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MINUTES OF THE COLNEY HEATH- FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at the TRESTLE THEATRE Russet Drive Highfield St Albans -on THURSDAY-2nd OCTOBER 2008-7.30.pm

Present; - Chair-Cllr Brazier-Cllr Cloke-Cllr Horner-Cllr Rump -Cllr Crump-
Cllr Henchley-Cllr Reeves-(& 1 Vacancy Hill End Ward)

Clerk; Mr J E Dean
Assistant Clerk- Mrs K Parker-Mead
Public Attendance- 7 members of the public as listed on signing in sheet

1. APOLOGIES -ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECLARATIONS

Apologies received from Cllr Day and Highfield Residents Association Chris Driver
There were no declarations by members present on the matters contained in agenda.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council-11th September 2008

Proposed by Cllr Reeves

Seconded by Cllr Cloke

The minutes were signed by Chair Cllr Brazier as being correct.

2.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no reported matters from the minutes; however Cllr Brazier was pleased to see the number of residents from the area, remarking the council wished to bring the meetings this side of the A 414 from time to time. He hoped this met approval of the residents. Showing our commitment to participation in local affairs in Hill End and Highfield, explaining how the meeting would run and giving time for questions.

3 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN MAY BRING BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Cllr Brazier mentioned news that Helioslough depot at Park Street had been dismissed on Appeal- we had just received the Inspector's papers to-day. This was good news for the area as the disruptive effects and traffic volumes were potentially devastating. In response to a question he confirmed that Oakland's development had been called in by the Secretary of State on Green Belt issues. This prevented access to Section 106 monies that had been earmarked for the parish to fund new cycle tracks and pedestrian crossings. The plans will now have to be re-assessed & fully justified by SCADC in view of the Secretary of State decision. Adding unfortunately it will cost more to do.

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3.1 Post Office Closures

Cllr Brazier said he attended a thank you reception at Smallford Post Office, which is closing in the PO Ltd review. The current post master decided to retire after 25 years. The shop will remain open for other services and provisions.

3.2 Legal Issues-Action Secretary of State over Planning Enquiry reversal

Cllr Brazier confirmed the High Court issues demand that Mr Robb will be asked to sign a legal consent order document within 21 days. The Parish Council will also have to sign. Letter received 25th Sept from Debenhams-Ottaway was copied to members.

3.3 Parish Conference for St Albans District.

The Clerk said the date is confirmed Friday 17th October and will run from 9.30-4pm at Sopwell House St Albans; the Clerk was making a final call for attendance names.

3.4 Temporary Closure of Barley Mow Lane

Cllr Brazier added council have recently supported the Residents Safety Forum for a temporary closure of a section in Barley Mow Lane processed by a Gating Order- viz Section 129A of the Highways Act 1980. Together with appropriate AOP & legal and public consultation such orders are powers which local authorities have for restricting access to any highway other than special or trunk roads. This can be allowed for the purpose of crime reduction in a given area, persistent criminal offences or anti social behaviour are such issues as reported in last month's (September 2008) minutes.

There was to be a further meeting BM Safety Forum Meeting at the Charles Morris Hall to review the options although no date had yet been decided so far. Cllr Reeves added that he did not know the date. The Clerk asked if we could kindly be informed.

3.5 Matters and Issues affecting Highfield-Hill End & Smallford/Sleapshyde area

Cllr Brazier highlighted the main issues that had past affected the area;-

Adoption of Roads-now progressing with chasing up and contacting past developers by SCADC, he said as many as eight different firms had built properties on the estate. The District Council have powers to pursue them under a 'Section 38 Order'!

District Development Plans for the area, Oakland's on hold having been called in.

Highways issues were a parish wide problem, not only here, he noted the Highfield Lane and Smallford Lane issues of speed and pot holes. Ditches added to the list according to Cllr Henschley. He said he was constantly chasing HHWP for works.

