

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL at ROOKSDOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE on Monday 28th November 2022 at 7.30pm

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Paul Mahoney (Chair)	✓		
Cllr Douglas How (Vice-chair)	✓		
Cllr Jessica Lewis-Dalgarno	✓		
Cllr Scott Mason	✓		
Cllr Gaynor Woods		✓	
Cllr David Knights	✓		
Cllr Ebeneezer Nortey	✓		
Cllr Nsima Udoh	✓		

In attendance – County Councillor Mummalaneni (AM) & Borough Councillor Bound (SB) & one member of the public.

Cllr Mahoney chaired the meeting.

22/219 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Woods (due to sickness).

The motion being proposed by Cllr Mahoney, seconded by Cllr Lewis-Dalgarno, **IT WAS RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the apologies.

Apologies had been received from the Clerk & RFO who had also given his notice to resign his post on the basis that he had been offered a contract back at his previous employer.

In view of the absence of the Clerk & RFO, the motion being proposed by Cllr Mahoney, seconded by Cllr Knights, **IT WAS RESOLVED** unanimously to permit Cllr How to take the minutes of the meeting and act as RFO for the Parish Council for the duration of the meeting.

22/220 To receive and note any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and requests for dispensation for items to be discussed on this agenda.

Nil

To sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the meeting of the Full Council Meeting held on 24th October 2022.

The **motion** being proposed by Cllr Mahoney, seconded by Cllr Lewis-Dalgarno **IT WAS RESOLVED** unanimously to agree the content of the minutes.

The Chair signed the minutes.

22/222 To discuss matters arising from the minutes.

All items complete except:

20/12 LIF Fencing

Update – The Chair provided an update that the fencing project tender had been approved, due to start in the next few months. Awaiting confirmation of start date. Exactly as per the spec submitted in 2019 as part of the LIF application. The Parish Council agreed that this action could now be closed. The Chair agreed to circulate the

start date for the work as soon as it was known.

20/64.1, 20/116.1 Car parks – part of the handover of the Southern Public Open Space (POS)

Update – This forms part of the handover of the Southern POS. No progress since the last meeting.

22/51 – Allotment fencing – DK to progress estimates for allotment fencing - justwaiting on a third quote to be able to progress

Update – DK advised that a third quote had now been received. Details of all quotes had been circulated to Councillors for discussion under item 22/232.

The Parish Council agreed that this action could now be closed.

22/52 - Silent Soldiers -

Update – The Chair confirmed he had picked up with Homes England in a face to face meeting on 27.10.22 along with Cllr How and County Councillor Mummalaneni. Homes England requested sight of the Statue which has since been provided. Homes England will also provide a plan of all the areas that are still owned by them in Rooksdown. Chair to chase for an update.

PM

22/120 – DK to co-ordinate a meeting between BDBC and DWH regarding the playparks in the new development.

Update – DK explained that playparks are to be opened imminently.

The Parish Council agreed that this action could be closed.

JLD offered to draft a letter to follow up on the correspondence that had previously been sent to Cllr McIntyre to obtain a formal written response from BDBC.

JLD

22/124 – DK to set up a data base of historic planning applications in Rooksdown, being mindful of data protection information

Update – The Chair agreed to progress this item.

PM

22/130 -

EN to explore options for gym equipment, including sponsorship (match funding) and Lottery Funding

Update – no update. EN was requested to provide an urgent update regarding potential Lottery Funding opportunities & revisit his contact, Sheila Mellor, regarding Green Gym equipment at Parklands Hospital by January's meeting.

EN / SB

Cllr Bound also offered to link in with Sheila Mellor, the contact at Parklands Hospital.

JLD to explore ways to work with the RCA in order to collaborate on projects for amenities, specifically the idea of a community café.

Update – DK explained there had been a good meeting with RCA (Paul Lovett & Michelle Biggs) in relation to working better together in relation to events and strategic / infrastructure with view to getting the best out of all the money in s106 and coming up with a suitable plan to fulfil the community need for at least the next 20 years. The Parish Council agreed this specific action could now be closed. DK would link in with PM & JLD to further discuss.

