BISHOP'S ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 4 September 2023

Present

Cllr Kettle (Chairman) Cllr Gates Cllr Thomas Cllr Tagg-Wilkinson Cllr Tressler

Absent

5 Vacant seats

In Attendance

Karen Stevens - Clerk to the Council Cllr Natalie Gist – District Councillor

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23/141 Apologies:

None

23/142 Declarations of Interest:

None

23/143 Dispensations:

None.

23/144 Minutes:

i. To approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on 3 July 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on 3 July 2023 as a true and complete record of that meeting. (Proposed Cllr Kettle, seconded Cllr Thomas, four in favour, one abstention).

ii. To approve the minutes of the extraordinary parish council meeting held on 7 August 2023

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the extraordinary parish council meeting held on 7 August 2023 as a true and complete record of that meeting. (Proposed Cllr Kettle, seconded Cllr Thomas, all in favour).

23/145 Public Forum:

Jenny Pickering raised the issue of the Scene Questionnaire that she believes a lot of people have not seen. She was advised that this had been produced for the Carnival Day to get 'a flavour' of what residents wanted/thought and 30 questionnaires had

been completed on the day. She advised that she would be happy to contribute to future 'Scenes' if they were produced.

Mr Gugutkov, 22 Chapple Hyam Avenue – planning application for the installation of roof windows and gable window to the existing loft space. Mr Gugutkov advised. That he was furious with regards to the incompetence of the Stratford District Council (SDC) Planning Officers and their level of knowledge and lack of professionalism – Mr Gugutkov's email correspondence had been circulated to the councillors prior to this meeting. His continued to advise that his first application had been rejected as it overlooked the neighbour's garden although he can see his neighbours garden fully from his bedroom window – they made no effort to come to his house when invited. Cllr Kettle advised that the parish council is not responsible for decisions made by SDC, and the decision made is one identical to many roof conversions where the roof conversion is in a housing estate. Permission has been granted with conditions therefore if he is not happy, he has two options:

- i. Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate based in Bristol (if done within 6 months there will be no cost involved),
- ii. Submit a second application to SDC asking for the condition to be removed. It would be up to the Planning Inspectorate to decide if there is merit in his case, it is beyond the parish council's remit but he can say that SDC planning team deal with approximately 4000 applications per annum; every member of the team is a qualified planner and every decision that goes out of the office is scrutinised by a senior planner and sign off by the head of department before it is issued. It was suggested that he contact Cllr Gist and she would be the correct person to take it up on his behalf.

23/146 Planning Matters:

i. To consider the parish councils response to the following planning applications:

a. 22/01572/FUL

Waterside Barn, Hambridge Road, Bishops Itchington, CV47 2RZ – Two-storey extension to existing annexe

The parish council has looked at applications for this property on a number of occassions. It was converted to a holiday let and then used as a residence. A retropective application was put in for this site to be used as a domestic residence and was given permission subject to it being ancillary to the main property. It is also, a barn conversion and in the supplementary planning documents of SDC, there is a persumption against extensions to barn conversions, in other words, they should continue to look as they looked before they were converted.

Comments made included:

- The place is gradually getting bigger and bigger,
- The previous application did not justify planning permission but it was after some difficult circumstances during Covid that the opportunity for the owner to extend the property to give his daugher somewhere to live and hence it was granted on compassionate grounds,

 Feels it should be referred to SDC as they are the experts and they will need to define whether or not this is a development for a letting purpose, an Air B&B, etc so planning officers should review that and decide whether it is a business venture.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a response of 'No Representation' as the expertise lies with SDC. (Proposed Cllr Tressler, seconded Cllr Gates, all in favour).

b. 23/01732/FUL

Kingston Farm, Located West of Kingston Barn Cottages, Chesterton – Conversion of Agricultural unit to residential dwelling with single storey side extension and associated landscaping.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a response of 'No Representation'. (Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Gates, all in favour).

c. 23/01733/FUL

Kingston Farm, Located West of Kingston Barn Cottages, Chesterton – Conversion of Agricultural unit to a single residential dwelling with associated landscaping.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a response of 'No Representation'. (Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Gates, all in favour).

ii. To review the holding objection on the following planning application:

23/01933/FUL

22 Chapple Hyam Avenue, Bishop's Itchington, CV47 2AF – Proposed roof windows and gable window installation to the existing loft space.

