

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bryan had attended a local meeting of the North Wessex Landscape Trust of which the council is now a member. He said much much experience and knowledge was available e on matters including tree planting, grants and support available, and on related organisations including the Earth Trust. He had also gained insight into the value and costs of neighbourhood plans to small villages, something which Cllr Baker is still pursuing. Cllr Bryan agreed to circulate to all members the presentations from the event. • Tree maintenance, additional protective posts and redistribution of gravel in the car park was now completed. <p>Continuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Simpson agreed to explore neighbourhood plan options further. • Cllr Baker discussing with a tree specialist a replacement for the millennium oak, potentially as a VE day commemoration. • A playground working group has been reconstituted; more members still sought. • Enquiries by the clerk as to ownership of land at the southern corner of Glebe Close/A329 had come to nothing. It was suggested that a village resident may have information. Cllr Baker agreed to follow up informally. 	<p>Cllr Bryan</p> <p>Cllr Baker Cllr Baker</p> <p>Cllr Baker</p>
8.	<p><u>Pavilion Management Committee (PMC) Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new meeting as yet. 	
9.	<p><u>Moulsford Events Committee (MEC) Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A raffle at the recent gala night had raised more than £200 towards the playground regeneration fund. A further raffle will be held at the Christmas social later this month. 	Cllr Sachse
10.	<p><u>Playground Maintenance/Upkeep</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Baker and variously Mrs Dixon and Mrs Humphries had met on site with two playground suppliers and with a landscape architecture consultancy which had helped the village of South Stoke with its playground. Various shortcomings of the present site of the Moulsford playground were discussed along with suggestions on how this and the wider environment might be improved. • Both professional contractors were of the view that failure of Moulsford's timber equipment in just five years was exceptional and wholly unacceptable. They attributed this early failure to the poor-quality softwood used. The small amount of strimmer damage evident they said, was not the cause. The clerk to look what legal support may be available under the council's insurance and memberships, with a view to pursuing an unfit for purpose action against the original vendor. • The landscape architecture firm made various suggestions on how the space may be better used, and the type of equipment and its siting. It was agreed to use initial funds to engage this firm. Cllr Baker to pursue district council support. 	<p>All note</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Baker</p>
11.	<p><u>Reports/Correspondence/Other Matters.</u></p> <p>From Cllr Bryan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queried the status of informal footpaths and their potential addition to the definitive map as he understood the cut-off deadline for such additions was not far away. Will contact Mr Hayward who was understood to be looking into the issue. • Mentioned growing interest in making Moulsford a plastic-free village, an initiative already being pursued by a group of school pupils. <p>From the Clerk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given the paucity of business expected over the Christmas and new year periods, the clerk proposed that unless any important matters came to light in the period up to the 8th January meeting date, the council make its next meeting that on 12th February. All agreed. <p>From Cllr Elvy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked if anyone had yet been chosen to write the council's report for the January issue of Moulsford News, and learning that no selection had yet been made, volunteered for the task. <p>From Cllr Twibell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested the council might consider a meeting start time earlier than 8:00pm. After discussion it was agreed that in future, meetings should begin at 7:30pm. 	<p>Cllr Bryan</p> <p>Cllr Elvy</p> <p>All Note</p>
12.	<p><u>RFO's Report/Budget</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The numeric and narrative financial reports for November were presented and are attached herewith. • Receipts during October were £0.32 in bank interest, £95.00 in Moulsford News 	

	<p>advertising and a playground project contribution of £150 from Cranford House School, a total of £243.32. There was one payment during November of £265.00 for grounds maintenance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The clerk had issued a revised draft 2020/21 budget for review. Cllr Bryan queried whether in the light of a current surplus and one, potentially two expected items of expenditure not materialising in the current year, whether a suggested modest increase in the precept to track inflation, was warranted. Clerk to re-issue two copies of the draft 2020/21 budget, one with and one without the proposed increase. Members to consider both options and send their views to the clerk, the intention being to arrive at a finalised budget during January. This will then inform the setting of the 2020/21 precept. 	Clerk
13.	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
14.	<p><u>Date Of Next Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting – unless otherwise advised - 7:30pm, Wednesday 12th February, 2020, Moulsoford Pavilion. <p>The meeting closed at 9:53pm.</p> <p>Signed: Dated:</p>	



