



9/02/2023

Full Council Meeting

Clerk's Report – Appendix 22/115

1. **Precept:** The precept request and a copy of SMPC's Summary 2023/2024 budget, which supports the precept submission, was submitted to West Berkshire Council (WBC) on the 17th of January.
2. **Community Grant:** The next round has been promoted and applications have been received. The closing date is the 13th of February.
3. **Coronation Event:** The grant of £10,000 has been paid to the Mortimer Village Partnership.
4. **Internal Audit:** This has been booked for the 18th of May.
5. **Brewery Common:** A meeting with WBC confirmed the role they play in the management of the Common. Under the Brewery Common Scheme, WBC are responsible for the grounds maintenance, which consists of regularly cutting the accessible grass areas and maintaining the ditches, and reviewing and undertaking any tree work. They are currently undertaking a review of the trees in relation to the tree survey commissioned by SMPC in 2019 and will be undertaking any work deemed to be a high priority necessary. An update will be issued to SMPC. Due to budget demands, WBC may request financial support from SMPC for future work.