An email from the planning officer was read out that addressed the comments made in the parish councils holding objection. The contents of the email were discussed.

The question of whether this is a loft extension for living in or a loft extension for a study/office- SDC has stated that the applications states 'study' and therefore the parish council sees this as a condition. Mr Gugutkov advised that he would be happy for a condition to be attached stating that it cannot be used as a bedroom.

It was **RESOLVED** to that the parish council has no objection to the application subject to a condition being put in place that the use of the room is restricted to not being used as a bedroom. (Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Tagg-Wilkinson, all in favour).

iii. To note the following appeal below and determine if any additional representations need to be made:

22/01639/FUL

Planning inspectorate Number: APP/J3720/W/23/3319808

Homes House, Hambridge Road, Bishop's Itchington, CV47 2SB – Change of use of 180 square metres of paddock/agricultural land into residential garden

No additional comments to be made

23/147 County and District Liaison:

SDC – Cllr Gist had circulated a brief report prior to the meeting. This included the following:

- The new Council Plan will be coming out to public consultation on 18
 September 2023, and it is intended that the plan will be formally adopted in December.
- Community Safety Team at SDC they work closely with the Warwickshire Police's Safer Neighbourhood Teams. A guide has been produced outlining their areas of work and contact details. It was suggested that a copy of this be put on the parish council website and on the noticeboard, Cllr Tagg-Wilkinson asked that the guide be given to Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and suggest that they may like to find somewhere to post it in the nature reserve,
- The Green Bus Company the cancellation of their school buses has affected some children in the village. All the residents who have been in contact with SDC have now had alternative arrangements made,
- HS2 and Road Closures Road closures are still continuing and unfortunately, the details change all the time so it is best to check their website for the latest information: www.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk Complaints should be made directly to HS2 on 08081 434 434 or email atS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

WCC – Cllr Kettle advised the following:

- Environmental Health issues with the piling operations at the roadworks on Fosse Way/Harbury crossroads has contributed greatly to the delay in this project but piling has now re-started. The last estimate was that the delay is running at around six weeks,
- The Green Bus Service was taken out of service by the company (a private operator) and WCC was not involved in this decision in any way. WCC does not have a remit to supply transport for pupils but are doing everything in their power to support the parents/carers of the pupils affected.
- HS2 Road closures on the B4451 are coming to an end. There are three more pieces of 'Dorothy' (HS2 Tunnel Boring Machine) left to be moved and, when moved, it will be moved between the hours of 9.30pm and dawn.
- The road markings on the B4451 have now been painted leaving just the 'cats' eyes' to be reinstalled,
- HS2 the building of the Stoneton Lane overbridge is likely to result in the closure of Stoneton Lane for approximately 18 to 24 months,
- Flooding a large flooding prevention scheme is being carried out in Fenny Compton. In heavy storms, the manhole covers get raised resulting in the doctor's surgery becoming flooded due to inadequate drains in the village.
- Hi Speed Broadband has not received many complaints recently regarding the installation of this. The most recent complaint related to installation in High Street,
- Councillor Grant Fund there is currently £1,500 remaining for community projects and the second round of applications will be later this year,

- There is a new policy being prepared to improve the support/advice given to those children with Special Educational Needs returning to mainstream education.
- Stratford's Burton Farm Recycling Centre is currently closed following a small incident involving a farm vehicle,
- WDC is looking to appoint experienced Social Workers.

23/148 Finance:

1. To receive monthly financial report for June 2023

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Monthly Finance Report ending 30 June 2023 as presented (Appendix A). (Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Tagg-Wilkinson, all in favour).