Cllr Brazier assured residents that **Police and Crime** were also issues that we had raised at the NAG meetings, especially alcohol abuse and under age drinking at the Gloucester Park area. Police were aware that nearby sales of alcohol added to this. He then gave over to answering any public questions from the meeting attendees.

On a public question;-

How much did the Highfield area contribute to the overall parish precept, no one was able to give a direct answer.

Cllr Brazier said he will ask the DC. The Clerk said about the number of properties and those residents eligible to vote were the main make up, a complex calculation is the made by the DC on the basis of a band D property, he estimated about a 60/40% split against the Colney Heath Village side of the A414. Cllr Brazier is to ask a District Officer for the numbers.

A further question, regarding the PC Web Site-it was assured the Highfield and Hill End Residents will have representation on the progressive building of the site, if they have any events or issues, please advise the Chair Cllr Brazier, or the office.

3.7 Colney Heath Parish Council Year Events

The Assistant Clerk gave details of the Pantomime for children being run by the Assistant Clerk on 2nd January in reply to member's questions, this year it is at the JMI School. Applications for tickets are in the Chronicle, about 200/210 places allocated for the popular Dick Whittington.

Cllr Horner gave details of the over 60's lunch again this year, applications in this issue of the Chronicle and free collection bus, with lunch costing £3 expecting a good turnout for the event again this year. The Clerk added that CHPC were also giving a box of Christmas biscuits again this year. The Clerk added a reminder to make sure you let Kim at the office know of any changes or new residents who may qualify.

3.8 Matters of Anti-Social Behaviour

The list handed to members indicating reported incidents decreasing.

3.9 Sleepshyde Play Area

Cllr Brazier said he had visited the site and work was progressing, the Clerk added council had agreed to add an infants swing and upgrade the wet pour under the see saw, previously no under cushion existed. Wet pour ideally needs a dry day for the works; it is a more proffered surface not needing any top up of bark which is costly. This will extend the job time but in all we will probably do the whole for £19,000 including vat. Job progressing and scheduled to be finished by end of October.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Financial Report

The Clerk gave details about our Treasury Reserves investments of £110,000 are set to 31st October paying £446 in the period including other funds and current accounts. The Clerk will bring the half yearly report in more detail to council next meeting.

4.2 Parish Accounts

The Clerk gave information on the council financial matters supported by data reports to each member;-Clerk gave full details of the October expenditure of £ 6021.26-this was excluding emergency payments. The Clerk then answered member's questions.

Proposed by Cllr Reeves

Seconded by Cllr Henschley

4.3 Parish Audit 2007-8

The Clerk confirmed papers had been sent to the audit commission chosen firm BDO Stoy Hayward on 12th August and was waiting for the return.

4.4 Progress of VAT & Past years Petty Cash

Clerk has progressed part of claim and was looking to do the next claim as soon as time allowed, he will do home working on this task. He was owed some past P/cash.

4.5 Budgeted Grant Aid to be Paid- (Section 19 LGA Act-1976-Misc Provisions)

The agreed payment for Charles Morris Hall remains to do and is in process.

Claim forms for 2009-10 will have a separate information pack sent out with each.

Some requests have already been made and the deadline is Friday November 21st.

4.6 Other Financial Matters

Cllr Rump was keen to make a date for a Finance Committee meeting prior to the Budget is decided Clerk to set a date after preparation is complete mid November.

4.7 Fire Alarm at Pavilion

Installation was carried out in September and we await the invoice, members had agreed the expenditure outside of budget for safety reasons. Cost circa £3000.00.

5 PLANNING

Planning Applications

The following applications received during August and September 2008 were debated in detail at the meeting;-

General Comments

The Chair spoke briefly, Oakland's development had been called in by the Secretary of State over GB development issues. Cllr Henchley gave his brief overview on the district planning applications so far decided upon. There were no further questions by members or public on the applications, refusals appeals and inquiries listed herewith.