DK / PM / JLD

New

Clerk

22/168 – to receive an update from WA on a full review of the Parish Council social media presence

Update – still ongoing. No progress had been made. To be reviewed by the new Parish Clerk in due course.

22/173 – Rooksdown Masterplan – to receive an update from Catherine Daly on the BDBC spreadsheet breakdown of s106 contributions due to the Parish Council

Update — Catherine Daly (BDBC) had provided an updated statement showing the contributions which BDBC were holding for open space and play improvements in Rooksdown [£84,917] which could include any recreational type improvements to open space from footpaths and furniture, signage and planting, through to gym, fitness and ball court type facilities. A question was raised as to whether the Rooksdown Masterplan had been originally devised in the knowledge of what s106 monies were due, given that the Masterplan has not yet been delivered. Cllr Bound suggested he would pick this up directly with BDBC. Catherine Daly was to be invited back to a future meeting to discuss options for the Masterplan and to establish when the money is available (from which development), when it expires & what plans have being made so far to spend that s106 money.

PM

SB

22/223 To invite members of the public to address the meeting – 15 minutes.

None

22/224 To receive reports from:

Chair of Rooksdown Parish Council

Christmas Fayre – The Chair thanked the members of the Parish Council and RCA for the successful Christmas Fayre which had been the most successful Christmas event in the history of Rooksdown. Special thanks for the organisation behind the scenes by Cllr Knights and Cllr Lewis-Dalgarno.

Fencing – the fencing project tender had now been approved, due to start in the next few months. Awaiting confirmation of start date. Exactly as per the spec submitted in 2019 as part of the LIF application.

White Bridge – The quotation for the supply and installation of the LED handrail is within the HCC budget with no requirement to seek additional funding from elsewhere or order works across two financial years. The contract request is currently with PFI Service Provider for their review and approval. Once everything has been signed off the contractor will then be able to order materials and arrange the works on site. **Great news!**

Underpass between Rooksdown & Winklebury – thanks to Cllr How for his vigilance on the state of the underpass & for CC Mummalaneni for his support.

HCC confirm that the main issue causing the flooding appears to be excessive run-off from the Squirrels Wood development. Officers have been liaising closely with the developer to identify a resolution to this longstanding matter.

A legal notice was issued in December 2021, requiring removal of the unauthorised drainage pipe that had been connected directly into the highway surface water drainage system, exacerbating the problem. The notice also stipulated that they must keep the subway clear of mud/silt until such time that the run-off issue is permanently resolved. Officers have confirmed that the drainage connection has been removed.

The exceptionally dry summer has meant that it has not been possible to fully assess the situation, but it has become clear, following the recent heavy rainfall, that the issue remains. Officers have been in further contact with the developer and have made it clear that the situation is unacceptable and that an urgent intervention is required. The developer has subsequently provided reassurance that they have started work on stopping the run-off and they have

agreed to undertake regular clearance of the subway should any mud continue to accumulate within it. The Highways team will clear the soakaways and drainage pipes as soon as this can be arranged and will closely monitor the situation going forward.

Clerk to the Parish Council

None

County Councillor

See Appendix 1

• Borough Councillor

Cllr Bound referred to the ongoing issue of anti-social car meets that have now expanded onto A339, Roman Road roundabout & Rooksdown Avenue.

Rooksdown Community Association (RCA)

Nil

Police/PCSO/CSPO

There has been an increase in burglary's, theft of keyless high performance vehicles (Mercedes, BMW, Audi's) and theft of motorbikes across Basingstoke town. Also motorbikes being ridden anti-socially by individuals not wearing helmets and not displaying registration plates. A few incidents of note that have occurred in Rooksdown are below:

- •13/11/2022 Penny Black Road entry gained to a bin shed. Damage caused and items stolen.
- •05/11/02022 Mill Road entry gained to the a property and two high value watches stolen.
- •10/10/2022 Sorting Road motorbike stolen from outside property.

