

Agenda item 6

For ratification – St Mary’s Church community grant

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At the Town Matters meeting on 6 October 2021 the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Panel for awarding the community grants were approved by Cllrs.

At the time, the Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) had agreed to award £1,000 to St Mary’s Church for their project to resurface the courtyard. At the meeting on 6 October a query was raised as to whether a parish council could fund a church. We sought advice from the internal auditors who confirmed that as the project was for benefit to the whole community as well as church users it would be permissible for GAP to support their application. GAP also included a condition that the FTC grant was matched by church funds. As Town Clerk, I subsequently awarded the grant in line with our rules on awarding grants.

Recommendation

Ratify the decision of the Town Clerk to award a grant of £1,000 to St Mary’s Church for their project to resurface the courtyard conditional on the church match funding this amount.