

Clerk's report

December 2024

Finance

Cash at bank 30th November 2024

Current account	£2,379.58
Savings account	£52,271.92
Total	£54,651.60
Of which CIL monies account for	£29,868.60

Playground

I have informed the two bidders that we are engaging with children in the village to discuss the elements that we need to buy. This will be on the 14th December 2024.

We will need to confirm which supplier we will contract with after that discussion.

This agenda item will need to be moved to the next meeting for approval.

The obsolete equipment is planned to be removed by a working party this month.

The Cricket

Parker's Pitches have been appointed to maintain the area. The works will commence in Spring 2025.

Drinkstone has applied for hedging to border the Cricket on Cross Street. This is a free initiative from Suffolk CC.

I submitted a request for a 75m hedgerow – Suffolk will advise on which plants they think are most suitable.

Website

I have contacted Suffolk Cloud to commence the process of upgrading the parish website and to move to gov.uk emails. I have requested that this activity commence in January 2025.

I have applied for a £100 grant which is currently been offered by The Parish Council
Domains Helper Service

Locality grants

Cllr Willshere has submitted a locality grant request to MSDC for Drinkstone PC in respect of the cost of appointing Parkers' Pitches to maintain the Cricket. Request was for £750. This has been agreed and funds will be forthcoming in December.

Cllr Otton has made a request to Suffolk CC for the cost of a defibrillator -budget £2,500.

Defibrillator

I have accepted the quotation from the Heartbeat Foundation for a defibrillator in the telephone box. I suggest that this is installed in January 2025 and that we aim to offer villagers a training session in the village hall in January 2025.

Fencing of the allotments

This activity is covered within the allotments report.

Michael Walton

30th November 2024