

FINANCE – DECEMBER 2019**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS**

BALANCE AT BANK 28/10/19: £42,486.09 - N.B. No new bank statement available at time of publication of agenda

EARMARKED RESERVES: £14,454

- £5,813 - Bury Lane Community & Playing Field – maintenance budget
- £8,641 - Bury Lane Community & Playing Field – development budget

UNALLOCATED RESIDUAL AMOUNT: £10,051.82

£42,486 - £32,434 (£14,454 + £17,980*)

i. PAYMENTS FROM GENERAL FUNDS

	Supplier	Item	Amount £ incl. VAT	VAT £
1	A Dowdy	Tree, stake, tie, compost and root treatment for Leinthall Starks village green	53.93	8.99
2	White Digital (Dir Debit)	Renewal of domain "mortimervillages.co.uk"	53.98	9.00
3	White Digital (Dir Debit)	Website hosting	12.00	2.00
4	J Rochefort	Overtime for Aug, Sept & Oct	250.97	-
7	Phil Blackburne	Repairs to noticeboards	300.00	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS FROM GENERAL FUNDS			670.88	19.99
ii. PAYMENTS FROM COMMUNITY FIELD RESERVES				
a	None			
TOTAL PAYMENTS FROM COMMUNITY FIELD RESERVES			0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER			£670.88	

*£17,980 is the WGPC precept for 2019-20 i.e. WGPC's income for 12 months

INFORMATION ITEMS FOR 9th DECEMBER 2019

'No Cold Callers' signs: A limited supply of these notices is available from the clerk/chairman to be given to vulnerable residents to put in windows or on front doors.

Noticeboards: Wigmore and Leinthall Starkes noticeboards have now been refurbished and repaired where necessary.

Vacancies on Parish Council: Following the resignation of Wigmore Councillor Thomas, Herefordshire Council Electoral Office has been informed and we are currently awaiting receipt of an official "Notice of Vacancy" form from them. Once this notice has been received and displayed for 3 weeks, then provided there is not a request from 10 residents for a full election, WGPC will be free to co-opt a suitable resident as a Councillor. If, during the 3 week display period there is a request for a full election, HC will control the process which will then be more complex, slower and more expensive. There is also currently a vacancy on the parish council for a second parish councillor for Leinthall Starkes. If anyone would like to become a Councillor and get more involved in their community then please contact one of the existing Councillors for further information.

Wigmore churchyard: Councillors Dowdy and Fraser met with a representative of Caring for God's Acre (CfGA) to discuss their possible involvement in maintenance of the areas to the north of the church and also the area adjacent to the south side of the nave. CfGA's preference would be for wildlife friendly longer grass along with native wildflowers which would be kept under control through scything. They would also be willing to train people how to use a scythe and encourage local volunteers to help maintain the churchyard with them. CfGA would charge us for this. As all relevant information has now been gathered, a full report with options and suggestions for future churchyard maintenance and health and safety matters will be produced in due course.

Sports England Grant for Bury Lane Community Field: WGPC's initial request for a grant has been accepted and the application is now being put forward for full consideration. This next stage is expected to take about 6 weeks before we are notified of its outcome.

Parking within "School Keep Clear" markings: Councillor Dowdy contacted PCSO Stephanie Harper regarding Knighton Taxis constantly parking on these markings in the evenings when waiting to collect pupils from the school. This parking does make it more difficult and dangerous for vehicles to leave the village hall car park safely. PCSO Harper stated that she has spoken to them in the past and they have claimed that the school gives them permission to park there. She will speak with the school in the first instance to clarify exactly what has been said to Knighton Taxi drivers and then take appropriate action to stop this illegal parking.

Memorial Plaque: After consultation with local residents, Councillor Casbourne is of the opinion that the most suitable place for a memorial to those who did not return after World War 2 would probably be within the village hall, but due to the fact that the legal status of the hall is under review, it would be advisable to put discussion of this topic on hold until the review has taken place. Councillor Casbourne will consider re-introducing this matter at a later date.

Salt for Parishes: Herefordshire Council offered all Herefordshire Parishes a tonne of salt each to be used as required. This to be delivered free of charge to an appropriate dry place on a hardstanding floor. Regrettably, despite best efforts, WGPC have been unable to find a suitable storage place for this salt to be delivered to.

Wigmore Christmas Tree: Following agreement at last month's meeting and clearance from WGPC's insurers, a suitable tree and lights are being sought and should be installed on the Millennium Garden in Wigmore early December.

Community Field Benches: Councillor Watson now has details of the brackets that the bench manufacturer normally supplies. Once their suitability is confirmed, other suppliers will be approached to ensure that we get best value for money. Once the most suitable bracket supplier has been identified, progress can be made to have the benches relocated and securely affixed to

concrete bases.

Planning Updates:

190602 – Wigmore Hall, Cider House, Wigmore, HR6 9UL – Proposed conversion of a redundant building to a dwelling together with the installation of a garage and access drive. This application is a variation of the previous LBC ref 160283L. Retrospective. (*Waiting a decision*)

191427 – Bank Cottage, Wigmore HR6 9UF – Alteration and improvements to existing vehicular and pedestrian access. (*Approved with conditions*)

191771 – Land at the Old Blacksmiths Yard, Leinthall Starkes – Conversion of a redundant rural building into a single residential dwelling. (*Approved with conditions*)

192220 & 192221 – Elton Farm, Elton SY8 2HQ, C1019 From Westfield Farm to St Mary's Church Elton – Proposed barn conversion. (*Waiting a decision*)

193218 - Elton Hall, Elton. Planning application. Proposed single storey boiler house and rebuilding of damaged garden wall. (Part retrospective) (*Approved*)

193219 - Elton Hall, Elton. Listed Building consent application. Proposed single storey boiler house and rebuilding of damaged garden wall. (Part retrospective). (*Approved with conditions*)

193370 - Wigmore Hall, Wigmore HR6 9UL - Fell large dead over mature Beech tree adjacent to highway, south of Wigmore Hall drive entrance, on the west side of A4110 for reasons of Health and Safety of passing highway users. (*Trees in Conservation Area Works Can Proceed*)

193695 - Brook Dale Wigmore Leominster Herefordshire HR6 9UA, Trees to be removed to enable all new landscaping and drive with parking area: 5no. Apple, 2no. Damson, 1no. Victoria, 1no. Oak, 1no. Leylandii, 1no. Pear, 1no. Cherry, 1no. Hazel and 1no. Unknown. (*Trees in Conservation Area Works Can Proceed*)

193744 - Barn to the Southwest of Garden House, Leinthall Starkes - Proposed conversion of single storey barn to form a new dwelling with detached garage (*Waiting a decision*)

193788 - Wigmore Hall, Wigmore, HR6 9UL - Propose to fell T1 Scots Pine. Fell T2 Ash. Fell T3 Cherry. Fell T4Cherry. Crown lift Liriodendron (Tulip Tree) T5. T6 through to T13 fell Leylandii. (*Waiting a decision*)