2. To receive monthly financial report for July 2023,

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Monthly Finance Report ending 31 July 2023 as presented (Appendix B). (Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Tagg-Wilkinson, all in favour).

3. To receive monthly financial report for August 2023,

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Monthly Finance Report ending 31 August 2023 as presented (Appendix C). (Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Tagg-Wilkinson, all in favour).

- 4. To receive bank reconciliation report for July 2023, Cllr Gates has viewed the July bank reconciliation and it is correct.
- 5. To receive bank reconciliation report for August 2023, Cllr Gates has viewed the July bank reconciliation and it is correct.
- 6. To approve accounts for payment 4 September 2023,

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Accounts Payable on 4 September 2023 (Appendix D). (Proposed Cllr Tagg-Wilkinson, seconded Cllr Gates, all in favour). Cllrs Gates and Thomas agreed to authorise/process the payments.

7. External Audit feedback.

The clerk outlined the feedback from the external auditors. The Chairman congratulated the clerk on the results.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the external auditor's feedback. (Proposed Cllr Kettle, seconded Cllr Tressler, all in favour).

8. To review the E-On Next business Plan for Pavilion Electric and decide whether to remain on a flexible business tariff or change to a one- or two-year fixed business tariff.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to enter a two-year fixed business deal. (Proposed Cllr Tressler, seconded Cllr Tagg-Wilkinson, all in favour).

23/149 The Scene:

The current position is that Jen Morrison and the Clerk produced a questionnaire for use at the carnival to obtain feedback from the public. The overwhelming view was that the Scene should be continued in some format (30 questionnaires completed and 29 were in favour). Analysis of questionnaire responses attached as Appendix E. Jen and the Clerk have investigated the continuation of the Scene and have suggested that it be an online format with some paper copies being made available at strategic points around the village (village store, hairdressers, church, community centre etc). A quote has been obtained for printing costs - £360 for 250 copies (36 pages).

Councillor comments included:

- There is a desire to make this happen but the structure we use needs to be worked on,
- Needs to be owned by the village,
- A working group needs to be established and one or two councillors should be involved,
- Grant money to be made available to develop it in its early stages,
- Look at it from a commercial point of view there is an opportunity to create a
 web format and produce a paper version for collection from various places
 within the village,
- Advertising to be considered by the working group,
- Someone should be employed to take this on,
- Frequency of publication,
- Consult with residents,
- Needs dedicated website to avoid being linked to the community Facebook page/keyboard warriors,
- Put together job specification for someone with the appropriate skills set to lead on making it happen including number of hours per week, flexible working, timescale,
- Content is important,
- Obtain appropriate software to have a 'flipping page/book' format,
- Business plan,
- It was suggested that a date be agreed where a couple of councillors can be
 present and announce that we are looking to create a strategy to take the
 Scene forward and once this is agreed and the costs behind it are more
 apparent, we can then advise that we are looking for someone to take it
 forward.

It was agreed that the Parish Council advise the village via Facebook/website, that we are looking to form a working group and we are looking for volunteers to join. People should contact the Clerk if they are interested in working to develop the next situation of the Scene and that will be to join a working group that will be supported by the parish council.

23/150 Blue Butterfly Café at Bishop's Itchington Community Centre:

The letter advising that the Blue Butterfly Café was closing was noted.

23/151 Statutory 5 Year Polling Place and Polling District Review - Stratford-on-Avon District Council:

The proposed changes do not affect Bishop's Itchington.

23/152 Environment & Properties:

1. Children's Playground Update:

- Two new waste bins have arrived and need to be installed,
- New signage has been installed.

2. Hard Couts Update:

- The new surface has now cured and work to install the various line markings will start tomorrow (3 October). The work should be completed in three days meaning that the courts can be re-opened in time for the weekend.
- Piece of fence and two blocks have been left by the contractors.