Consultation Paper-Communities and Local Government

White Paper on making or changing By-Laws-details handed to all members-note -To go on Nov Agenda -Clerk needs members comments by 20th November 2008

Planning Permission-New Rules from October 1st

Cllr Brazier confirmed the notes on the agenda regarding planning permission.

5-1 Planning Applications:

As listed below and received up to the date of this agenda publication-**bold= topical**;-

Number	Address	Application	Decision/Recommendation
5/08/0620	Oakland's College Smallford Campus	Erection of new college building for Oakland's and assc educational buildings to provide total of 31930 sqm of educational floor space and erection of 62 flats and houses. Demolition of existing use of former mansion house as 26 units of non self contained accom. Use of former stable block as children's nursery and retention of cottage within walled garden and assc lodges. Provision of sports pitches, 820 car parking spaces, highway works including a new access from Hatfield Rd with new roundabout, landscaping and other ancillary development	Cllr Brazier- CHPC response submitted. Debated at SCADC July Dev control meeting- New issues of calling in by Sec State over GB & LDF Plans for District

5/08/0801	Former Oaklands College site Highfield Lane	Dem of existing buildings erection of 38 dwellings including 13 affordable, 70 parking spaces, open space and landscaping	Cllr Brazier- CHPC response submitted. Debated at SCADC July Dev control meeting
5/08/2048	Sleepsyde Farm	Erection of o/build for use as boarding cattery	With Cllr Brazier 23/9/2008
5/08/1602	Wickes Building Supplies	Use of land for siting of a mobile catering unit	With Cllr Brazier 23/9/2008
5/08/1739	Colney Heath Farm	Replacement outbuilding	With Cllr Brazier 23/9/2008
5/08/1968	30 Highfield Lane	S/storey fr and side ext	With Cllr Brazier 23/9/2008
5/08/2033	Sleepsyde Farm Cottage	Replacement windows	With Cllr Brazier 25/9/2008

Cllr Reeves spoke about application 5/08/2033-all members were not in approval of change of use to a cattery, increased traffic and impact on other residential properties.

Cllr Brazier was not in favour of 5/08/1602 becoming a permanent site-there was general objection from members.

Oaklands Development could be delayed for eight months according to Cllr Brazier.

Note items with Listed Building Status are noted with suffix LB after the plan no- e.g 5/07/000LB
SCADC General Applications List (District) Circulated to all members.

5-2 Planning Approvals

As listed since last meeting

Number	Address	Application	SCADC Decision
5/08/1385	5 Ivory Close	Two storey side and single storey rear extension	Planning Permission
5/08/1605	112 Puddingstone Drive	Rear conservatory	Planning Permission

See Attached Sheet for Planning Approvals- Appendix

5-3 Planning Refusals-Appeals-Inquiries-Enforcements-Other issues

5.3 Refusals and Appeals

5/08/1563	4 Newfield way	Two and s/storey side extension	Planning Refusal
5/08/1582	2 Pitt Drive	Loft conversion	Planning Refusal

5.3 Appeals & Public Inquiries

Appeal-5/07/1305 at 30 Sleepcross Gardens extension of dwelling in GB, also issues of comparison to other allowed development in same area.

Appeal-5/08/0455 72 Firwood Avenue Details include detriment to existing pattern

Public Inquiries including decisions

Ref-P/APP/3109LJY/In-Land 23 Station Road Smallford-

Ref-Colney Heath Farm -Public Inquiry Inspector report dated 28/08/08 conditions

Appeal Ref:5/07/1406 67 Colney Heath Lane-Fence & Boundary issues

Appeal Ref: APP/B1930/A/07/2035098-Nuckies Farm Coursers Road Colney Heath Decision challenge by CHPC See Part II CHPC to fight this application.-Cllr Brazier

Appeal-Ref 5/07/1366 -87 Tollgate Road Two Bed Bungalow and parking-GB issue

Appeal-Ref 5/07/2858-6 Church Croft Rear- and side extensions-GB Issue-CHPC objection on this. Appeal-Disallowed see Inspectors report dated 19th August 2008

5-4 Strategic or Planning issues or referred to ODPM/Secretary of State-SEERA
Review of the plan development strategy-deadline 15th September for response-
Helioslough-Rail Freight Terminal- Cllr Brazier informed meeting of to-days news as being refused by the Inspector on GB issues. Also the cost of appeals to SCADC.

