

Agenda item no. 12	
Report to	Burwash Parish Council
Subject	Kipling update report
Date	10 th July 2018
From	Councillor Steve Moore

1. Planning

- 1.1 At the last Parish Council (PC) meeting the issue concerning the comments provided by East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Highways Team about this statue potentially being a distraction for drivers was discussed. Since then, with thanks to Cllr Barnes, they have revised their comments and are now only advising us that in their view we should carry out a Road Safety Audit and are no longer asking Rother District Council (RDC) to make this a specific Planning Condition prior to the statue being put in place.
- 1.2 The Planning permission was granted on 2nd July with no specific conditions covering the recommendation by ESCC, however it is felt that it would still be prudent to carry out this Audit.

2. Insurance

- 2.1 Our insurers have confirmed that this statue would be covered by our existing Public Liability insurance. To insure the proposed statue against loss or damage for a sum insured of £20,000 will result in an annual additional premium of £94.71 including Insurance Premium Tax (IPT). A £250 excess will apply to any one claim.

3. Funding

- 3.1 The initial funding target of £18,000 was set for this project based upon the outcome of the tender exercise for the bronze casting and anticipated associated costs. Due to the generosity of the community we closed the fund with pledges totalling £22,505. To date £21,605 has been received
- 3.2 At the last PC meeting the Kipling update report set out the revised budget which took account of some changes to the original scope and additional items required to complete this project and take on board the suggestions made by Planners Officers. These are
- a. An enlarged paved area where the statue will sit in order to give this an appropriate setting.
 - b. to carry out repairs to the pavement in front of the display area (where at some time in the past the pavements have been dug up and replaced by tarmac) so this is put back to pavements again.
 - c. the planners also suggested that the journey to the statue should be a trail and we discussed the replacement of the existing three metal benches with solid teak benches so that they match the new bench we recently installed at the top of Batemans Lane which has a Kipling quotation etched on it. Each of these three new benches would also have a Kipling quote to create a trail to the cast bench. Burwash Playing Fields Association have indicated that they would be happy to take the metal benches plus the Launder's bench which will be displaced by the statue to provide additional seating on the Playing Field. However as there are potentially four benches available it is intended that Burwash Common will also be asked if they would want

some additional seating and if so we will provide each Playing Field with two extra benches.

- d. Provision of an additional sign on the fingerpost at the top of School Hill and for a brown sign at the top of Batemans Lane showing the way to Kipling Statue.
- e. Provision of rubbish bin near the bench and the map

2.2 All of the above items enhance the overall scheme and it is proposed that the project is revised to include the above items subject to the pledged monies actually received being sufficient.

3. Revised

3.1 The following table sets out the revised estimated budget forecast against the current total amount pledged of £22,505 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
Road Safety Audit	£ 525	
Installation	£ 3,100	Labour, concrete base and pavements 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	£ 1,000	Sculptors sundry expenses, Planning application fee, Site plans etc
Total	£22,505	

4. Matters for resolution

4.1 The Parish Council are asked to

- a. note the progress being made
- b. approved the revised budget
- c. agree that the works programme is delegated to be delivered by the proper officer (Clerk and RFO) to find three estimates when appropriate and choose the lowest quote to carry out the proposed works in relation to the Kipling Statue