3. Cricket Wicket:

- Three quotes received.
- Recommendation by the cricketers to go with the most expensive,
- The question was raised as to whether the wicket would be used if it is replaced. Is there a cricket club to use it?
- It was agreed to invite the cricket representatives to the next meeting to
 justify that a) we need a cricket pitch or whether it should be taken away,
 b) if we have a cricket pitch, why should we be spending £10,000 as
 opposed to £5,000 on a facility there is no guarantee it will be used and c)
 what are their plans for the future.

4. Cemetery:

- i. Update on Chaple Windows: These have now been completed.
- ii. Grave Crosses:
 - A request has been made to install metal crosses on several family graves,
 - They have been painted a bronze colour and the Cemetery Managers view is they are not in keeping with the rest of the headstone markers within the cemetery,
 - grass cutting/stimming around the crosses could be a problem,
 - They are three foot tall of which 22 inches would be above the ground. The intention is to paint them bronze or white and a small plaque would be placed at the centre of the cross. They have now been painted bronze but when you see them, they do appear to be a gold colour rather than bronze,
 - It was thought that they should only be used where there is no headstone and they should be black rather than bronze,
 - The clerk will check with the Cemetery Manager as to whether any
 of the graves mentioned have a head stone and to obtain the
 locations of the various graves,
 - It was agreed to invite Mr Branston to attend the next meeting to discuss the matter.

5. Yellow Land – Self-Seeded Saplings:

A request has been received for the parish council to remove some self-seeded ash saplings that are growing next to their fence on the Yellow Land. They are very close to the fence, have become quite tall and the roots appear to be damaging their patio and garage wall. They have advised that the parish council have removed some previously when they started to affect their property. The Chair advised that there is a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on the whole of the Yellow Land therefore it would have to be determined whether they are still of a weed variety or if they are classified as trees.

It was agreed to get the arborist to look at them and advise us as to whether they can be removed.

The question was asked as to whether Pam Reason is aware that there is a TPO covering the Yellow Land.

6. Hedges:

A decision as to whether the following hedges should be cut down was deferred from February due to the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 precluding the cutting of the hedge until the autumn.

- a) Hedge at Churchyard several residents have called in to the office requesting the hedge be lowered so that the church can be seen. It was agreed to write to the PCC and say we have had several requests,
- b) Hedge behind 2-8 Scowcroft Drive and Knightcote Road. It is yet to be determined as to who owns the hedge. Cllr Gist offered to check if it is owned via land registry.

23/153 Reports and Questions:

- The hedge over the road from the Parish Council Office belonging to the Parish Rooms, was raised as it is taking over the pavement. Cllr Kettle advised that he would ask Jeoffrey Hobday to write to the owners asking for it to be cut back,
- Track running up to the Yellow Land, Works Lane who owns it as the Clerk
 has received complaints that the shrubs/trees/brambles are becoming very
 overgrown. It was advised that Folletts owned this,
- A complaint has been received from a resident in Central Drive regarding the grassed area and the verges being destroyed,
- Solar lamps lighting the new path across the nature reserve from Bishops
 to the village numerous people have been complaining that the lighting is
 inadequate and unsafe. A lot of consultation and discussion was undertaken
 regarding this, and the low-level solar lighting was seen as the most
 appropriate lighting across a nature reserve to set out the line of the path.

23/154 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting the ordinary meeting of the parish council will take place on Monday 2 October 2023 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

Apologies were tendered for this meeting from Cllr Tagg-Wilkinson as he will be on a business trip.

business trip.		
Meeting closed at 21:22		
Signed	Chairman Date	
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Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 30/06/23 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/23

