

	FULL COUNCIL
Date	13 November 2023
Agenda Item	7d

To consider spending part of the remaining unallocated surplus from 22/23 on a few small items this year, rather than listing them in the budget 24/25

There remains from the unallocated surplus of 22/23 £8431.10. It would seem reasonable to buy these items now needed with this surplus, rather than list them for the next financial year 24/25.

In addition to these items, we have this month received a bill from BDC for the replacement of a bench in the public gardens which was demolished after our last band in the park in August. The bench was not in good repair, but had been donated in memory of a former Halstead resident, so BDC felt duty bound to replace it. Although the Town Clerk has tried to talk to the band member who demolished it, in order to negotiate that he might make a contribution, he has refused to discuss it. The cost is £1665 + VAT. It is suggested that this amount is taken also from the unallocated surplus. The band has now offered to do a free performance in 2024, to offset some of the cost.

Summary

Server for the office	£1378.80 inc VAT
Water pump	£469.20 inc VAT
3 heavy duty gazebos	£526.98 inc VAT
Shed for car park attendants' equipment	£239 inc VAT
Bench	£1998 inc VAT
Total	£4611.98

Server

The server used by HTC to manage all its IT needs is at least 8 years old and we have been advised by our IT company that it would be wise to replace it. We have had a few problems with the switches, and some of the connections recently. Our IT company can supply a new one for £1378 inc VAT..

Waterpump

Although a battery operated waterpump has been considered, the technology does not yet provide a water pump of sufficient size for the amount of watering done on a daily basis by HTC.

Honda WB20XT Water Transfer Pump



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Categories: **Honda WB20XT 2" Pump Parts**

Part No. **WB20XT**

In stock



Dispatched today if ordered before 4pm

£413.50 (ex. VAT)

£496.20 (inc. VAT)

Qty

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3 x Gazebos

When organising HTC events, gazebos are often needed. First aiders now demand a gazebo. These need to be relatively strong for winter events, but easy to put up and down. Three are needed for some events. Up to now they have been borrowed, but it may be better that the council has its own.

Sale!



3x3m Pop Up Gazebo With Wheeled Bag, 4 Leg Weights, Rope and Pegs + 4 Superior / Heavyweight Side Walls (SUP)

~~£307.99~~ **£263.49** Inc VAT

It seems everyone calls their gazebos "heavy duty" and a lot look similar in the pictures, so how can you tell a real heavy duty gazebo? This really is a heavy duty gazebo and it shows if you look at the close up pictures of our frame and roof you can see how much better this is than most (a lot of budget gazebos won't show you close ups) this gazebo is built to last. It even has a 1 year frame parts warranty included.

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As part of the preparation for the installation of the EV charging points, a trench had to be dug across the Chapel St carpark, under the previous shed, to get to the 3-phase electricity supply. The previous shed was very old and fairly dilapidated and had not been used by our current car park attendants, and was removed.

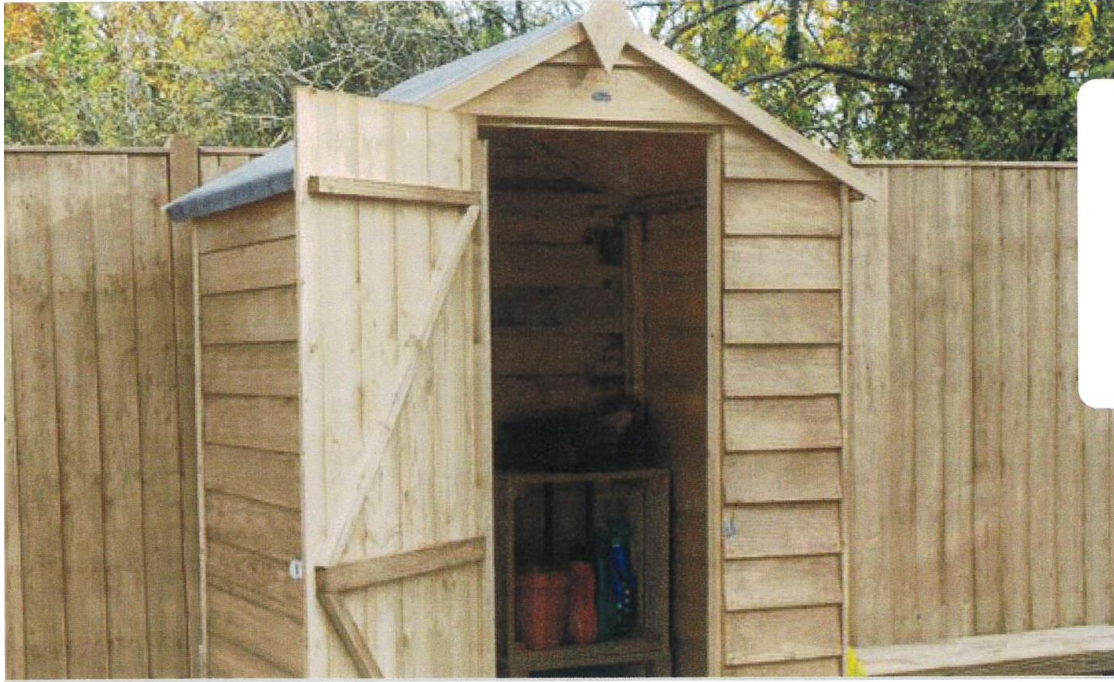
However, there is an increasing amount of equipment needed to manage the car parks efficiently, and at present it is kept in one or other of the attendants' cars or in the office, and may therefore not always be to hand when needed. They have a rake, clippers, a strimmer, rolls of tickets, and large outdoor stapler, spare rubbish bags. It would make their lives easier if there were a small replacement hut in Chapel Street carpark. Both car park attendants have been consulted and agree on the type shown below:

**4' x 3' Forest 4Life 25yr Guarantee Overlap Pressure Treated Windowless Apex
Wooden Shed (1.34m x 1.01m)**

Product Code: BSD25036

Shed Only: ~~£314.99~~ **£239.99**

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£239.99 inc. VAT