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PROJECT NO	Project Name	Grant Donor or Payee	Status	Estimate	Actual	Year Approved	Description
999	Removal of tree from cemetery		Completed	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	2017	Removal of overgrown laurel tree.
1000	Baseline expenditure or receipt – Not a project cost		Ongoing				This project number is allocated to all expenditure considered a baseline cost (i.e. small works or general expenses not considered to be a project).
1001	Restoration of War Memorial	Cllr Baldock £2000 Cllr Burgess £1000 SBC £750	Completed		£3,750.00	2014	Restoration Work
1002	Purchase of Bredgar Recreation Ground	Cllr Baldock £5000 Cllr Burgess £1000 Cllr Truelove £1000 Cllr Crowther £1000	Completed		£40,000.00	2015	Purchase of recreation ground
1003	Pond Decking Replacement	Cllr Baldock £1500 Cllr Bowles £500	Completed		£3,568.94	2016	Replacement of rotten decking by Bredgar Pond to maintain public access to the facility.
1004	Transparency Code Grant	KALC £1000	Completed		£890.00	2017	Laptop and Printer for the Parish Council
1005	Re-instatement of Purple Leafed Plum Tree	Cllr Andrew Bowles £300	Completed		£300.00	2017	Replace tree removed by KCC.
1006	Recreation Ground Landscaping	Cllr Andrew Bowles £1400	Completed	£1,400.00	£2,650.00	2018	Remove debris, boulders, level the ground and reseed grass in the recreation ground adjacent to Wrens Road.
1007	Bollards to Protect the Post Office	BIDS £342	Completed	£342.00	£342.00	2018	Install security measures for the post office
1008	Recreation Ground Improvements – Fencing Phase 1	Cllr Andrew Bowles £1500	Completed	£3,000.00	£1,145.00	2019	Replace recreation ground entrance gateway and 17m of broken chestnut fencing. Surplus grant carried over into Phase 2 (Project 1009)
1009	Recreation Ground Improvements – Fencing Phase 2	KCC – Capital grants for sport £1000 + Carry Over Andrew Bowles Grant from 1008	Completed	£3,680.00	£3,695.97	2019	Re-instate northern fence after grubbing out poplar trees.
1010	20MPH Speed Limits	Cllr Andrew Bowles	Cancelled	£8,000.00			Replace speed limit signs to implement 20MPH. Cancelled as not approved by Kent Highways
1011	Swanton Street Footpath	None anticipated	Stalled			2020	Creation of a permissive footpath in the field alongside Swanton Street to improve safety for pedestrians.
1012	Cemetery - Southern Boundary (Wren's Road)	COVID Grant £10k received September 2020	Completed	£2,750.00	£3,721.50	2020-22	There are 3 large hawthorn trees that overhang the road, and have inter-twined and damaged the railing panels. I suggest removing the trees and replacing the 3 damaged panels. Guesstimate costs: 3 panels at £350 each. Fitting £200, removal of trees, including root removal £500. Total £1750.
1013	Cemetery- Northern Boundary & Western Boundary	COVID Grant £10k received September 2020	Completed	£2,000.00	£2,350.00	2020-22	Northern Boundary: The boundary line is an ancient chestnut paling fence, damaged in several places. In front (cemetery side) is an array of trees, holly, pine and hawthorn, some dead and half pollarded. They are about 20m high, and look unkempt. The overhang and scrub growth extend 3 - 4 meters into the cemetery. Western Boundary: An ancient and damaged paling fence. In front are various trees, laurel, pine, cherry, holly, hawthorn, some in a sad state, following wind damage in the past. The overhang and scrub growth into the cemetery is 7m at one side, 3 meters at the other.
1014	Cemetery- Northern Boundary & Western Boundary		Cancelled	£5,000.00			Replacement of the chestnut paling/driven pile fence. Note: This project is duplicated/covered under Project 1016 and is therefore cancelled.
1015	Cemetery – Conifers		Not approved	£500.00			The 2 conifers in the centre are huge. They have been trimmed after wind damage. They seem out of keeping with a rural cemetery. Should we replace with flowering cherries or similar?

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1016	Cemetery- North and West Boundary Fence Replacement		Not approved	£5,000.00			The cemetery N and W boundary are, mostly, not indigenous species, and are at the end of their life and need to be removed. It likely means that the chestnut paling fence will need replacing. A hedge of beech or yew could be planted, and kept to a reasonable height of 2m or so. I guess the cost could be £5k, maybe more, but it could be spread over a couple of years. The benefit? This work could free up a couple of dozen grave places, at £600 a throw, that's not a bad payback! If the work could be scheduled after the harvest, the farmer might allow access from his field, which would minimise any disruption to the cemetery. Note:
1017	Cemetery – Clean Up / Maintenance		Completed	£0.00	£0.00	2022	There are several very old graves which are severely overgrown, and spreading onto neighbouring graves. A village "cemetery clear up" might be appropriate. There are piles of earth (spoil from the graves) piled on the southern and northern boundaries. UPDATE: The spoil from the graves was removed as part of project 1013. In 2022 our regulations were updated to instruct undertakers/grave diggers to remove the spoil off site.
1018	Cemetery – Overgrown Shrubs on Graves		Not approved				Some graves (In particular Lazzari's) have shrubs planted, which are getting quite large. I believe our cemetery regulations do not permit this. We need to contact relatives and inform them that they must be removed.
1019	Replace Bredgar Pond Floodlights and Water Pumps		Approved	£1,000.00		2024/25	Replacing the existing light with modern LED floodlights may deliver a running cost reduction and reduce our carbon footprint. A brief investigation on the Internet indicates that replacement lights are not very expensive, but the light output in lumens may be less. This needs to be checked before fitting. The cost estimate is £200 for three lights and fittings + £800 for installation by a qualified electrician.
1020	Planning Consultancy Reports	COVID Grant £10k received September 2020	Completed	£1,900.00	£1,824.00	2021/22	Engagement of planning consultants to provide responses to Highsted Park and the Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation in 2021.
1021	Bredgar Pond Water Aeration System	COVID Grant £10k received September 2020	Completed	£1,810.00	£2,460.00	2020/21	Fish have been suffering and dying in the pond due to lack of oxygen. Install a new air pump system to oxygenate the pond.
1022	Restoration of War Memorial (light cleaning only)		Approved	£1,250.00	£1,755.00	2024/25	Clean up of the stone surface and lettering. Stone masons Burslem have given this indicative cost for cleaning the stone surface and advise we split the work into two separate projects. The cost is based on the expectation the BPC will make any road closure with KCC and that BPC are able to provide access to clean tap water for replenishment of the Burslem water bowser. After cleaning the lettering to be assessed and a recommendation provided by Burslem. The lettering may be lead and the availability of skilled craftsmen to perform the work may be difficult. We should contact the SBC Conservation Officer to seek further advice on how best to maintain the lettering too. July – repair of the map plinth added to the work to be completed and budget increased accordingly from £1200 to £1755