OTHER TOPICAL ITEMS FOR INFORMATION-following>

5.5 Go East-SEERA Consultation Regional Assembly-Gypsy Site Allocations
Members have been regularly advised with relevant papers on public meetings. See below regarding important consultation.

5.5-1 The Planning Inspectorate Bristol-Regional Strategy Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation in the East of England.

See latest information rec'd 3rd Sept that is considered of prime importance in parish Consultation out- Letter to state Members views required from Cllr Brazier.

The opinion of all members was St Albans has enough sites and other DC's should have more share, excluding GB land in any instance. There was adequate brownfield land open for travellers use. Social problems and impact on settled community often follow badly planned sites. Hertfordshire has a large traveller population.

Other brief items;-

Stanstead Airport

Second runway Application SSE Team e-mail 1st August-copied all Cllrs

Response Gypsy Sites in Hertfordshire & East of England

Recent issues and SEERA response noted-see above.

Planning Portal

Kept on agenda-any member's comments?

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment for SCADC

Details of council appeal dated February circulated earlier agenda; Cllr Brazier said the DC has to do a strategic land survey as part of LDF.

London Green Belt Council

Cllr Crump is parish representative Next meeting Wednesday 30th October 6.30pm.

BT Payphones

Remain at risk-Possible reduction or removal of pay phones as part of BT plans to reduce service-see HATPC lists of removals. Tyttenhanger might be at future risk. Agreed to hold on agenda one more month-Cllr Reeves suggested get red boxes listed.

NATS-Air Traffic Control Consultation

Response letter dated 29 Sept circulated to members-TCN consultation team-assess local flight path experiments

5-6 Planning Monitoring

Matters the Clerk may wish to inform or members have reports to bring if applicable

Air Quality-(Contained in HHC report) Cllr Crump said he has written to land agents Landfill & Quarry-Clerk pointed out new grants are available of parish's within 10km Minerals & Waste-Noted that Hertfordshire may be under EEC pressure to improve Licences-No reports-*see details on taxi licences later in agenda*
Local Delivery Framework Policy-under review by DC-probably not ready until 2010
Other Monitoring issues-Clerk or members had none to report

5.7 Smallford Station Preservation order

Kept on agenda-Cllr Reeves mentioned its importance, could we find a use for it.

5.8 Section 106 Money to be used in Colney Heath

As previously noted on past minutes Cllr Brazier is keen to stake a claim that any developer funds from S106 are for the benefit of Colney Heath as the village has to face continued demands for building. A meeting is to be arranged with Cllr Brazier + Clerk with SCADC regarding. Sect 106 may be on hold over Oakland's Development

6 COMMONS OPEN SPACES & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The written reports were considered of:-

Draft Green Spaces Strategy

Noted-no further reports

6-1 Parish Warden Report

Members had been circulated with the usual copy of the reports with usual general tasks removal of litter and FC pitch marking, other general village jobs undertaken.

6-2 Parish Commons Ranger Report

For the benefit of the public present Cllr Brazier gave an overview of the Rangers Duties, patrolling the common, circa 69 acres, footpaths etc and reporting to council. Report circulated to all members-note camping on common, sightings of wildlife and increase of fish stocks due to wet weather. Less trials bikes and quads reported. Issues of permissive bridleway, a designated route, overgrown trees, make passage limited. Cllr Horner wanted to see a new dog bin at park corner-suggested this is a budget item along with one at Roestock Lane near FP24. Clerk said the cost will be £420 for two. He also wanted to see more frequent emptying of rubbish bins. The Clerk said we are getting imported small rubbish and dog waste left by waste bins from time to time.

