

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 7th December 2021

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 October 2021.

Recommendation:

Members to note the finance report.

Report:

1. Income

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The Market Town Investment Group grant of £15,783.65 has been received.

Income from the September Vegan Market and the fair in October has now been received. There was no significant damage to the ground from the fair, and so the deposit was returned to Marshall Herbert.

The fees to be charged to the football club and cricket club for use of the relevant pitches are currently being reviewed. Six football pitches have been identified and measured. One cricket pitch on Britten's Field has also been measured. Confirmation of the size of the main cricket pitch is being sought.

The Valuation Office have been contacted to establish the current cost of amenity land which is £25,000 per acre with a yield of 5%. Final figures for pitch charges will be brought before the committee in due course.

Cemetery

Since the last report at the end of August 2021, the income from the cemetery has doubled as more funerals have been arranged following the end of previous Covid restrictions.

Total Income £24,159.65

2. Expenditure

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During this quarter, the water invoices come through for the recreation ground, the public toilets, the Market House and the Cemetery.

Under budget heading 561, this is also the time of year when the machinery is serviced such as the Stiga, the Ferris and the snake as well as some puncture repairs.

The trees/hedges maintenance budget 561/10 includes the two week hire of the Irus and an invoice for the removal of a dangerous tree on Herne Hill. There will be

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further invoices expected from the tree surgeon over the coming months as reported by the Open Spaces team.

Expenditure under budget heading 561/11 of £910.00 covers the annual weedkiller that covers Britten's Field, the recreation ground and the Ilminster Sports Club Ltd football pitch. The cost for the weedkiller for that pitch will be part of the charges currently being calculated for 2021.

Cemetery

Budget heading 761 covers the grass cutting contract which is due to expire in March 2022, headstone testing and some additional work requested by the Town Council.

Total Expenditure £55,961.66

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December 2021**