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15.10.2020 Full Council Background Paper

Agenda item 8iii: *Annual Return*

Members will note PKF Littlejohn's statement that "The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review. The AGAR had to be sent back for amendment."

To clarify, this year the external auditor decided that 'staff training' was not a staff cost, but a council cost.

Agenda item 9vii: *Planning & Environment – Tree surveys*

The collation of tree survey reports has taken much longer than anticipated and works at the car park are still to be sought. The report for The Green is still outstanding, at time of writing. Suggestions for companies to approach to carry out the works:

Redwood Trees
Charterhouse Tree Care
Surrey Hills Tree Surgery

I hope to be able to provide three quotes to the council at the November meeting.

Agenda item 10ii: *Leisure & Facilities – Festive lights display*

The response to the parish council's message regarding the cancellation of the Market and the festive lights display has already been unprecedented, with many local residents (not just Ripley parishioners) offering to help fund the lights. With the response from individuals, the support and efforts of the Business Association, and the tireless work of the volunteers who do so much for the village, the council can be quietly confident that the whole cost will be met, and any extra can be put towards increasing the display in future years. A CFGA 50% funding application has been entered for extra festoons in financial year 2021-22.

Agenda item 10iii: *Leisure & Facilities – Draft Management Policy*

Some extra text has been added to the draft Policy, following the council's site visit and a subsequent site visit with Advanced Tree Services' Consultant. Please note additions including paragraphs on White Poplar and Goat Willow, and a proposed schedule of works over the coming years.

In addition, Cllr Ayears and I met with Tom Hill to discuss help with clearance work. As the intention is to manage the meadow traditionally, it is suggested that larger oak saplings are removed with a digger. The removal of stumps in this way will

enable future flail and / or hay cuts to take place. Mr Hill is able to be onsite on Saturday 14th November, the same day as the first planned working party with both a digger and a flail mower at a cost of £300 for the mower and £350 for the digger as day rates.

Further work in early spring (February / March 2021) to chain harrow the meadow will level the tufts that have developed over time.