6-3 Parish Gardner and Tennis Courts Attendant Reports

Report circulated to members at the meeting positive comments were noted. Members remarked on the excellent upkeep and display at all parish gardens this year. Some of the less hardy plants are still flowering. One regular tennis player is using the court.

6-4 Church & Graveyard Keepers work/time sheet

No specific reports this time-with usual duties undertaken.

6-5 CHPC Grass Cutting Contract

Clerk advised nothing significant to report but all grassed areas continue to be mown to satisfactory standard, might need extra cuts-especially CMH prior to fireworks. Hay has not been taken from common but topped this year due to wet weather, agreed with contractor as sensible management of the common. Gloucester Park- contractor reports lots of drinks bottles and some smashed that had to be cleared up prior to cut.

6-6 Commons-Grazing & Stewardship

Noted but no further reports to add this time. Cllr Crump wanted to change the date for volunteer work on common, date to 22nd November. This was agreed. The Clerk has discussed with CMS about cutting off saplings and treating with weed-killer. Mr Paxton asked to do this task, as he can use weed-killers also to provide tractor & trailer to remove risings on the day. Council purchase of brush cutter approved.

6.7 Recreation Areas & ROSPA Reports

Gloucester Park

Land ownership not identified so far-we are continuing to maintain the area. Office received e-mail complaint from resident that dog bin was overflowing-Clerk inspected same day and RP and the contractors removed the waste soon after.-matter resolved

Roestock Park

Reports of new play item has bearing noise-supplier contacted to check.

Sleapshyde Recreation Area

New play equipment installation going in Sleapshyde play area now-past reported.

Sleapshyde Pond

No reports last inspection satisfactory

Charles Morris

Reports -contractor fitted new tiles under swings-Contractor on site for fence quote and Cllr Reeves consulted over hedge works-separate contractor. RP to quote for side hedge that needs hand cutting- near swings. Clerk will advise members of quote.

High Street Recreation area

No reports this time.

Smallford Dog Walk

No reports from recent inspection

Community Park

No reports from recent inspection-resin seat to be purchased at some stage.

Dudley Wood Open Space Recreation Area

Transfer of title to London Colney PC who have been carrying out maintenance. Title documents proving hard to find, Clerk in contact with Debenham Oattaway Cllr Reeves felt sure the land had come up before in a request from LCPC. The Clerk would be grateful for any past recollections or assistance over title or deeds.

6-8 Footpaths P3 and Rights of Way-Bridleways-BOAT-RUPP F/path 44 and 23

Clerk reported on the meeting with HCC RoW-Julian Thornton Bob Fenton and CMS Isobel Crozier- Martin O'Connor-new person replacing Rachel Keene, took place on 25th September. Approval given for grant to CHPC of £1000 for new DDA style gates on f/p 25 & 26 requested by Cllr Brazier. Other issues-new dedicated bridleway route & marking plan to common- gypsy horses nuisance on f/p's & open spaces. Footpaths 43-Old A1-f/p24 surface" dusty" after works last December-might need another roll Examination of grant possibilities-Watling Chase-EA on river bank trees/coppicing.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS Item 8 Brought Forward

Cllr Brazier said he would bring forward this item in order to hear from those present on any issues, if wishing to stay to hear the remaining business they were welcome.

Q-Highfield Park residents did not feel part of the parish and left out.

Cllr Brazier said he felt disappointed about this, there were two district councillors representing the whole area and several members lived near and took interest in the local issues. He was available to attend any residents meetings. We had a vacancy on the parish council if any person wishes to come forward for co-option.

Q-What percentage of residents made up the Highfield Hall area -?

Cllr Reeves commented and the Clerk said there was a value calculation based on Band D and numbers of voters & residents his estimation was about 40/60%.