		Budget 2023/2024	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME					
Bishops It	tchington Parish Council				
10	Precept	£108,840.00	£0.00	£54,420.00	-£54,420.00
20	Council Tax Support Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
30	Burials	£2,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£2,500.00
40	Sec 136 & Other Reimbursements	£1,300.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£1,300.00
50	Playing Field	£257.00	£0.00	£242.16	-£14.84
60	Interest - Current	£443.00	£0.00	£337.64	-£105.36
61	Interest - Pavilion Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£824.02	£824.02
70	Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
80	Misc	£0.00	£0.00	£375.00	£375.00
90	VAT Refund	£0.00	£0.00	£10,362.19	£10,362.19
100	Pavilion Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	nops Itchington Parish Council	£113,340.00	£0.00	£66,561.01	-£46,778.99
Total Inco	ome	£113,340.00	£0.00	£66,561.01	-£46,778.99
EXPENDI	TURE				
	tchington Parish Council				
200	Salaries & Expenses	£32,847.00	£0.00	£7,874.07	£24,972.93
210	Councillor Allowances	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
220	Administration	£13,540.00	£0.00	£2,059.64	£11,480.36
230	Grounds Maintenance	£28,100.00	£0.00	£6,151.81	£21,948.19
240	Cemetery & Churchyard	£5,369.00	£0.00	£3,446.09	£1,922.91
250	Playing Field	£21,909.00	£0.00	£309.05	£21,599.95
260	Grants	£10,000.00	£0.00	£2,942.59	£7,057.41
270	Neighbourhood Plan	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
280	Other Expenditure	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
290	VAT	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
300	Contingency	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
310	Parish Office	£5,530.00	£0.00	£1,361.67	£4,168.33
320	Pavilion Project	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Bis	hops Itchington Parish Council	£118,795.00	£0.00	£24,144.92	£94,650.08
Total Exp	penditure	£118,795.00	£0.00	£24,144.92	£94,650.08
Total Inco	ome	£113,340.00	£0.00	£66,561.01	-£46,778.99
Total Exp	enditure	£118,795.00	£0.00	£24,144.92	£94,650.08
Total Net	Balance	£5,455.00		£42,416.09	

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APPENDIX B

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 31/07/23 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/23

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INCOME					
Bishops Ite	chington Parish Council				
10	Precept	£108,840.00	£0.00	£54,420.00	-£54,420.00
20	Council Tax Support Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
30	Burials	£2,500.00	0.00£	£920.00	-£1,580.00
40	Sec 136 & Other Reimbursements	£1,300.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£1,300.00
50	Playing Field	£257.00	£0.00	£268.22	£11.22
60	Interest - Current	£443.00	£0.00	£447.74	£4.74
61	Interest - Pavilion Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£824.02	£824.02
70	Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
80	Misc	£0.00	£0.00	£375.00	£375.00
90	VAT Refund	£0.00	£0.00	£10,362.19	£10,362.19
100	Pavilion Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	ops Itchington Parish Council	£113,340.00	£0.00	£67,617.17	-£45,722.83
Total Inco	me	£113,340.00	£0.00	£67,617.17	-£45,722.83
EXPENDIT	URE				
Bishops It	chington Parish Council				
200	Salaries & Expenses	£32,847.00	£0.00	£10,555.92	£22,291.08
210	Councillor Allowances	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
220	Administration	£13,540.00	£0.00	£2,867.69	£10,672.31
230	Grounds Maintenance	£28,100.00	0.00£	£8,332.34	£19,767.66
240	Cemetery & Churchyard	£5,369.00	£0.00	£5,757.31	-£388.31
250	Playing Field	£21,909.00	£0.00	£151,435.03	-£129,526.03
260	Grants	£10,000.00	£0.00	£2,942.59	£7,057.41
270	Neighbourhood Plan	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
280	Other Expenditure	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
290	VAT	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
300	Contingency	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
310	Parish Office	£5,530.00	£0.00	£1,801.67	£3,728.33
320	Pavilion Project	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Bish	ops Itchington Parish Council	£118,795.00	£0.00	£183,692.55	-£64,897.55
Total Expe	enditure	£118,795.00	£0.00	£183,692.55	-£64,897.55
Total Incon	ne	£113,340.00	£0.00	£67,617.17	-£45,722.83
Total Expe	nditure	£118,795.00	£0.00	£183,692.55	-£64,897.55
Total Net I	Balance	-£5,455.00		-£116,075.38	

