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MINUTES OF THE COLNEY HEATH- FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **HELD at the Village Hall 83 High Street Colney Heath St Albans -on** **THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2010-7.30.pm**

Present; - Chair-Cllr D Horner-Cllr Barnes-Cllr J Day –Cllr R Solts-Cllr Reeves
Cllr Brazier-Cllr C Gowens.

Clerk; Mr J E Dean
Assistant Clerk Not present

Public Attendance-Mr D Becker-Sally Britton-John Britton-Stewart Wales-
Jean Wales-High Street Residents & Chris Driver Newfield Way.

1. APOLOGIES -ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECLARATIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr Cloke unwell & Cllr Crump, personal issues

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 7th October 2010

The Minutes were approved and signed as correct-;

Proposed by Cllr C Brazier

Seconded by Cllr J Day

2.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES ABOVE

No matters arising this time.

3 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN MAY BRING BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Chair, Members and Staff send good wishes and very speedy recovery to the member's wife recently confined to hospital. The Chair clarified the position on the length of business on the Agenda. Parish Councils are bound by protocol whilst we do not wish to continually debate similar we can pass by if there is no business. The Clerk explained how we agree a format at the ASM in May which has to stay in place until the following ASM. Cllr Brazier also offered advice where Chair and Clerk get together before and sort out priorities and set the business, or simply pass by as we are doing. It was suggested this evening we pass by and items that are static, the Clerk said he provided the supporting notes to remind members of the current issues.

3.1 Review of Rural Transport Grant Plan for High Street & Traffic Calming

Cllr Horner understood the matter was pretty static at the moment; we are between some works partially completed and the main works scheduled for February 2011.

3.2 Public Meeting on Commons Issues

As stated on the agenda notes the Chair said he intends to defer this matter it requires a lot more information, we already concluded next stage once the facts are clarified and past agreements in taking advice from Mr P Clayden- at Open Spaces Society.

3.3 Legal Issues

Cllr Brazier mentioned the ongoing issues adding it was now best to group 3.3 and 3.4 together. The matter at Oaklands noted in LR document with Elias Smith withdrawal. We will address the issue of costs with the solicitors next time we meet with them. On the Nuckies Farm the hearing has been set for 11th January 2011 at Council Chambers. We now have a change of Barrister Ms Saira Kabir QC as Jeremy Pike QC is on another case. Cllr Brazier said the Clerk has researched her qualifications at the chambers, a very experienced lawyer at many levels within various local authorities planning issues, injunctions, but adding it is all down to the inspector on the day. The Clerk explained we have obtained two lengthy files from Herts archives to which Jo James is researching old papers. Cllr Reeves mentioned the past RDC Minutes; he might go to read them when he has time. Other land issues are work in progress to examine parish documents for title papers, probably no move on this until new year.

3.4 Town & Country Planning Act-Nuckies Farm

Inspector convenes enquiry on 11th January 2011 at Council Chambers, see the above comments which cover both subjects. Our legal advisors are awaiting statement from Mr Robb and lawyers by 19th November. Cllr Brazier is required as witness; Clerk has permission from lawyers and may also attend the hearing to see procedure this time.

3.5 Oaklands Lane Open Land Used for Grazing

Adverse Possession Order cancelled Solicitor invoice for £550.00 for advice to 24th August we now have copy of Legal Order signed by Adjudicator HM Land Registry. It was generally agreed the way forward is to try and secure the land by way of a lease or purchase. The Clerk suggested agricultural value could be a way through with some provision to hand back and get revenue to CHPC if developed by PT in future. He said Mr Musk had called into the office suggesting we write to the owners and is to e-mail some content. The Clerk said it might be wise to pass this by Deb/Ottaway first; he and Cllr Brazier have a legal meeting next Tuesday. Action by LR confirming the dismissal of adverse possession, any eviction rests with the owner. Bailiff fees and court orders can be costly, securing site after that process will be challenging.

3.6 Public Open Space –Gloucester Park Allotment Provision

Cllr Gowens was concerned two lists existed for the allotments, having been of firm opinion the site was to supply residents in the Highfield & Hill End area. The Clerk said we have opened a list now for some two years, we had 12 people on office list but 3 have transferred to Cllr Gowens GP list. It was agreed the GP site is for the area taking into account no parking and access it is a sensible option in any case the plots are all now allocated to local residents. There are 19 plots and a meeting is to be held soon to draw lots to allocate, after which a simple agreement licence will need to be drawn up. Rates are £18 half plot £36 whole plot, plus shared water rates members all agreed to this proposal. Cllr Reeves said plots might be available at HPT-Clerk said the office will pass names to Anna Cohen from our list. A fresh quote from Veolia has come in, for £4796.20 all agreed provisioned for already-go ahead, Clerk to book job.

Works by John Ryan to clear and lay in barrier pipe are completed he has left tails for connections ready, office has kept taps in the office in fear of theft, they cost over £50 each. We will fit them when the main connection from Veolia is installed.

3.7 Colney Heath Parish Council 2010 Year Events

Cllr Horner was pleased to announce the annual over 60's Christmas Lunch to be held at the St Marks Centre on 10th December. The details and application form is printed in Chronicle. Loan of tables need organising from Village Hall Committee. Office will procure the wine and other items as required as usual. As past budget is agreed.

3.8 Matters of Anti Social Behaviour

List was made available to members; the ranger reported 3 horses found on common

3.9 Parish Charter St Albans & District Council Bi-Annual Conference

The Chair advised the next conference date is on 26th November but we have not received any details on the venue, all members are invited if they wish to attend.

