they often pick up rubbish at this bus stop. Post Mountable Bin costs:

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| Bin | | £149.99 |
| S.115 Structure Licence | | £63.00 |
| Installation | Tony Read | Free of charge |
| | Total | £212.99 |

- 12.4 **"Don't Urbanise Ringmer" Posters** on Anchor Field and Fingerpost Field. We own Anchor Field so that is our choice. On checking the lease for FPF (below in bold) it states:

The Tenant shall not attach any Signs on the Property except Signs of a design, size and number and in a position that are appropriate to the Property and the Permitted Use without further consent from the Landlord.

- 12.5 **Basketball Court and Football Goals for Children aged 9 and up.** This is a request from a member of the public.
- 12.6 **Allotments** - The office has been informed of a possible infestation of rats and that many allotment plots are not being worked on. We have a "rat catcher" on standby to visit the site with the inspection team. An urgent inspection has been requested. 3 people (4 plots: 6A, 15A, 15B & 15D) have become available since we informed them of an upcoming inspection. No-one on the waiting list. We have publicised on Facebook but had no takers.
- 12.7 A member of the public has advised that the existing seat made from a tree trunk is now rotten and has requested that it be replaced.
- 18 **Neighbourhood Plan Review** - Following FC minute 12 from 9th April meeting, GS, JW and NC met with the quote providers and appointed Alison Eardley Consulting.

General

The Cambridge and Counties 1 year Bond has matured and the £100k + interest has been received back into RPC Barclays current acc. It is recommended by O&F that these funds be moved to the Redwood 35 day notice account currently attracting an interest rate of 3.75% whilst alternatives are investigated.

Re. new Redwood Bank 35 day account - current signatories for the 95 day account are: GS, SP, AH

Vicarage Way Water Leak - This has finally been fixed by South East Water. The potholes and road surface which is at the point of collapse with several very rutted and crumbling patches between the Post Office Mews and Vicarage Way have been reported to Highways (again).

The Village Gateway Signs will be on July's agenda as awaiting clarification on Licences.