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APPENDIX C

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 31/08/23 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/23

	,	Budget 2023/2024	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME					
Bishops It	chington Parish Council				
10	Precept	£108,840.00	£0.00	£54,420.00	-£54,420.00
20	Council Tax Support Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
30	Burials	£2,500.00	£0.00	£920.00	-£1,580.00
40	Sec 136 & Other Reimbursements	£1,300.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£1,300.00
50	Playing Field	£257.00	£0.00	£292.51	£35.51
60	Interest - Current	£443.00	£0.00	£577.80	£134.80
61	Interest - Pavilion Fund	00.03	£0.00	£824.02	£824.02
70	Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
80	Misc	£0.00	£0.00	£375.00	£375.00
90	VAT Refund	£0.00	£0.00	£43,487.95	£43,487.95
100	Pavilion Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	ops Itchington Parish Council	£113,340.00	£0.00	£100,897.28	-£12,442.72
Total Inco	me	£113,340.00	£0.00	£100,897.28	-£12,442.72
EXPENDI	TURE				
Bishops It	tchington Parish Council				
200	Salaries & Expenses	£32,847.00	£0.00	£13,237.77	£19,609.23
210	Councillor Allowances	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
220	Administration	£13,540.00	£0.00	£4,824.34	£8,715.66
230	Grounds Maintenance	£28,100.00	£0.00	£10,572.84	£17,527.16
240	Cemetery & Churchyard	£5,369.00	£0.00	£5,757.31	-£388.31
250	Playing Field	£21,909.00	£0.00	£178,920.57	-£157,011.57
260	Grants	£10,000.00	£0.00	£2,942.59	£7,057.41
270	Neighbourhood Plan	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
280	Other Expenditure	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
290	VAT	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
300	Contingency	£0.00	00.03	£0.00	£0.00
310	Parish Office	£5,530.00	£0.00	£2,241.67	£3,288.33
320	Pavilion Project	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Bish	ops Itchington Parish Council	£118,795.00	£0.00	£218,497.09	-£99,702.09
Total Expe	enditure	£118,795.00	£0.00	£218,497.09	-£99,702.09
Total Incom	ne	£113,340.00	£0.00	£100,897.28	-£12,442.72
Total Expe	nditure	£118,795.00	£0.00	£218,497.09	-£99,702.09
Total Net I	Balance	£5,455.00		-£117,599.81	

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APPENDIX D

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Accounts Payable 4 September 2023							
To Whom Payable	Ref No		Ex Vat	Va	t Payable		Totals
Urgent accounts paid since last meeting requiring the formal approval of the council							
E Biddle (office rent 01/09/23)	s/order	£	440.00	£	-	£	440.00
Three Business (mobile sim 22/08/23)	d/debit	£	4.17	£	0.83	£	5.00
E.ON Next (pavilion electricity 22/08/23)	d/debit	£	40.38	£	2.02	£	42.40
OneCom Ltd (Telephone/Broadband 31/08/23)	d/debit	£	65.67	£	13.13		78.8
K Stevens (Expenses - Bench fixing kit & signage)	230821		£221.83		44.36		266.1
V Powell (expenses - stamps & printer ink cartridge)	230822	£	57.79				57.7
	Sub-total	£	829.84	£	17.03	£	890.18
Accounts for payment on 4 September 2023							
J Kirton (Salary)	230901	£	53.79	£	-	£	53.79
V Powell (Salary)	230902	£	129.32	£	-	£	129.32
K Stevens (Salary)	230903	£	1,536.20	£	-	£	1,536.20
HRMC (PAYE)	230904	£	454.10			£	454.10
WCC Pension Fund (August)	230905	£	508.44	£	-	£	508.44
Ark Stanined Glass & Leaded Lights Ltd (Chapel windows)	230906	£	2,149.70		429.94	£	2,579.64
Claranet (Corporate Domain Registration (September))	230907	£	5.05		1.01	£	6.06
Bishops Itchington Community Project Ltd (Room Hire April - June)	230908	£	100.00			£	100.00
Edge IT Systems Ltd (Hosted services - year 3 of 3)	230909	£	436.00	£	87.20	£	523.20
Edge IT Systems Ltd (Set up email account)	230910	£	33.00	£	6.60	£	39.60
Biffa (Trade waste)	230911	£	346.97	£	69.39	£	416.36
PWC (Bus Shelter cleaning Ref 197/000181)	230912	£	45.00	£	-	£	45.00
Thomas Fox Landscaping (Mowing/Strimming & works to playing fields)	230913	£	2,262.28	£	452.45	£	2,714.73
Viking Office UK (Stationery)	230914	£	117.51	£	23.50	£	141.01
	Sub-total	£	8,177.36	£	1,070.09	£	9,247.45
	TOTAL	£	9,007.20	£	1,087.12	£	10,137.63

