

Agenda item no.	
Report to	Burwash Parish Council
Subject	Kipling Statue update
Date	9th October 2018
From	Councillor Steve Moore

- 1.1 The statue is now completed and is due to be delivered to site on Monday 22nd October ready for installation. Arrangements have been made for the lifting equipment to be on site that day to get the statue into place. It will be set in concrete and then paved in to match the rest of the site. Afterwards it will be boxed up for a period to protect it from the construction work next door and to await the official unveiling.
- 1.2 Rother District Council have confirmed that Optivo have only agreed to replace the tarmac area with pavements on the eastern side of the site (in front of the four shared ownership houses) and are not required to replace the tarmac with pavements on the western side which runs in front of the site for the statue. In view of this an order has been placed for additional pavements and it is intended to get this work completed in advance of the arrival of the statue.

The estimated costs are as follows

400 Pavements	£ 480
Materials and Labour	£1,200

The monies already raised for this project are sufficient to cover these extra costs.

- 1.3 It now appears unlikely that we will be able to get the Duke and Duchess of Sussex to unveil the statue as their diary is very busy, unless we are prepared to wait many months for a possible opportunity. As there is no real guarantee even if we did wait, we are now looking at other options for the unveiling.

2. Matter for decision

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