Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 12th May 2014

The meeting commenced at 8.15pm.

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1. **APOLOGIES**: None

Present: David Hutt, Alastair Whetstone, Trevor Gill, Chris Campbell, Councillor Williams, Clerk.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**: None

3. **CONFIRM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**: The minutes were accepted and signed and dated by David Hutt.

4. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**: None

5. **MATTERS ARISING**:

Community

a) **Community Policing/Neighbourhood Watch**: Nothing to report.

b) **Playground**: Alastair Whetstone confirmed that the play area was fine.

Within the audit it was recommended that the area and gravestones are subject to regular inspection to ensure that the area is safe. This was accepted by the meeting and it was agreed to have monthly reviews of the burial area. **ACTION: Councillors to review the burial area for the safety of headstones.**

c) **Superfast Broadband**: Nothing to report. Councillor Williams reported that the Government has put further funding into the technology and Councils are trying to match this.

d) **Post Office**: Nothing to report

e) **Emergency Plan Adoption**: Trevor Gill asked Parish Councillors to supply the names of vulnerable residents who may need assistance in emergency situations.

Roads : Traffic, Roads and Drains

- **Water flowing onto road close to St John's Church**. Councillor Williams said that the road would be patched up prior to the soap box derby. Subsequently a French Drain will be installed to divert the water into a drain.

Environment/Maintenance

f) Green areas: Trevor Gill has spoken to the residents regarding the village green. The majority of residents feel strongly that the green area should not be subject to repeated damage. However comments were also made about the difficulties that some larger vehicles have to manoeuvre in the area. Trevor Gill suggested the installation of concrete material to protect the area. The costs will be assessed and presented to a subsequent meeting. **ACTION: Trevor Gill to cost the purchase of protective materials for the village green**.

g) **Reading Room maintenance**: Trevor Gill is compiling a list of items which need reviewing and will present to a future parish council meeting for consideration. **ACTION: Trevor Gill to compile a list of items for repair/attention at the Reading Room.**

Communication/Administration

h) **Audit**: The return was signed by David Hutt. Minute reference 480 was entered onto the return. Councillors thanked the Clerk for her work on the Audit.

5. **COUNCIL REPORTS**: Councillor Williams gave a report, following on from an all day meeting.

Various sites are being considered for major housing development. The site of Lighthorne Heath is favoured by the Council. It is felt that between now and 2031 the Council is providing housing for several thousand people of which a proportion will be affordable housing.

The Core Strategy will now come before the central Government who will review it to see that proper consultation has taken place.

Councillor Williams gave information about the impact of HS2.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Paper copies circulated at meeting. Electronic mail circulated prior to meeting.

8. **PLANNING**: Notice of Decision 14/00426/FUL: Permission with conditions: Orchard Cottage, Mr Anthony Deeming.

9. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Balance at close of business 30/4/14

Current Account	£ 10,634.57
Savings Account	£ 749.37 *

This figure represents ring fenced funds for ADPC plus any interest received into the account.

Bank Transactions

Current Account		**Chq/SO/DD**	**In**	**Out**
7 April	N Power	DD		47.00
7 April	D. Tonks	CREDIT	0.54	
10 April		1273		6.58
10 April		1274		8.67
11 April		1270		22.19
14 April		1269		100.00
15 April		1272		809.43
17 April		1271		92.00
28 April	SDC Precept		4,681.50	
29 April	D. Tonks	DD		298.46

Deposit Account		**In**	**Out**
9th April	Bank Interest	0.03	

Cheques issued from mtg	**Cheque No**	**Amount**
N Power	1275	17.12
N Power	1276	510.07
W J Robinson Internal Audit	1277	60.00
MFM Services (March and April Mowing)	1278	341.00
H. Hide-Wright	1279	18.29
J. Sherriff	1280	8.62
Total Cheques		**955.10**

Notes: None to add

New Balances for Ring Fenced Funds:

Neighbourhood Watch	£	185.00
St John's Steps appeal Funds	**£**	**359.05**
Community Grant Fund (Laptop)	£	5.29
Interest Received	£	0.03
Play area lease grant from AD Fete Committee	£	200.00
Total	£	749.37

10. **MEMBER REPORTS**: Trevor asked the Parish Council to consider the purchase of a tea urn for the use of village functions. Approximate cost is £70. This was unanimously approved: Proposed: Trevor Gill, seconded: David Hutt.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS** – 2014 dates: 2nd June, 7th Jul, 4th Aug, 1st Sept, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st Dec

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.