Cllr Brazier promised to get the exact detail from the District Council.

Q-What was happening to Home Farm?

Cllr Brazier and Cllr Reeves said it was to be developed; we had held an earlier public meeting and views of residents were put forward. No date on when the strat will be.

Q-What was happening about the Web Site, it was now running since April, but was not featuring very much about Highfield area?

Cllr Brazier and Clerk said it was being built and links were being looked at with a request that will be put to the Highfield Residents site if we can have a link. In time other links will be put on to give other options and services. The Clerk said he will speak to the web site controller at the next internal meeting.

Q-Regarding ownership of Play area in Highfield-Russet Drive area

Cllr Brazier mentioned the loss of Gloucester Park and how we had pursued the sale in offering to purchase, but the higher bids probably from developers won. However we are still maintaining and will be seeking payment from the land owner at the end. On the specific play area in Sovereign Park he was sure it had been maintained under John Ely of Highfield Park Trust, (now retired) but more will be found out. The Clerk said normally PC's maintain such areas we could easily do so. Cllr Reeves to find out.

7 HIGHWAYS-TRANSPORT-FOOTPATHS AND VERGES

No further highways meeting since 9TH September, Cllr Henchley and Cllr Horner attended and a list of the outstanding jobs presented to Damian Higgins but no news on completion of any works so far. Pothole repairs have improved with a new method of patching being employed on the roads. Cllr Henchley was unconvinced about the repairs reaching roads in Tyttenhanger Green. Speed loops are noted on various local roads and High Street area, in all probability follows works here to school crossing. Cllr Henchley mentioned the need to at least keep 40mph limit in Colney Heath Lane. On other matters, the office can e-mail direct to the fault line at HCC-hertsdirect so in order that members who have facility and wish to report themselves a copy of a recent fault report will be in next post out. Alternatively tell office-we will report for you.

***TRO3415-REPORT RECIEVED -Temporary 40mph and 10mph Speed restriction
A405 North Orbital Road-Bricketwood/StAlbans and A414 North Orbital Rd
Hatfield-between hours of 8pm-6am from 3rd-29th November 2008-Members advised***

7-1 Highways & Maintenance & Signs local Roads or major route reports

Cllr Crump continues to campaign on the weight restriction control on the Smallford Railway Bridge to dissuade the frequent HGV use. He has written to HHWP asking to consider lower axle limit. He received full support from members on this issue.

7-2 Paths and Access-attached or adjacent to Highways

General debate on matters but no specific reports.

7.3 Tollgate Road-Cameras

A budget item, Clerk finding out if grants are available from SCADC or HHWP towards VAS for Tollgate Rd in next parish year-2009-10. Clerk said to expect the cost will be in the region of £8,000. Cllr Brazier remarked at the inevitable delay of S-106 money on destined for Highways issues due to Oaklands Development plans.

7-4 Transport and Community Friday Shopping Bus

Cllr Horner said we have received notification the mileage cost of bus is increasing and we were paying that. The voluntary drivers and couriers are performing well and we were in our third year with the service now.

7-5 Long –About A414

General discussion but no reports this time.

7.6 M25 Widening starting summer 2008

No further reports other than the road works will have a wide effect.

7.7 Highway Warning Signs & Mandatory Signs

Noted and suggest keeping as a reminder

7.8 Verge Parking District Council Highways Panel

Cllr Brazier spoke about the intention of SCADC intending to start verge parking controls in the village, starting at the end of October and beginning with the Roestock Lane area. SCADC have identified the bad spots. Adequate publicity had gone out.

8 PUBLIC QUESTIONS-8.30

No further public questions, matters but noted elsewhere in minutes.