Re item 22/234: The Police are aware of the ongoing issue of anti-social car meets that have now expanded onto A339, Roman Road roundabout & Rooksdown Avenue. The Police try and attend the meets as and when they get the reports. However as they tend to take place over the weekend which is a high demand time for the Police, it's not always possible or the response isn't immediate. Police are following up all lines of enquiries provided to us including reviewing dash camera footage given to us, as well as working with our partner agencies. A number of individuals have recently received a Section 59 warning notice for driving in an anti-social manner. Should they be caught again in the next 12 months, the vehicle they are in will likely be seized. If an offence has taken place then Police will look to prosecute where possible evidence permitting. Finally we are looking into holding a public meeting in the next couple of weeks (possibly evening of 08/12/22 in the Community Centre) in order to invite residents to speak to Police directly around their concerns etc.

22/225 To note the current financial situation and bank reconciliations.

The current financial situation and bank reconciliation was reconciled, and the bank statements noted with the current balances of £45,954.49 and £104,741.24 as 30 November 2022 – see appendix 2.

22/226 To authorise requests for November payments.

The Council **resolved** to approve the payments in Appendix 3 to these minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Knights and seconded by Cllr How.

Cllr Mahoney confirmed he would load the payments on Internet Banking and Cllr How confirmed he would authorise the payments,

22/227 To receive an update on the proposed Bewley Homes development on land at Weybrook Park Golf Course and make appropriate decisions

DK provided an update on the Bewley Homes development presentation at the Sherborne St John which he attended with PM, SM & DH. The decision had been made not to invite Bewley Homes to our Parish Council meeting as it was unlikely that we would learn anything new.

Outline planning application likely to be received within the next month or so. There had been discussion of the inclusion of an emergency access point (location not specified) not previously mentioned in the consultation process. It is essential that this is not off Rooksdown Lane.

22/228 To consider planning applications:

Nil

22/229 To formally ratify the decision to offer no objection and not comment on the BDBC planning portal on the following planning application

22/02903/ADV - North Hampshire Hospital, RG24 9NA

The Parish Council ratified the decision to offer no objection and not comment on the BDBC planning portal.

22/230 s106 Community Facilities Contribution: to review a request from BDBC to seek Parish Council views on installing electric vehicle charging points outside the Community Centre

Following discussion, members agreed that a response from the Parish Council should be delayed until the end of January 2023 following a meeting between the Parish Council members and the Rooksdown Community Association trustees to discuss getting the best out of all the money in s106 and coming up with a suitable plan to fulfil the community need for at least the next 20 years.

DK offered to pen a response to Kerry Adams at BDBC.

DK

DK

22/231 Applications not on the agenda

Nil

22/232 To receive an update on the Allotments and make appropriate decisions

Plots 9B & 15A - Cllr Knights confirmed that the tenants had been contacted and asked to provide updates on progress and planned improvements.

It was agreed that a review of the 2 plots would be undertaken in 3 months' time with discussion tabled at the Parish Council meeting as to whether it was appropriate to begin eviction proceedings.

Invoices for 2023 – Cllr Mahoney advised he would issue allotment invoices on 16 December for 2023, with 45 days requirement to pay. Cllr Knights agreed to send the up to date allotment tenant list with contact details.

Fencing – Cllr Knights confirmed that the 3 quotes for the plot perimeter fencing at the Sherborne Fields had been circulated ahead of the meeting. It was generally agreed

that a decision should be deferred to the Spring and would be discussed as part of the Budget Discussions in December.

Allotment tenant newsletter - Cllr Knights suggested he would pull together a tenant end of year newsletter to advise them that their allotment invoices would be circulated on 16 December for payment within 45 days (as per their contract) and advise of proposal to replace all the fencing around their plots with new fencing and the grassed areas between each of the plots with chippings.

New Allotment site – Cllr Knights explained that he had undertaken a pre-inspection of the new allotments in the DWH development. Unfortunately, they are not currently in a suitable handover state. Would provide a further update in a future meeting.

22/233 To receive a further update on making Rooksdown appear festive during Winter 2022 and make appropriate decisions.

Cllr Knights confirmed there was nothing further to discuss for this year.

22/234 To discuss the issue and impact of antisocial car meets on the A339 and Rooksdown

See Police Update in item 22/224

A public meeting has been set up for 08/12/22 at the Community Centre in order to invite residents to speak to Police directly around their concerns etc.

Members agreed that the Parish Council should write to the BDBC District Commander and to the Police and Crimes Commissioner following the meeting on 8/12 to confirm JLD the assurances that have been given in the meeting of 8/12 but that we are still concerned.