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1023	Bush Close Walled Flowerbed	This project was completed with all funding being provided directly by Swale Borough Council and Blenwood Grounds Maintenance. Blenwood are undertaking the ongoing maintenance free of charge. A discrete Blenwood sign is displayed in the flowerbed.	Completed	£900.00	£0.00	2022/23	Removal of all vegetation from the flowerbed and planting of flowers for the Queen's Jubilee. Clearance £500. New top soil £300. Oak tree £100. Estimate one hour per month ongoing flowerbed maintenance running cost.
1023	Gore Road bramble clearance	This project was completed and funded by KCC.	Completed	£700.00	£0.00	2023/24	Clearance of brambles and overgrown vegetation from the Gore Road roadside band opposite Bush House.
1024	Provision of water supply to the cemetery.		Rejected	£10,000.00			Connection of water supply to the cemetery by South East Water and installation of pipework and standpipe by third party contractor. UPDATE: South Eastern Water were paid to quote to install a tap in the cemetery a cost of £81.00: The SE Water costs for installation would be £4204.60; the PC would also have to provide funds for a builder to dig from the road to the proposed site of the tap. Councillors considered the costs and agreed unanimously to reject the project as too expensive. PC Meeting 2/3/22
1025	Provide a second defibrillator in the village		Not approved	£2,000.00			To provide additional cover near the centre of the village.
1026	Modernise and replace the children's play equipment in the recreation ground.		Not approved	£90,000.00			The replacement of the cricket pavilion by BCC requires much of the children's play equipment to be re-located. The equipment is now old and subject to a number of recommendations in our annual ROSPA report. This is the a sensible time therefore to modernise and replace the equipment. Doddington PC have recently upgraded their play equipment using Wickstead Leisure who installed a Unicorn's Lair for £14,772.63 . Wickstead provided their purchase only price list and essentials cost about £5k each + installation. For budget purposes assume £10k per unit + £10k for other works required. Therefore to install 5 play items + works budget at least £60k. Delivery of more equipment and an enclosure could easily cost double – making the eventual cost somewhere between £60k and £120k.
1027	Repair concrete pond edge.		Completed	£3,000.00	£1,570.00	2022/23	One section of concrete edging to the pond on The Street side has eroded steel supports and is subsiding into the pond. This has happened to other sections previously and the repair completed by temporarily removing a section of railing and reconstruction the concrete edging from the footpath.
1028	Cemetery Maintenance		Completed	£117.60	£80.00	2024/25	There is a broken ridge tile on the store building. Not a project and will be completed as a maintenance job in 2024. Funding was paid with project 1031.
1029	Replanting of the recreation ground hedge along the Gore Road boundary.		Approved	£2,000.00		2024/25	The existing elder hedge is in a poor state and may need to be replaced. There may have been a wire fence alongside the hedge originally and this may need to be replaced too – to protect the new hedge until it is fully established. Project approved to proceed at PC Meeting on 14/8/2024.

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1030	Funding of consultants and resources needed to prepare and submit the BPC response to the early 2024 Highsted Park planning application amendments.		Approved	£1,500.00		2024/25	Funding to enable BPC to contest the Highsted Park South (21/503914/EIOU) and Highsted Park North (21/503906/EIOU) planning applications in partnership with Milstead, Rodmersham and Bapchild parish councils.
1031	Repair the brickwork around the Coronation Flowerbed between Gore Road and Bush Close		Completed	£1,692.00	£1,492.00	2024/25	The Coronation Flowerbed surrounding walls have developed some significant cracks that may need to be repaired.
1032	Manage the number of fish in Gore Pond to improve water quality.		Approved	£750.00		2024/25	There are too many fish in Gore Pond and this is causing water quality and fish welfare issues.
1033	Pond edge repairs following subsidence.	Funding TBD and cost not yet estimated.	Not approved				There has been some subsidence and loss of soil backfill behind the concrete blocks adjacent to The Street (Bus Stop area). This needs to be addressed to avoid any future problems beneath the footpath and road.
2000	Non baseline income from the burial ground or unallocated grants		Ongoing	£1,900.00			Used to filter off this income for data analysis. Income from the cemetery is variable but has averaged around £1900pa over the last six years (2016/17 to 2022/23 = £11470).