

## Clerk's Report for

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

(Points numbered according to the minutes of the last meeting.)

### 4. Minutes.

Clerk has posted the previous minutes to the website and the noticeboards together with the report from Cllr Nigel Moor.

### 7. Planning.

Clerk arranged planning meetings at Temple Guiting House re: 20/02058/FUL and LBC and at Ford Manor re:20/02893/LBC and attended both site meetings. No objections comments posted to the CDC Planning Portal for both applications.

### 8. Website hosting

Despite sending several emails the previous website administrator has not provided the information to enable the site to be transferred to GoDaddy.

### 9. Highways.

#### VAS posts:

Clerk emailed GCC Highways officers re: location of VAS posts. Response to further email dated May said posts would be in place within the next 3 months i.e. August. Followed up and informed that they would be installed before the end of the financial year.

#### ANPR and SID equipment

- Only one provider of integrated SID/ANPR equipment was found: the TWM Captis Smart Speed at around £7,000. This is a mobile device though could be configured to move between the fixed posts offered by Highways. The provider claims that, together, separate ANPR and SID equipment would be very heavy. This Captis system has been designed especially for small councils. It is smaller and lighter, and folds down to estate car size for transport. The battery is built into the base with heavy duty anti-theft locks, making it hard to remove without the right keys.  
<https://www.twmtraffic.com/signs/captis-equipment/>
- The provider who offered the best option for the SID equipment originally researched, Elan City Evolis, does not offer an ANPR unit. They can leave cable ends to link it to one, but it's not an easy job even for professionals. It has been done in Italy where the council attached flashing red lights set into the tarmac to slow people doing over a certain speed down. The Elan Evolis bi directional SID costs £1900 + VAT
- Separate ANPR units are mostly offered for parking systems but **Roadside Technologies Speed Sentinel** <https://www.roadside-technologies.co.uk/community-speed-watch-groups/> has a specialist community Speedwatch section. It has separate ANPR and SID equipment. As they come from the same supplier they might be easier to integrate than trying to connect two disparate systems. They have not replied to emails and I have left a message for them asking for urgent information.

**10. Quarry Stakeholder Meeting Working Party.**

Clerk arranged and attended QSMWP meeting at the West End on 10 September 2020. Minutes also posted to TGPC website. For actions see minutes.

**11. Grants for Financial Year**

Clerk researched the cost of resurfacing the playground with rubber bark. The cost varied between suppliers with a quote of £57 +VAT being the lowest and £90 + VAT being the highest. The playground area is 270msq, bringing the cost to £15,390 minimum. As the land is on a short lease, it is not possible to be considered for grants to help fund the work. If the village and the school were interested then the option of fundraising locally remains. The Council is limited to making a grant.

**14. Review of banking arrangements (resulting from auditor’s report)**

Clerk has reviewed banking and investment arrangements and found that –

- a. rates of interest for savings accounts are very low regardless of provider. NS&I, previously one of the best and most versatile, has recently reduced interest rates significantly (see below).
- b. There may be further rates of reduction across the board.
- c. Fixed Income bonds offer a higher rate but withdrawals are not allowed and the sum must be committed for a given term.
- d. If TGPC would like to deposit cash in a savings accounts, at least 6 months typical expenditure i.e. £2,300 should be left in the current account. This would leave £14,540 for investment this year. (excluding potential expenditure on the SID/ANPR equipment).
- e. PC savings account should be with stable providers and must not put capital at risk. Some of the best options are:–

NS & I Direct Saver	Taxable. Variable. 1.00% gross/AER to 23 November 2020 <b>0.15% gross/AER</b> from 24 November 2020 Interest calculated daily, added to account annual on 1 April.	No notice, no penalty Online and phone access.
Post Office Instant Saver or Online Saver	Taxable. Variable. 0.35% reverts to 0.1% after a year.	No notice, no penalty. Online and branch access.
Post Office Online Bond	0.50% - 0.60% (1yr or longer)	No withdrawals for the agreed term.
Tesco Fixed Rate Saver	0.40% - 0.70% (1yr or longer)	No withdrawals for the agreed term.

**14. Finances – Reconciliation**

Period 1 April 2020 to 25 September 2020

Current account 02503759		
Balance at 25 September 2020		£11,575.31
Savings account 07859616		
Balance at 25 September 2020		£5,265.18
Reconciled balance		£16,840.49
Less outstanding payments		£0.00

Cashbook summary		
Opening balance 1 April 2020	10839.13	
Add receipts to date	8986.45	
Less payments to date	2985.09	
Cashbook balance	16840.49	

Signed:

Clerk & RFO .....

Councillor .....

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Other activities include correspondence:

- with Highways re: missing road markings
- with Highways re: SID posts
- with GCC re: traffic monitoring
- with residents re: speeding
- with residents re: parking
- with councillors re: tree surgery