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**TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROJECTS THAT THE
REMAINING £9,180.55 OF THE GREAT PLACES TO VISIT FUND COULD BE
SPENT**

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with possible projects to be considered in respect of the remaining Great Places to Visit Fund.

Detailed Information

In December 2022 officers were advised that Ledbury Town Council had been successful in securing an extension to the deadline date for the expenditure of the £90,000 provided via the Great Places to Visit Fund, to enable the purchase of the weeding machine.

On sending in on what the Clerk believed to be the final claim form, Herefordshire Council officers responded by asking whether there was anything that this council could spend the remaining outstanding amount of £9,180.55 on by the end of March 2023. This came as a surprise to officers, as they had believed that the deadline for expenditure of this fund had passed and therefore they advised that this would require council consideration and approval for any further expenditure.

The Clerk immediately wrote to councillors and raised it with staff, asking them for thoughts on projects that this money could be spent and below are some suggestions for consideration.

It should be borne in mind that a month is a very short time to arrange for large scale projects to be undertaken. Therefore, it is unlikely that projects such as the production of architects drawings for a revamp of the main council offices to accommodate the TIC could be completed.

The suggestions below are small cost projects and Members are asked to bring forward any further suggestions at the meeting for consideration, noting that the criteria of the Great Places to Visit is as set out in the attached SLA document.

1. Installation of the two information boards purchased for Dog Hill Woods - these were paid for by GPV funding, but due to staff sickness and unavailability they have not been installed to date. – no cost available
2. New rubbish bins at the recreation ground, and dog poo bins for Dog Hill Woods

Litter bins £309.00 plus VAT each Total for two bins = £618.00 plus VAT

Dog Poo Bins £165.00 plus VAT each Total for three bins = £495.00 plus VAT

3. New gate at Dog Hill Woods at the Green Lane entrance – £82.88 plus VAT and fittings
4. 2 x Replacement cradle swings for recreation ground - Total £374.88 (incl VAT)
5. Flood lighting at the basketball court at the recreation ground (this may not be possible in the timescale given) no cost available.
6. Possible temporary structure for use as a Youth facility to be located at the recreation ground – cost without kitchen and wc – circa £6,000 with kitchen and wc fitted circa £8995.00 (as per information previously provided by Councillor Bradford) – it should be noted that there is some considerable opposition to this from LYAS.
7. Possible signage for the TIC – further details to be provided at the meeting.

Recommendation

That Members give consideration to ways in which the outstanding amount of £9,180.55 of the Great Places to Visit Funding could be spent by 31 March 2023.