MOULSFORD PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2019/20

11th December, 2019

Ex VAT

INCOME	Detail	Actual 2018/19	Estimate 2019/20	2019												Year End Actual to Date	Variance Estimate/ Actual	
				Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar			
<i>Parish Council</i>	Adjustments	0.00	0.00															
	Allotment Rent	130.00	0.00															0.00
	Bank Interest Received	9.50	2.00	0.14	0.17	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.11	0.33	0.32	0.25						0.00
	Events Committee Fundraising	1,500.00	0.00															0.00
	Fundraising For Playground Replacement	0.00	0.00															0.00
	Moulstord News Advertising	750.00	750.00	172.50		45.00	90.00			241.50	95.00	150.00						150.00
	OCC Contribution To Grass verge cutting	384.04	384.04	384.04		384.04												644.00
	Pavilion Lease	1.00	1.00				1.00											1.00
	Precept	13,750.00	14,000.00	7,000	5,473.36				7,000.00									14,000.00
	VAT Refunds	224.26	5473.36															5,473.36
	Total Income	17,247.80	20,610.40	7,172.64	5,473.53	429.12	91.07	0.07	7,000.11	241.83	95.32	150.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,653.94
EXPENDITURE																		
<i>Parish Council</i>	Allotment lease/maintenance/water	100.00	100.00	30.00						30.00								60.00
	Audit Fee	0.00	100.00															0.00
	Churchyard Maintenance	200.00	200.00															0.00
	Clerks PAYE	1,659.84	2,156.80			539.20			539.20									2,156.80
	Contributions		150.00															0.00
	Election Services	0.00	100.00															0.00
	Email/Website Subscriptions		60.00															0.00
	Highways Maintenance	384.04	450.00				450.00											1,353.28
	Parish Council Insurance	1,369.11	1,353.28					1,353.28										200.81
	Memberships	157.55	280.00	115.81	85.00													0.00
	Payroll Services	64.00	64.00															62.47
	Petty Cash	130.00	150.00	25.38		37.09												0.00
	PWLB Mortgage	3,908.82	3,908.82	1,954.41						1,954.41								3,908.82
	Stationery	200.00	200.00															0.00
	Subscriptions & Licences	0.00	300.00															0.00
	Training		250.00															0.00
<i>Pavilion</i>	Root Repair		650.00															0.00
<i>Rec Ground</i>	Dog Bins	130.80	165.76							41.44								124.32
	Grounds Maintenance (Hedges/Trsp. Wildflower/Moles)	1,200.00	1,200.00							506.50								1,545.75
	Playground Maintenance	100.00	100.00							80.75								137.50
<i>Projects</i>	Ann Packer Picture	200.00	200.00															0.00
	Car Park Refurbishment/ Driveway lighting	1,000.00	26,700.00							26,688.62								26,688.62
	New Website		0.00															0.00
	Small Projects Outside Budget agreed by PC	0.00	0.00															0.00
	sub total of projects	0.00	0.00															0.00
	Total Expenditure	10,604.16	38,808.66	2,125.60	27,522.72	2,010.32	0.00	41.44	1,105.20	2,787.41	306.44	539.20	0.00	41.44	539.20	36,238.37	0.00	-14,202.29

RFO Report - December 2019

1. Payments and receipts for the period to 30th November, together with updated bank balances are shown below. Note the addition of an extra row for clarity, showing cash at bank reported at the last meeting.

Transactions During Nov 2019		Receipts	Payments	
Bank Interest		£0.32		
Moulsford News Advertising		£95.00		
Cranford School (Playground)		£150.00		
Grounds Maintenance			£265.00	
	Total	£243.32	£265.00	
	Current	Projects	Deposit	Total
Cash At Bank	£2,061.32	£2,516.20	£6,516.51	£11,094.03
Cash At Bank (Previous Meeting)	£2,144.32	£2,516.20	£6,515.94	£11,176.46

2. The income for the remainder of the financial year will be some £160 from Moulsford News advertising.
3. A separate line item under income has been created for playground fundraising, currently showing only the Cranford School contribution. It is suggested that this money be transferred to the interest-earning deposit account.
4. At some time, probably after the next precept payment, we should move some funds from the deposit account to the projects account under a specific playground project. It will raise a red flag with the auditors if we are seen to be building up a reserve with no definite purpose in mind.
5. Anticipated outgoings for the remainder of the current financial year are two further clerk/RFO salary payments of £539.20, one further discretionary contribution to charity of £25, some £650 for pavilion roof repairs (not yet invoiced) and a further two payments of £41 for dog/litter bin emptying, a total of £1,860.40. A cheque issued in May for £475 against the projects account has not been presented, and has now expired.
6. The council has ample funds to meet its current commitments and a balance of £6,516.51 in its deposit account.
7. The council remains on course to finish the year with a surplus of some £9,000.
8. A bank reconciliation completed this week shows the amounts in the council's accounting system align exactly with the balances of the three bank accounts.
9. An updated budget for 2020/21 has been presented for discussion. This will need to be signed off, at the latest during January 2020 to inform the setting of a precept in February.