Minutes of Avon Dassett Parish Council
Monday 6th January 2011

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

1. APOLOGIES: For late attendance Sarah Richardson. 338
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.
3. CONFIRM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING : Were accepted in full and signed by JB.
4. MATTERS ARISING: ACTION

Community (LHF)

a) Community Policing/Neighbourhood Watch: Little to report in the immediate area. Two youths from Fenny Compton have been prosecuted for burglary.

Roads (JB)

b) Traffic, Roads and Drains: Traffic and drains- nothing to report
Roads- the grit bins have been re-filled. Awaiting leaflets regarding clearing of snow which will be distributed through village.
Arlescote grit bin - loss of bin reported to Patch Byrne and Rod Joy on 23/12. Awaiting information with regard to suitable site for new bin and way of fixing it more permanently. A replacement will be sought. ACTION: SR
JB will seek advice on the position of the new bin from Patch Byrne. ACTON: JB
7.40 pm SR arrived at meeting.

Environment/Maintenance (DH/AR to lead)

c) Playground: No update. LHF will seek an update from Sarah Rutherford in time for the next meeting. ACTION: LHF
Maintenance of RR- Pete Wallace will look at repairing the window when the weather gets better. Steve Mullane has mended the bulge in the RR floor. He found condensation under the boards and noted that they were not secured properly. He has screwed the boards down and the floor is now sound. There was no sign of rot or damp. Thanks to Steve Mullane for his work. Suggest we buy a mat for the door area as the floor gets very slippery when wet. LHF has identified a suitable non-slip mat and will purchase on behalf of ADPC.
ACTION LHF
Pete Wallace will give the old bench a spruce up when the weather improves
d) St John's: LHF reported that the collection from the Christmas event at St John the Baptist had raised £100 towards The Churches Conservation Trust.
Church signage at bottom of village has been organised and installed courtesy of The Churches Conservation Trust.
LHF read a letter from the Churches conservation Trust regarding holding a mid-summer tea party in aid of the CCT. After discussion it was decided to go ahead and hold an event on the 25th June, 3pm to 5 pm at St. John's. It is hoped that Graham Nabb will ring the church bells. It is also hoped that there will be an exhibition of village history, crafts for sale, exhibitions by local groups such as the fete committee, Feldon Archeology, Abacus pre school nursery, The Gardening Club and other local groups.
LHF will request a "Party Pack" and advertise event in Compton Chronicle.
ACTION: LHF
ACTION: HHW to contact Abacus
e) Upkeep of 'green areas': Nothing to report. 389
f) Cemetery
Quote from Tony Buckingham for redrawing cemetery plans- £50 acceptable.
Plots for cremated remains would measure 2ft square in accordance with normal practice. These dimensions will go onto the updated plans.

Communication/Administration

Website- suggest that we add snow warden info.
HHW to undertake website training at SDC on 11.1.11.
The census has been advertised on the ADPC website.

The Snow warden has been noted on the website.
SR to install a link to met office website from ADPC website.
Localism Bill summary by WALC will be entered onto website. ACTION: SR

5. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. **Fiscal Matters –** The County Council is well on the way to setting next year's budget. I can confirm that the County Council will not be increasing the Council Tax higher than that set last year. We are now reaching the Public Consultation stage where various options outlined last month will be considered. Over the next four years the County Council will have to operate with some £100 million less than is currently available. We have already identified £40 million of savings but the remaining £60 million is painful and regrettable. In November, some 1850 members of staff were placed on notice that their employment might be subject to redundancy. It is hoped that when this exercise is completed the County Council will still provide a service that is appreciated by everyone.
2. **High Speed Rail –** The HS2 saga has recently crystallized with the Prime Minister coming out in support of the project. The County Council debated the subject of HS2 on Tuesday 14th December and took a similar view in opposing the project on environmental grounds to most District Councils. There does appear to be an inevitability that the line will be constructed and all authorities are striving to ensure that the impact to the environment will be kept to a minimum.

3. **Planning Applications –** As from 1st January 2011 all planning applications from Stratford District Council to the Parish Clerk will be sent electronically. This is a practice adopted by many authorities and does lead to a considerably saving in cost. Parish Councillors, ideally, will receive electronic copies forwarded by the Clerk.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: Was distributed.
Andy Rutherford has confirmed his resignation in a letter given to the Clerk for the records. JB will write to thank Andy for the work he has done with us and on behalf of the village since he joined the PC. ACTION: JB.
The vacancy left by this resignation will be carried over to the election in May 2011.
7. PLANNING: Kennels at Warmington: re state previous comments
Old School: Erection of detached garage: No representation
It was noted that the online plans for the Old school were of a poor visibility.
8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 390
Balance at close of business 31/12/10
Current Account £1,206.79
Savings Account £6,954.63

Cheques issued (Prepared prior to meeting)		**Cheque No**
Clerk (December)	£181.47	1076
Lily Hope-Frost (AD Christmas Party)	£181.50	1077
Sue Harris (Dec Cleaning)	£10.60	1078
W. Sherriff (December)	£12.19	1079
W. Sherriff (January)	£5.62	1080
Total cheques	£391.38	

Income
Christmas cards £20.90
Sale of donated Worrall items £17.20
Total £38.10
Cheques were proposed by JB and seconded by SR.
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Clerks holidays- Clerk has had difficulties in taking holidays. It has been suggested she forward mail to Sarah and JB to action anything that needs urgent attention
LHF, JB and SR all highlighted that they will not stand for re-election at the election in May 2011.
10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None
11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7th Feb, 7th Mar, 4th April, 16th May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st Aug, 5th Sept, 3rd Oct, 7th Nov, 5th Dec.
The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

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