22/235 To receive an update on the budget setting process for 2023/24 and make appropriate decisions

The Chair explained that the Clerk had tendered his resignation on the basis that he had been offered a contract back at his previous employer.

Tracy Hamer had offered support to help with the budget setting process for 2023/24

Finance Working Group Meetings would be held on Friday 6th January 6pm – 8pm (with another meeting, if required, on Thursday 12th - 8pm) to discuss the budget to be approved in the January 2023 Parish Council meeting.

All Councillors invited. Cllr Mahoney would send out invites.

PM

22/236 To consider submitting representation to Maria Miller MP to support amendments to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill

The Chair was tasked with drafting representation to Maria Miller to support PM amendments to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.

22/237 Chair's correspondence.

Nil

22/238 Clerk's correspondence.

Nil

22/239 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7.30pm.

22/240 Chair to close meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 22.00.

DK

Attachments may be found on the council website under <u>Council Documents/Agendas</u> – scan this code for direct link - or obtained by email using the address below.

<u>Appendix 1 Hampshire County Councillor Update – Nov 2022</u>

White foot bridge LED rail lighting: LED rail lighting work design completed mid of this month ahead of schedule. The quotation for the supply and installation of the LED handrail has come in last week. The quote value is within the budget HCC had set aside so there won't be any need to seek additional funding from elsewhere or order works across two financial years. The contract request is currently with PFI Service Provider for their review and approval. Once everything has been signed off contractor will then be able to order materials and arrange the works on site. However due to global material supply chain issues cannot provide exact date of completion.

Avenue Adaption update: As per HCC officers the delay is due to legal paperwork from Homes and Communities Agency. Along with parish councillors, myself, HCC engineer met Homes England representative late last month. Homes England rep agreed to follow up with its legal department for paperwork. HCC yet to receive the paperwork. I have also escalated this to the portfolio holder and the leader. Highways department director is involved. Meanwhile I have asked Taylor Wimpy to maintain the road to the standards required.

No 7 Parcel Drive: Following recent complaint at No 7 Parcel drive, myself and parish councillors visited the resident. We have witnessed the damage to the resident's driveway. Understandably and rightly the resident is not happy. Builder's representative is in touch with the resident. We were told the builder provided some compensation which is not enough for the loss.

<u>Trumpet Junction:</u> Following an accident at Trumpet Junction due to faulty road myself and Parish Chair Cllr Mahony visited the victim late summer. The road fault was addressed by the builder, but the claim was ignored for too long. After several reminders, I have escalated this to CEO of the developer. Upon CEO's intervention resident was contacted by the builder's legal team. I hope it will be resolved.

Squirrel Wood - Runoff into the Footpath/tunnel under Ringway North: My sincere apologies to residents on behalf of HCC. As you may know I have inherited this issue and have shown special interest to resolve permanently. I was let down by engineers and developers time and again. Earlier this month I have escalated this issue to director and the portfolio holder with some specific questions. Here is the snippet of that response for your perusal. Rest assured I will keep putting pressure on HCC. With your help I will arrange a site visit with the director and developer. Once again thank you for your support and understanding.

- "1. When was this issue first reported?
 I understand that issues were first reported in 2019.
- 2. How many complaints have we received since then?

The majority of complaints have come from yourself, Councillor How, Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Lee. These reports have been very helpful as they have provided local intelligence on local activity and the success, or otherwise, of the developers solutions to date. In addition to the Councillor reports I am told we have received 7 resident enquiries since 1st Jan 2020.

3. What actions HCC have taken for these complaints?

We have, on several occasions, taken direct action to clear the subway when it has flooded and/or remove material from the area. The soakaways were cleared of mud/silt – all arising from the development - on 27 October 2021. Officers have regularly engaged with the developer to ensure that they are aware of the issues caused by their development but this has been somewhat complicated by the fact that the site has not been subject to a road agreement with the County Council. In December 2021, following further issues at the site, a legal enforcement notice was issued to the developer which required the unauthorised drainage connection, that was exacerbating the flooding, to be removed. The enforcement notice also stipulated that the developer take steps to keep the subway clear of any water/mud that enters the subway as a result of the development, until such time that a permanent solution is implemented. The exceptionally dry summer made it difficult to ascertain if any of the measures and interventions taken by the developer had resolved the matter and a view was taken, admittedly prematurely, that the drainage issue had been addressed. Clearly this was not the case. An additional soakaway cleanse has been ordered but unfortunately the site was too wet and muddy when the crew arrived to undertake the work. This is being carried out by the developer today.

