



CLERKS REPORT. HPC Meeting Tuesday 3rd August 2021

Agenda Item 18

The opening of the council's accounts for public inspection ran between 21st June and 30th July 2021 During this time, two members of the public exercised their rights to view with the following comments "that they would like to see associated papers for the minutes".

The Clerk does not hold that information in hard copy format, however these are available for inspection at any time on line.

The Parish has a Tree Warden Carol. A meet/chat to get up to speed organized for 1st July. It is hoped a short talk may be given at the next parish council meeting.

13th July, an email to the secretary of the HPHMC, it was noted in May tables and chairs on the patio area being used and again today 13th July. The safety of all is paramount.

WI Grant

Additional information. The Finance Committee (6th July 2021) raised the following concern:- "applications cannot be considered from national organisations of local groups that have access to funds from national umbrella or parent organisations"

The WI has therefore confirmed that although they are part of a national organisation they do not receive any funds from the National Federation; neither would they be granted any funds from the National Federation. The local WI's are a charity run by volunteers and a significant percentage of the subscription received to pay the National Federation. They rely on local fundraising to help support their members which has not been possible during these difficult times. They do not have access to any other funds.

PCC Grant

Additional information:-Where a churchyard is open a local council may contribute to its maintenance (LGA 1972, s 214/6) This can be used in the case of an impecunious parochial church council. Confirmation received from the PCC that the churchyards are open and a statement showing shortfall in funds to maintenance.

However the advice back, NALC have taken issue with this and written to the publisher

The argument is that the law in the 1896 Act prevents the Council giving money to the maintenance of the church and grounds and is therefore specific. While the 1972 Act is a general power the specific block trump the general permission. In short the advice given is the PC is still unable to grant.

11th May Outstanding. District Councilor Stephen Bateman, details still to follow with regards £10K funding from the sale of the Old British Legion site. £250 contribution towards the website Details for the Community Project funding proposal.

25th June - to date

The HPHMC have advised that Cllrs Buck and Ingham have not been endorsed to represent the Parish Council on the Halls Committee and have asked for one alternative representative. The selection of representatives was decided upon at a meeting of the Council 5th May 2021, and that two representatives attend with one only having voting rights.

21st June, attended a CALC communication on line event, how to communicate in a post lockdown world.

End.