The Scene Questionnaire

30 questionnaires were completed.

Responses:

Question 1: Do you see a need/use for The Scene to continue?

Yes: 29 No: 1

Question 2: Would you use an online version of The Scene?

Yes: 21 No: 9

Comments: Prefer paper version, Needs to be more visible.

Question 3: If 'no' would you be prepared to subscribe/pay for a paper version?

Yes: 9 No: 9

If 'yes' how much would you be prepared to pay?

- 50p £1.00 per issue
- £1.00 per issue (2 x people)
- £1.00 £2.00 per issue
- £2.00 per issue
- £5.00
- £10.00 per annum

Question 4: Do you currently use any alternatives to The Scene for village/local information (such as the village Facebook, Parish Council website, bulletin boards around the village etc)?

Yes: 24 No: 5

If yes, which sites do you use?

BI Community Facebook (18)

BI Parish Council Website (6)

BI Parish Council Facebook (6)

Furrowfields Management Committee (1)

Bulletin Boards (6)

Real BI Facebook (2)

BI Memories (1)

Community Centre (1) (comment – not very up to date)

Village Café (1)

Facebook (7)

Question 5: Which feature(s) of The Scene did you use/like best?

Organisation Report (3)

Diary/What's On (13)

WI Report (2)

Keep Informed of Events (1)

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AII (4)

Doctors Timetable (3)

Contact Numbers (4)

Contacts with Local Tradespeople (4)

Christmas Edition (1)

General Updates (1)

Sports Section (1)

Advertisements (1)

School/Village Updates (1)

Key Future Activities (1)

History of the Village (2)

Parish Council News (3)

Village News (1)

News (1)

Cemetery Graves (1)

Church News (1)

BIFC (1)

BISA (1)

Friends of the Yellow Land (1)

BING (1)

Question 6: Which feature(s) of The Scene did you least like?

WI Report - not inclusive and too long (word limit needed),

Long stories about people I did not know,

BISA.

Church News.

Comment: All have a purpose.

Question 7: Have you advertised in The Scene before?

Yes: 2 No: 27

Question 8: Would you advertise again?

Yes: 1 No: 1 N/A: 24

Question 9: Would you advertise in an online version?

Yes: 6 No: 1 N/A: 22

If 'no' is there a particular reason?

Business closed – not needed.

Question 10: Would you like to contribute a regular feature?

Yes: 4 No: 24 Maybe: 1

Question 11: How often would you be interested in receiving a version of The Scene?

Monthly: 24 Bi-Monthly: 7 Quarterly: 3

Comment: I feel anything other than monthly would not benefit the contributors.

Question 12: Would you be willing to volunteer to ensure that The Scene continues?

Yes: 8 No: 22

Question 13: Have you experience in Web Design?

Yes: 0 No: 29

Question 14: Any additional comments:

- You need volunteers to deliver or make sure people know where they can get it,
- The Scene is a really useful way to communicate with people who
 are not on/use social media/websites etc. They might not even
 own a mobile phone or computer.