

112/24 The meeting will stand adjourned to permit parishioners of Barling Magna to address the Council

112/24.1 Parishioner was pleased to note works had started at St Marys church. He queried as to when the gates would be open. Cllr Steptoe advised to speak to the PCC. Cllr McPherson asked parishioner for a telephone number to contact when she has had a response from the PCC.

113/24 Financial Matters – to consider and approve.

113/24.1 Clerk presented payment requests for October 2024. Proposed by Cllr McKillop seconded by Cllr Myers.

113/24.2 Clerk advised due to RFO absence reconciliations are not available. This has been ratified to next meeting.

113/24.3 Clerk presented AGAR report. No further action to be taken.

113/24.5 Clerk presented utility report from RFO. Cllr Edmunds queried why RFO had made decision to join utility companies without Councils permission. Cllr Edmunds asked Cllr Steptoe to advise RFO Council are to be notified before making decisions. All Cllrs are happy with savings made.

113/24.7 Clerk presented Council with three budget figures. No further actions to be taken.

114/24 Clerks Report

114/24.1 Cllr Steptoe wished to minute thanks to Cllrs Ashdown and Glover, Cllr Ashdown's husband and all that helped to clear the pathway leading to the play space for their hard work.

114/24.2 Cllr Ashdown presented a plaque for the play space made by her husband. Clerk to write an email of thanks to him.

114/24.3 Clerk advised that Council wished to have signs in the play space. Clerk asked what size and wording they wished to have on these and what her budget was to spend. Cllr McPherson advised clerk to contact her.

114/24.4 Cllr Steptoe proposed a noticeboard be placed in the play space. Clerk to investigate.

114/24.5 Cllr Steptoe advised that a parishioner had voiced concerns about litter being blown into his horse field around the back of the play space due to the lack of bins in the area. Cllr McPherson advised that having bins would not stop this. All Cllrs in agreement to monitor the situation and review in 6 months.

114/24.6 Clerk asked Council if they would like quotes for the high level fencing to be taken down. Council in agreement that this is not needed at this time.

114/24.7 Clerk asked Council questions regarding to the opening ceremony. Cllrs advised to invite a select few children from both the school and nursery. Clerk to contact the headmistress of the school and to buy a ribbon for the ceremony. Council to be updated at next meeting.

114/24.8 Clerk presented website quotes. Cllr Efde proposed to use site street as our new website designer provided budget will allow this. Cllr Edmunds wishes to have the options to add comments along the way when designing. Clerk to speak to the vendor and advise council in next meeting.