



## Full Council Meeting 29/07/21: Clerk's Report - Appendix 21/051

### Updates from Last Meeting

- AGAR: all required documents were submitted to PKF Littlejohn on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021 and an acknowledgment received. Information regarding the provision for the period of public rights for 2020/21 was posted on the Council's website and noticeboards in line with proper practices. The internal auditor was informed.
- Internal auditor 2021/22: Claire Connell has been appointed as the internal auditor for this year. The mid-term audit has been provisionally booked for the 21<sup>st</sup> of October.
- Mortimer Library: Notification of the Council's decision to pause negotiations to take over the library building was given to West Berkshire Council (WBC). Paul James – WBC's Culture & Libraries Manager – has acknowledged receipt of the notification and will reply formally, having spoken to colleagues.

### Other Updates

- Tennis Courts: further to paying the invoice for the completion of the surface repairs, a form has been completed and submitted to Sport England for the reimbursement of the cost, which should be paid from the remaining amount of the original Sport England grant received for the tennis courts.
- MUGA and Mini Bee Netball Court lines: thanks have been received from the Walking Netball Group who are now meeting every Thursday at 10.30am. Although their numbers have dwindled, they are delighted to be back playing again and report that the lines have made a real difference to their game.
- Office Working: consideration is being given to the officers returning to the office to work. It is likely to be a gradual process starting in September.
- Phone Box: BT failed to present the cheque for the £1 adoption fee for payment within 6 months of the date of the cheque but have said they will waive the fee. They have re-confirmed our adoption of the phone box.
- Members' Bid: a grant of £792.50 has been awarded towards the cost of the fitness equipment. SMPC have 12 months to complete the work and spend the grant. The deadline is the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.
- WBC Engagement with Local Town and Parish Councils Review 2021: the Clerk attended and online "Community Conversation" with WBC Officers as part of the review to consider how the working relationship between town and parish councils and WBC could be improved. Further information will be available shortly.