9 COUNCIL BUILDINGS-ORGANISATIONS & TRUSTEE MATTERS

9-1 High Street Recreation Area & CHFC new Lease of Pavilion Building

The new fire alarm has been installed and working satisfactory, instructions given to a member of staff and acquainted with requirements. A club safety officer needs to be appointed as soon as possible to oversee testing and safety regulations are carried out. The company dealt with fire extinguishers being brought up to date and certified. Cllr Rump gave details of the last meeting on September 22nd where he and the Clerk had been invited adding that relationships were considerably improved and the club should be congratulated in achieving their improvements to financial management. Unfortunately the Centurions Rugby Side had left, they were transferring to OV's ground to take on more facilities and play more games than they were able at CHFC. This obviously affected their revenue stream and this will alter the expectations of the valuation for impending rent/lease. Cllr Rump said he thought the increased rent will be phased over 2-3 years any way. But that was a decision for the council to make. The Clerk had shown bank details concerning the Insurance payments and Secretary Mr P Stevenson agreed a proposal to amend the standing order and pay arrears of £624. The club had offered a composite sum last year but it was not carried forward. The current suggestion is the most satisfactory, the Clerk agreed time to pay by April year end if they had problems. Mr Stevenson is to pay 6 months arrears immediately. Earlier CHPC had agreed an 80/20% split and the premium is now set at £104 pcm. The Clerk also said that he was delaying the dilapidations report until they signalled they had carried out any final repairs or jobs prior to the surveyors visit. As soon as we have a draft lease a meeting will be convened with the club at the parish office. They advised a plan to make some replacements to the fence and hedge. A new 5 lever deadlock should be installed to front door for insurance purposes. The Clerk said we will pay for the lock if they install, members are builders and can do that easily.

9-2 Treasure Tots Pre-School.

Cllr Crump reported good progress with numbers of children attending up and staff and bank staff running the group well. He said we were expecting a drop in numbers in January but we were well positioned financially. The current term runs until the 12th December and T/Tots re-opening again 8th January 2009. OFSTED inspections are due at any time without warning. Two casual bank staff will be leaving soon but

replacements have been found by the leader. Assistant Clerk added lunch club was doing well and numbers varied but it was more that breaking even. A walking bus went and collected nursery children each day to join the pre-school. On Mondays the lunch club is held at the JMI paying the school £1 per child contribution. The recent issues over hall and cleaning had been resolved amicably. In general the school was popular and provided an important social function for the village.

9-3 Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall celebrated its 70th Anniversary recently and a children's party for free was held on 27th September attended by around 80 children with an entertainer. In the evening about 60 residents attended a party to celebrate run by the management committee. The regular users set up a buffet and all who attended had a good evening. Impromptu entertainment and a demonstration of early and pre war bicycles made an interesting feature to the evening. CHPC sent a letter of good wishes and donated 24 bottles of wine for the evening to assist with the celebration and catering. On other matters-the VHC are having difficulties with overnight parking from nearby rented accommodation, Clerk has passed on name of CP firm we use for Warren Track.,

9-4 Charles Morris Hall

The Clerk reported on meeting Cllr Reeves on site with the fencing contractor to assess what is require to dissuade traveller's horses entering the playing field. The quotes are to follow. Mr Paxton has also been requested to obtain quotes for cutting two boundary hedges; this needs attention prior 5th November so risings are burnt. Estimates for fencing will need member's approval at next full council meeting. Cllr Reeves mentioned that chairs were on offer free after new had been purchased.

9-5 Highfield Community Park & Trustees

Cllr Reeves and Cllr Rump spoke about celebrations over the retirement of past director John Ely. The new replacement -Ms Cohen started on 1st September. Cllr Reeves spoke about nuisance of loose horses on F/p 26 (BOAT) Sleafshyde Lane

9-6 Other local Buildings/Organisations-Guides Scouts-Harvesters/other

No reports

9-7 Youth Organisations Locally & Youth Council

No reports

9.8 Vital Villages

There is no reports-committee mothballed for time being.