4. How much effort did HCC spend both money and time?

In terms of works costs our records show we have spent approximately £9,000 since 2019, not including an order that is currently in our system for a further soakaway cleanse.

It is not possible to give an accurate answer on officer time as this is not a capital-type scheme where time can be charged. It has been dealt with as a routine highway maintenance issue.

- 5. What did the Developer do to fix this? If not, what are they planning to do and when? The developer has implemented various controls including providing matting on the embankments, constructing bunds within their site and facilitating access to clear the soakaways. This, however, has clearly not been sufficient as there is still significant run off from their site. The developer has recently assured officers that groundworks have started in the vicinity of the subway to try and permanently solve the problem. Earlier this week the developer successfully cleared the subway of standing water following heavy rainfall.
- 6. **How many days this underpass was out of use for the public because of works or flooding?**We have reports of flooding issues on 8 separate occasions, with a further 2 for routine cleansing, although I suspect there have been other occasions where it has naturally drained away prior to any report being received.
- 7. Can you please point me to the monitoring framework policy and why it failed in this specific instance?

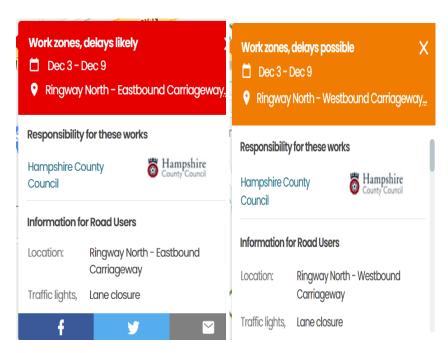
I do not think that our processes and procedures for monitoring have failed in this instance. The highways team have always responded appropriately when reports have been received and they have swiftly organised necessary intervention works to keep the subway safe and useable.

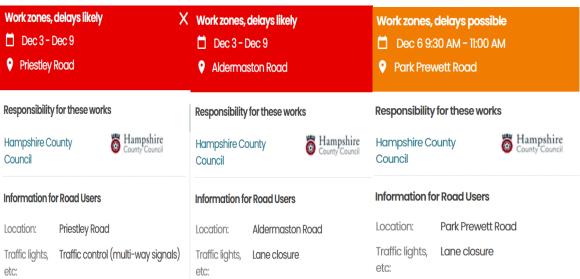
To conclude, the team will continue to engage with the developer, who I think is trying to be helpful, and they are also liaising with internal legal colleagues to determine whether a further enforcement notice may be required to a) protect the public highway and b) put in place more stringent requirements to keep the area free of standing water. I can confirm that the developer has recently contacted the County Council with a view to implementing the necessary road agreement(s) for the development which should provide additional opportunities to ensure any solution is both permanent and sustainable.

I trust this will reassure you. I would be very happy to meet with you to discuss the issue, either on site or on Teams."

Hampshire Highways update:

Local roadworks by the county council and utility companies both current and planned can be viewed using the interactive website <u>one.network</u>. Here are the updates specific to Rooks down for next couple of weeks.





National Highways update -you can follow updates on M3 motorway repairs and closures or sign up for alerts here https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-east/m3-junctions-9-to-14-smart-motorway/

South Western Railway announces new timetable in December

South Western Railway is preparing to introduce a new timetable on 11 December 2022. The new timetable will provide sufficient capacity to cover current and forecast demand, while making a series of changes to improve customer journeys.

From December, improvements will include:

- · Improved distribution of services of fast services from London to Twickenham, Feltham, Staines
- Improved distribution of services from London to Portsmouth in the off-peak, giving faster journey times to London from Liss and Liphook
- London Waterloo to Portsmouth Harbour (via Eastleigh) services call at Farnborough and Fleet in the PM peak providing 3 trains per hour to these stations
- Restoration of 2 trains per hour at Farncombe including direct links to Clapham Junction
- Improved PM peak connections at Ash Vale onto services towards Camberley The new timetable starts on Sunday 11 December. Train times can now be viewed in journey planners at: www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey and will be published on our website at least four weeks prior to introduction.

