

## A Commentary on Items for the Finance Committee Meeting - 3 November 2016

### 4 Quarterly Budget Monitoring

The budget monitoring document is enclosed. Cost centres are largely running on track at present. The one that is currently slightly overspent is the 'Planning, Legal, Fees, etc) cost centre. This is due to a further invoice from our solicitor for work carried out on leases and is overspent by £120. The budgetary overspend can be rectified by either a) a transfer of £120 in funds from the General Reserve or b) from the 'Contingency' cost centre.

*Members are invited to receive and discuss the budget tracker and approve the above transfer of funds.*

### 6 Forest Fold Bowling Green

In 2015 the Council agreed to support Shevington Village Bowling Green's plans for raising the profile of Forest Fold Bowling Green. The Council also agreed to review the situation this Autumn. At the time the leadership of the SVBC advised that it would be a gradual process and would involve more than one year.

#### 2016 INCOME

SOURCE OF INCOME	NUMBER	TOTAL	COMMENT
Team Green subscriptions	3	£300 (£140 in 2015)	The number of teams rose from 2 to 3 and team subscriptions were increased from £70 to £100 for the season. % increase in income since 2015 = 114% % increase in teams = 33%
Individual membership subscriptions	46 (5 were under 20 years of age and were FOC)	£820 (£590 in 2015)	Net individual membership numbers rose from 37 (1 of which was a Junior and FOC and one a Young Person paying £5) in 2015. In 2015 the subscription was £15. This was increased to £20 per person in 2016. % increase in income = 39% % increase in membership = 24% % increase in U20s = 150%
Occasional hire subscriptions	6 events	£180	The hire subscription was increased from £20

		(£40 in 2015)	to £30. % increase in bookings = 200% % increase in takings = 350%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1300</b>	Income in 2015 was £770 <b>% increase in income = 69%</b>

## 2016 EXPENDITURE

ITEM	2015 TOTAL	BG	ALLOTS	OTHER	2016 TOTAL	BG	ALLOTS	OTHER
BG Maint	£3240	£3240			£3336	£3336		
BG materials	£nil	£nil			£207	£207		
Peripheral maint of BG	£1088	£363	£363	£363	£1088	£363	£363	£363
Water	£194	£65	£65	£64	£191	£64	£64	£63
Power	£167	£111	£56		£182	£121	£61	
Cleaner	£392	£196	£196		£420	£210	£210	
Gate	£1183	£592	£591		£655	£328	£327	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6264</b>	<b>£4567</b>			<b>£6079</b>	<b>£4629</b>		

- 2016 expenditure has been compared to 2015 expenditure.
- The peripheral areas maintenance contract includes the allotments, entrance areas to the site and the car park in Gathurst Lane. Consequently, the total figure has been divided into three.
- Water is used by the bowling green users, the allotmenters and the 'in Bloom' groups, so this has also been divided into three. We pay water rates and the charge has decreased since 2015.
- Electricity is also used by the allotmenters, so this has been divided by two, as have the costs of cleaning and gatekeeping.
- There has been a net increase in bowling green costs of 1.35% in the past year (actual = £62).

## OVERALL COMPARISON

ITEM	2015	2016	COMMENT
Income from bowling activities	£770	£1300	This represents a 69% increase
Expenditure attributable to bowling activities	£4567	£4629	This represents a 1.35% increase
NET expenditure covered by parish council	£3797	£3329	This represents a 12.32% reduction

At present it is anticipated that there will be at least one more team joining the bowling club and using the site as its home base. Individual membership is also likely to increase, as there have been several very positive enquiries. Additionally, the SVBC are anticipating more interest in relation to County matches.

Members are invited to consider the report and agree to continue to support the SVBC