BADGER PARISH COUNCIL

TREASURER’S REPORT – 10TH MAY 2022

1. AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE 2021/ 2022 FINANCIAL YEAR a) The Annual Audited Return & associated papers for the financial year ended 31st March 2022, have been audited by Mrs. Sue Hackett of SDH Accountancy. Having completed a comprehensive examination of Council records on 20th April 2022, she signed the Return confirming in the audit work undertaken that the level of administration and system of internal controls were found to be of a high standard. A separate detailed report from the Auditor makes comments on all key objectives.

b. The Annual Audit Return for the year ended 31st March 2022, is referred to Council to: i) Consider, complete and approve the Annual Governance Statement. ii) Approve the Accounting Statements iii) Confirm approval of The Certificate of Exemption from a limited review by The External Auditor, and iv) Note that the “Due Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return” for the year ending 31st March 2022, will be announced on 6th June 2022, for response from the public during the period 13th June to 22nd June 2022.

*Council is asked to direct that the appropriate documents of the Approved Annual Return are signed by the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer.*

1. THE COUNCIL’S INSURANCE POLICY

Currently, through the Council’s broker ( now known as Gallagher), starting on 26th June 2020, Pen Writing Ltd has a three year agreement to cover insurance requirements. Recently, the Clerk responded to a questionnaire from the Council’s broker regarding renewal information, stating the present core cover was satisfactory, and the contents cover- subject to increases for inflation- is adequate. The final years premium payment to Pen Writing Ltd is £392.78.

1. SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIAON OF LOCAL COUNCILS (SALC) FEES SALC affiliation fees for the period 1st April 2022, to 31st March 2023, for Badger Parish Council are calculated as follows: SALC affiliation fee for 101 electors @39.5p per elector is £39.90 + £60 administration fee & £15.00 fee for The Area Committee = £114.90 National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Fee @ 0.0749 p per elector = £ 7.56 TOTAL £122.46

Note: As it did not meet regularly, last year there was no Area Committee fee.

*RECOMMENDATION: The RFO/Clerk considers these services are of value for advice and helpful information, and training sessions are much cheaper for members, so it in the interest of the Council to continue as a member of SALC, and meet the annual fees of £122.46.*

1. ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE GRANTS (EMGS) Since 2007, to help maintain the highway verges in Badger Parish, the Council has received EMGS at varying amounts from Shropshire Council, which are now match funding. Since 2017, Parish Councillors voluntary maintained the highways in the centre of the village. However, from 1st April 2022, it was decided to hire a contractor to undertake the task. The total annual cost to the Council towards maintaining the highway verges in Badger Parish is now £1,472, instead of the previous £912. The Council has therefore submitted a claim this year for a grant from Shropshire Council of £736 instead of £456 awarded for last year.
2. PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL a) SALC Affiliation & Training Fees (cheque 100508) £159.96 b) Badger Print for Jubilee cards (cheque 100509) £ 18.00 c) SDH Accounting for annual audit (cheque 100510) £145.00 d) Numbers Plus for Defibrillator scheme (cheque 100511) £118.80 e) Gallagher for insurance premium (cheque 100512) £392.78
3. BANK ACCOUNTS & BALANCES As at 4th May 2022, the Council’s Community Account at Barclays Bank stood at £8,734.24 in credit, which includes the Council’s precept of £3,800 for the 2022/2023 financial year. After encashment of the cheques in 5. above the Community Account will be £7,899.70 in credit. The Council’s Business Premium Account stands At £2,213.58 in credit. After payment of £20.00 for the use of St. Giles’ Church for the Council meeting on 10th May 2022, petty cash will be £79.84.

F. D. Voysey Responsible Finance Officer May 2022