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes

Tree/hedge problems: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge

Flooding/drainage issues: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding

Pavement problems: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving

Problems with rights of way:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem

Hampshire to make additional Christmas payments to Homes for Ukraine hosts and guests

Councillor Rob Humby, Leader of Hampshire County Council, has today announced that the Local Authority will be making an extra one-off £250 payment to Hampshire residents hosting Ukrainian guests as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme this Christmas, and £200 per Ukrainian guest to support them over the holiday period.

Hampshire schools, libraries and museums benefit from County Council energy efficiency programme Hundreds of public buildings such as schools, libraries and museums have been made more energy efficient thanks to the installation of solar panels, double glazing, and modern heating systems. This follows the completion of a Hampshire County Council initiative to cut carbon emissions which has also helped to mitigate the impact of rising energy costs.

It's time to team up against domestic abuse

This year, White Ribbon Day (Friday 25 November 2022) falls during the same week as the start of the FIFA men's World Cup – a time when incidents of domestic abuse and violence increase.

Appendix 2

Date: 22/11/2022 Rooksdown Parish Council Page 1 Time: 08:41 User: TRACY Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 22/11/2022

for Cashbook 1 - Treasurers Account 02896349

Bank Statement Account Name (s) Statement Date Page **Balances** 25/10/2022 45,954.49 Treasurers Account 02896349 45,954.49 **Unpresented Cheques (Minus) Amount** 0.00 0.00 45,954.49 Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus) 0.00 0.00 45,954.49 Balance per Cash Book is :-45,954.49 0.00 Difference is :-Date: 22/11/2022 Rooksdown Parish Council Page 1 Time: 08:50 User: TRACY Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 22/11/2022 for Cashbook 2 - Business Account 06020499 Bank Statement Account Name (s) **Statement Date** Page **Balances** Business Account 06020499 10/10/2022 104,741.24

104,741.24 **Unpresented Cheques (Minus) Amount** 0.00 0.00 104,741.24 Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus) 0.00

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Balance per Cash Book is :-104,741.24

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Appendix 3

Rooksdown Parish Council Payments/receipts Nov-22 28/11/2022

Voucher	Date	Reference	Description	Pay/Rcpt	Supplier ref.	Supplier / customer	Account	Amount	Payment
65	09/11/2022	EP	Tea light candles	Payment	270047	Amazon	Project costs	27.98	27.9
66	15/11/2022		Room hire for PC meeting	Payment	1617	Rooksdown Community Association	Hall Hire	30.00	30.0
67	15/11/2022	EP	Office Rent	Payment	1620	Rooksdown Community Association	General Admin	15.00	15.0
68	15/11/2022	EP	Handyman	Payment	1621	Rooksdown Community Association	Handyman	400.00	400.0
69	22/11/2022	EP	Advent calendars	Payment	1622	Rooksdown Community Association	Project costs	330.00	330.0
70	04/11/2022	EP	Rooksdown Reporter - October Issue	Payment	26576	Greehnouse Graphics	Printing	706.00	706.0
71	04/11/2022	EP	Labels	Payment	26577	Greehnouse Graphics	Printing	94.80	94.8
72	10/11/2022	EP	Arnold Baker - Local Council Admin (publication was delayed until Nov-22)	Payment	I0001532W	LexisNexis	General Admin	131.99	131.9
73	24/10/2022	EP	Allotments grass & hedge cutting	Payment	1759	Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance Allotments		258.00	258.0
74	08/11/2022	EP	Allotments hedge cutting	Payment	1785	Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance Allotments		732.00	732.0
75	23/08/2022	EP	PKF Littlejohn LLP - Audit fee - AGAR	Payment	20220928	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit fees	240.00	240.00
76	30/11/2022	EP	November salary	Payment	Salary	Wayne Aylott	Salaries and allowance	956.80	956.80
77	17/11/2022	EP	Christmas Fayre expenses	Payment	Expenses	David Knights	Project costs	194.00	194.0
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