

Agenda item no.	
Report to	Burwash Parish Council
Subject	Kipling Statue update report
Date	14th August 2018
From	Councillor Steve Moore

1. Update

- 1.1 The Foundry has now started to pour the bronze to form the casting for the statue and the bench. They are on target to have the completed work ready for final adaptation and patination in early September. If all goes well with this, the foundry has indicated that the work will be ready for delivery in late September.
- 1.2 Following the appointment of the Handyperson it is intended to start preparing the ground ready for the statue in August. We have already acquired the brick paviours to match the pavement and have obtained permission from the land owners to commence this work.
- 1.3 The other elements of this project, which were approved at last month's Parish Council meeting, will be held in abeyance until after the ground conditions have been exposed to ensure there are no unforeseen works required which will require further funding from the received funds. Only after this, if no unforeseen ground issues are found, will the rest of the project be taken forward,
- 1.4 However, we will recommence work on the Village Tourist Map in order to get this ready so that once we have some pictures of the statue from the foundry the final version of the Map can be produced.
- 1.5 The planned meeting between the Lord Lieutenants Office and the representatives of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex has taken place and our invitation to unveil the statue is now being considered along with the many other requests. We have been advised by the Lord Lieutenants Office that it may be some time before a decision is made so in the meantime we will need to consider whether we install the work once delivered and box it up to await a future unveiling event or simply store the statue until then.

2. Funding

- 2.1 Following the closure of the fund for this project last month, the final amount received was £22,380 which was just £125 below the total funds pledged. The following table sets out the revised estimated budget forecast against the final amount received for this project:

Item	Amount	Comment
Foundry costs	£12,580	50% upon wax modelling and 50% upon completion and delivery
Sculptor Fee	£ 2,000	50% upon sign off of the Clay figure by the Evaluation Panel 50% upon completion and delivery
Installation	£ 3,200	Labour, concrete base and paviours for enlarged area
New benches	£ 1,800	Including installation
Signage	£ 1,000	Brown sign and new finger for fingerpost by Church
New rubbish bin	£ 500	Through RDC
Sundry expenses	£ 1,300	Sculptors expenses (hire of suit for model, armature, site visits etc plus Planning application fee, Site plans, surgery on overhanging tree etc
Total	£22,380	

3. Matters for resolution

- 3.1 The Parish Council is asked to note this report.