

Actions from July Meeting

- All councillors Register of Interest forms are now displayed on the BDC website and linked to PC website
- AGAR – Notice of completion of audit received from PKF Littlejohn LLP, the external auditor. All practice and legislative standards met. One minor note, not affecting auditors decision, and brought to the attention of the council via email 18 9 2023, one missed line of explanation on variance of figures for Fixed Assets. All statutory notices published in accordance with procedures.
- Council response to ECC Bus Strategy consultation sent in line with comments raised at the July meeting.
- Hardcopies of bus consultation questionnaire obtained for residents and distributed. To date only 1 of the 4 distributed has come back to me. I did offer to collect all for onward submission but have not received any phone calls requesting that I collect.
- **For council consideration** - Parishioner enquiry regarding noise disturbance from local gun club events – this is covered as an agenda item as the council could decide to write to event organisers. **To explain** – Currently there is no legislation regarding the operation of clay pigeon shoots, other than within the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 which allows for activities to take place up to a maximum of 28 days per annum without formal consent. However, there is an encouragement for a voluntary code of conduct, with organisers of activities advised to inform local residents and/or the parish council of planned events (to help avoid any possible discord), but there is no obligation to do so. Noise disturbance is a matter for the Local Environment Department at BDC and as with any type of complaints regarding noise pollution, complainants are advised to notify the relevant authority. As a parish council it is for you to decide whether you wish to take any further steps to help raise awareness of parishioner concerns. For example, you could decide to write to the event organisers and notify them that it has received complaints about noise disturbance (in particular, from activities hosted on a Sunday), with a suggestion that perhaps this could be taken into consideration for future events. At the same time, the council could offer to help advertise when events are taking place so that parishioners are aware.

Financial/Budget

1. **Playing Field Project.** The final invoice payment to Premier Play Solutions in respect of the pathway (£6779.72). With all VAT now reclaimed and received back into the fundraising account there is a remaining balance of £4436.73 to go towards the finishing touches e.g. – new goalposts, landscaping, contribution to mindfulness garden
2. **Council Bank Account** I have made enquiries at Lloyds Bank regarding their Treasurer Account and whether the council accounts qualify. I am waiting a telephone discussion and will keep you updated.

