

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 5 April 2022

Title: Open Spaces Finance Report

Purpose of Report

To report the income and expenditure figures that have been reconciled from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

Recommendation:

Members to note the finance report.

Report:

1. Income

Open Spaces

The fees charged to the respective football clubs and cricket club for use of the relevant pitches have been received. The only outstanding payment is for the weedkiller that was applied to the Archie Gooch football pitch. Officers will be chasing payment.

Total income received for the year of £23,706.58 is over budget mainly due to the grant received for the pathway into the recreation ground which was completed at the start of the financial year.

Cemetery

The income from the cemetery has increased over the past five months bringing the total income received over budget of £10,105 to £11,533.80.

Total Income £35,240.38

2. Expenditure

Open Spaces

A grant for £500.00 was paid to Green Ilminster towards the Ilminster Share & Repair initiative under budget heading 551.

The insurance of council assets for the period 01.04.22 to 31.03.23 £4,791.19 and vehicle insurance £759.89 for the same period have been paid under budget headings 554 and 555.

Budget heading 560/10 had expenditure of £500.00 towards the cost of buying the wild meadow seeds and £665.00 for the winter bedding plants in the troughs around Ilminster.

Tools purchased under 560/11 included two drill batteries £49.97, five bow saws £59.49 and one scythe and sharpening stone £153.33 for the wildflower meadow.

Under budget headings 561/1 and 561/2 there was expenditure on servicing of the stiga, ferris, and snake as well as tyre repairs.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Some tree surgery was undertaken for maintenance but also for storm damage of £1,500.00 under budget heading 561/10.

Under budget heading 563 a new three year servicing contract for the hand driers in the toilets was agreed at Town Council at a cost of £1,330.00 for the coming year which started at the beginning of March 2022. There was also expenditure of £165.00 for the annual sewage service contract as well as £85.00 for a locksmith as one of the toilet door locks had failed.

Expenditure which will be covered by the Welcome Back Fund of £12,569.03 was spent on bins, benches, signs, hanging baskets, goalposts and the table tennis table has taken the Open Spaces budget by £675.49, however, we are expecting the funds to be sent to the council's bank account within the next month.

Cemetery

Budget heading 761 covers the grass cutting contract which has now finished. The maintenance of the cemetery will now be in-house. Overall, there is an underspend of £4,330.56.

Total Expenditure £87,969.93

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April 2022