**Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting – 16th November 2020**

**Present:** Cllr M Woods, Cllr P Morris, Cllr A Parrington and Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr T Sexton
2. **Matters Arising**
3. The Clerk had produced the cash book and bank reconciliation up until 30th October 2020. These were reviewed, agreed and signed by Cllr Woods.
4. The Clerk confirmed that a number of works were still to be completed – 2 x replacement street lights, new playground gate and 4 x new/replacement bins. These should all be completed within the current financial year.
5. The Clerk had received a quotation from Shields Arboricultural for £300 to conduct a tree survey at Rossett Playground. It was almost three years since the last one and it had been suggested that these should be completed every 3 – 4 years. The quotation was unchanged since the last survey. It was agreed that an order should be placed.
6. A number of donation bids had been received and were considered – these are summarised in the attached document. It was agreed that additional information was required from the Village Hall and Christ Church regarding their donation applications before a recommendation can be made. The Clerk will request this information be forwarded prior to the meeting unless a representative is available to be involved in the meeting. The Spreadsheet will be distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting on 18th November.

(iii) A discussion ensued regarding the precept application. The Living Wage Foundation was awaited (this has since been confirmed as an increase from £9.30 to £9.50 per hour. This affects the wages for the Park Warden, Street Warden and Community Agent and this is usually implemented with effect from 1st April). The Clerk is currently on the top point of her salary scale so there would only be a minimal increase for cost of living. In view of this and the likely underspend for the current financial year it was considered that there would likely be no increase in the precept application however, that would be considered at the next Finance Meeting to be proposed to full Council at the December meeting.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be scheduled to consider the precept application, prior to the Council meeting on 16th December.