

## Appledore Parish Council Third Quarter Financial Report (October, November, December) 2020-2021

Taking into consideration unrepresented payments but not unrepresented invoices, as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 the bank account stood at £39,331.69. The Covid-19 pandemic continues. Meetings have been successfully held via zoom and look set to continue this way for some time.

Total Income (receipts) for the period £151.61.

The only receipts being £30.66 wayleave payment, £120.42 donations from the public conveniences and 53p in bank interest. This highlights the fact that the council is totally dependant on the money raised through council tax. No one sum or indeed all the other small amounts together that the council receives, would be able to cover the costs of running the toilets. The toilets are economically run and cost the parish far less than those anywhere else.

Total Expenditure (payments) for the period £4,762.19

Expenditure was mainly staffing costs.

With the return to lock down for the third time, the buddy system has continued, ably overseen by Councillor Jenkins in an independent capacity. Thanks again to all those who helped out and continue to do so.

The progress of the planning application for a residential development on the ex-council field was finally made with Ashford borough Council finally approving the development subject to signing off the section 106 terms. These set the terms for the affordable housing and the funds that the developer will contribute to various infrastructure improvements locally and in the wider area. The developer is not contesting any of these but the paperwork delivery, from Ashford Borough Council solicitors has been very slow.

There has been no further expenditure on Highways Improvements Scheme so the ring-fenced amount remains at £19,238. Outstanding works from Phase I have been almost all been completed. The planning application for the council field allows for crossing assistance in front of the sports pavilion on the recreation ground. It has now been definitely confirmed that a survey demonstrating sufficient footfall will be required for a more significant styled crossing to be put there. We await enquiries on if there is a way to reduce the cost of the survey and will to ascertain the price to install the now agreed dropped kerb and lines. The council will also move onwards with discussions with Highways on Phase II of the Highways Scheme.

Work on refurbishing the public toilets began in November and following a delivery delay on the cubicles, these will not now be finished until mid-January. The new windows are due to arrive after the toilet refurbishment work completes at the end of January.