10 COMMUNITY REPORTS-Members reports Outside Bodies and reports from Committees and other Organisations

10-1 Fly Tipping Reports & Raised Humps-adjacent to Mr Sturbridge's Land

Several calls have advised the office of recent fly tips in BML. The Clerk provided the up to date list of reports we have received into the office for members to see. The Chair reminded members that it is important to let the office know even if you report the fly tip to the DC. We need to log it on our list. So far 29 this year but there must be more that are unreported. It is important to record all fly tips where possible to us so we can put pressure on DC and Police service at NAG meetings to do something

about apprehension. No further reports on the raised humps requested by Cllr Rump at a previous council meeting.

10-2 Police and Community Matters-Police Ward Meeting & ASB List

Members were provided with anti social behaviour list, the incidents number 14 this year so far. Clerk reminded members to look at the Police White Paper consultation especially community policing. Several members remarked on double taxation issues. Clerk will circulate contact numbers for police in next post out-seek permission for web link on CHPC site from police service.

10-3 Twinning

Latest details of events circulated to members-Clerk advised application received for parish grant aid-French twin party is here next May.

10-4 Reports from Members attending other meetings

No reports other than already noted and covered in other subjects

Lafarge Liaison Meeting

No date fixed so far this year.

10.5 Fairs Festivals and local Community events

No reports- other details past noted in minuets.

10-6 Reports as Listed-HM Govt: Local and National Issues ect: & HCC

Again a repeat of past notes where we have made our responses (past noted) to the Gypsy issues -SEERA consultation -circulated to all members. Clerk said Hazel Blears new community's initiative will be published suggesting empowering all local authorities and parishes to have more powers.

10.7 St Albans Association of Town & Parish Councils

Details of reports and forthcoming meetings circulated-this association is receiving less priority with SCADC. Some PC's do not agree this position a letter over some special expenses fund meeting at SCADC is doing the rounds with queries of validity.

10-8 Minutes received from other Associations

Members noted the list of committee and other papers.

11- Members Questions

No further questions.

11-1 News Releases

SCADC are still continuing to seek a village tree warden, advert placed in Chronicle.

11-2 Dudley Wood Memorial Woodlands

The Clerk is dealing with matters of transfer of title via Debenham Ottaway-LCPC are to pay all legal costs as a condition-letters and correspondence on file.

11.3 Dog Waste Bins

The Assistant Clerk is to order an extra dog waste bin Roestock now we have ok for it to go on F/p post nearby.

11.4 St Albans Wheelie Bin Introduction

Details of the scheme have been passed to council and further details for the village in the Chronicle more publicised in local press. Most households should have their new bins delivered progressively in next two months

12 OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Bus shelter needs OPP-Clerk to arrange, has drawing from Mr Stayton.

12-1 Staff and Office Matters

General matters reported to members.

12-2 Clerk Report on future matters needing attention

No reports this time-deferred

12-3 Notice Boards and Signs & Bus Shelters

Clerk reported that plans required to be sent to SCADC for a new shelter in Hall Gardens/Grange area. Permission will be required from landowner-HHWP. Also 2 notice boards been refurbished this year. CMH are paying for a new one on their site.

12-4 Commons Licences & Wayleaves

Cllr Brazier gave the meeting an overview of the new local council rules for taxi cab or hackney carriage licensing where persons with 12 penalty points be excluded from becoming eligible for being a taxi driver.

12.6 Publicity & Chronicle

Clerk reminds members that deadline is 1st November for Christmas issue, the parish message will be written by Cllr Brazier. A meeting will be arranged with Mr Rodway prior to the deadline for parish matters and inclusions.

12-6 Flooding and Encams

A further meeting is to be arranged later in the year


12-7 Capital Purchases

Pole chainsaw agreed-Clerk to purchase-money reserved.
Laptop and Software remains reserved outstanding and budgeted for
One further filing cabinet for storage

12.8 Tyttenhanger Sign

Dedication plate still required Clerk and Chair Cllr Reeves to get together on this

This meeting closed at 9.55 pm


John Dean
Clerk to the Council

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