

A list of the payments made under delegation had been previously circulated. Samples of payments made between these dates had been checked and by Cllrs Lacey and Mantock.

The Committee approved the payments made under delegation between 1.4.2022 and 30.6.2022.

Cllr Lacey
Cllr Mantock

22/23/072 **APPROVAL OF EARMARKED RESERVES**

A list of proposed Ear Marked Reserves had previously been circulated.

The Committee resolved to approve the earmarked reserves.

Cllr Lacey
Cllr Reed

22/23/073 **REFURBISHMENT OF THE GROUNDS WORKSHOP**

The Committee discussed plans to refurbish and extend the Grounds Workshop at Ricketts Lane Recreation Ground. The plans had previously been circulated and are attached to these minutes.

This would be dependent on obtaining a public works loan.

The Committee recommended to approve the scheme subject to obtaining a public works loan.

Cllr Reed
Cllr Lacey

22/23/074 **PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT MOWER**

A report had previously been circulated detailing costs for a replacement ride on mower, the report is attached to these minutes.

The Committee approved the purchase of a Kubota ZD1211 for £15,900.00 from Highwoods

Cllr Rose
Cllr Reed

22/23/075 **GRANT APPLICATION – TOWN'S GREEN CANOPY PROJECT**

Discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

22/23/076 **INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr Reed - Stour Connect need volunteer drivers for delivering lunches and hospital trips. Mileage is paid. Cllr Jones mentioned contacting The Pantry as they may have some volunteer drivers who could help.

Cllr Lacey – advised damaged loops were being repaired to the traffic lights at Old Market Hill.

Information from the Town Clerk:

- The Mill – The Clerk reminded Councillors of the invitation to the Swanskin Seafarers Project presentation on 17th July.
- She also reminded Councillors that all dogs must be kept on leads in recreation areas. The Grounds staff regularly remind people of this, Councillors should be setting an example. New signage has been installed.

22/23/077 **GROUNDS TEAM RECRUITMENT**

The Town Clerk outlined the need to recruit another member of staff for the Grounds staff. This would be a part time position 15 hours per week concentrating on gardening in the summer, maintenance work in the winter and helping to cover holidays.

The Committee approved the recruitment of a part time post in the Grounds team.

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Reed

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.17pm

Approved on Chairman's signature