4. FINANCE-(Clerk & RFO J.E.Dean to report)

Financial Report

The Clerk gave details about the current financial situation & monthly report

4.1 Finance & Accounts

The Clerk handed out copies of the council financial statement & excel reports to each member;-November £29,996.28 expenditure inc £1902.64. VAT. The Clerk went over a heavy month of expenditure, details explained to the meeting and taking questions.

All payments were agreed;-

Proposed by Cllr C Brazier

Seconded by Cllr J Day

4.2 Investments & Banking Matters

The Clerk reported interest received from investments to date (31/10/10) is £564.49

4.3 Progress of VAT

This next claim for 2009-10 is in work in process and shortly for final submission. As previously agreed council are to use the return for allotments water installation.

4.4 Audit Approval 2009-10

Statutory Notices having been put out the process of Audit is now finalised for this year 2009-10. The papers having been made available and open to examination are agreed and details in the report were accepted and Clerk to deal with requirements.

Proposed Cllr Brazier

Seconded Cllr Day

4.5 Other Financial Matters and Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk reported expenditure to the 31st October, detailing balance and amounts in the I&R accounts. Adding we have a fairly healthy but tight balance remaining to year end giving predictions on our cash-flow and expenditure whilst taking account of pending major commitments going forward to March 2011-available if requested.

Grant Aid Application

The Clerk outlined new rules additional to the financial and balance sheet aspect of claimants. Copy, sent to members in recent post out, Deadline for grant applications is 26th November. Organisations who require an application apply to the office. It is council decision at the budget meeting in December how the grant is justified or paid. The Audit requires all grants to be legal and supported by the appropriate power.

4.6 Charles Morris Recreation Area-Tyttenhanger Green

.Works completed an invoice is to be raised for £4343.33. Agreed two thirds of total cost less vat, claimed by CHPC. We paid the other one third contributions.

4.7 Charging Procedure Village Hall

The Clerk having to deal with charging the VHMC for the rates on the building, both this year and last is outstanding.

4.8 Estimates of Various External Ground Works for approval

Decision to defer- important outstanding works (2) -held over to next financial year.

5. PLANNING

(Planning Advisory Committee)

Planning Applications received since last meeting-as-& at 01.11.10-as listed;-

The Weekly list of planning applications from St Albans City and District Council Members to consider comments collated by the District Planning Applications Officer and updated or circulated since to members of CHPC planning advisory committee. Members are invited to note the comments made in each case and offer additional planning comments if applicable to be forwarded after this meeting to SCADC. The Chair said in view of the time already spent and no real new issues he would pass through this very quickly but inviting comments where appropriate.

High Street Butterfields Site-Residents attended the meeting to say how the latest leaseholder operating a car wash and second hand sales was making their lives in some sense both miserable and intolerable. In assessing the operation now running since August it was open 7 days from very early morning 7.15am to sometimes 12 hours later. The most recent and probably breaching planning regulations was the use of powerful floodlighting over spilling the site causing light pollution extending into their homes. An additional but as yet unidentified nuisance was described as constant humming giving a sound pollution into homes via the open chimney flue. It was both pervasive and intrusive, never heard before during the time of previous tenant Smart Platforms and could not be attributed as normal garage type activity. Perhaps worthy of investigation by SCADC Environment as to the breach, identified as a resonance or low impedance sound intrusion or pollution into dwellings in a residential area. The car delivery vehicles transporting in and out of a limited opening caused traffic and other hold-ups as well as diesel fumes by leaving engines running to make hydraulic lift mechanisms work. In all it has become a massive daily intrusion into their lives. The hours of operation suggest a shift working pattern to capture more passing trade, by opening early to late. Further by the use of fly posting all around nearby roads and the A414 directing potential trade. Again residents felt SCADC should be focusing on this as well in their long awaited process of enforcement. It was suggested the action so far in requesting an application from tenant to "A Change of Use" was deliberately being avoided to prevent the disenfranchised residents an opportunity to have their opinions heard by a planning committee. Cllr Brazier was very sympathetic adding

CHPC is full support of their grievance but car sales and similar operations are very grey areas. He added that Enforcement are on the case but there has to be a time of allowance for an application before a breach or perhaps even grounds for a stop can be applied. This to avoid potential legal action might come forward if all due process isn't considered in the whole planning issue of its use as a garage site. It was agreed CHPC and Cllr Brazier will monitor the site and the Clerk was requested to send an extract of the minutes with a letter to SCADC Head of Planning Ms H Cheesborough.

Perhaps it is time for the site owner to meet the District Council and legal team in order to explain the longer term plans for the site and how an amicable solution to all sides can be found within the various PPG's that might protect residents of dwellings. The meeting added the site has a great deal of background history.

Planning List received

Printed list circulated to all members;-

As sent	From SCADC	
Plan number /address/application	Weekly lists	Circulated to members who wish to receive

Major Development See **Bold Type**.

5-1 Planning Applications: As listed below and received up to the date of this agenda publication-**bold= topical**;-

Note items with Listed Building Status are noted with suffix LB after the plan no- e.g. 5/07/000LB

5/10/1960	78 Tollgate Rd	Conversion of garage into habitable room	No objections
5/10/2273	66 Firwood Avenue	First floor rear extension with two rear dormer windows	No objections – as long as the previous reasons for refusal have been addressed
5/10/2337	64 Tollgate Rd	Part single, part two storey front and side ext and loft conversion	No objections
5/10/2258	Brandon 1-20 Hill end Lane	Extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission 5/05/0804Dc dated 20/6/05 for twenty portable dwellings for homeless persons	Our previous comments are still valid but more residents have contacted CHPC with concerns- Pointing out that 26 homes or units is a large increase on the 14 that are currently on site. Clearly there are more units of different configuration-Past issues linked to the site of Anti Social Behaviour. Whilst welcoming benefits & improvements to families living there assurance these are for family units only- and not single units thereby increasing housing numbers that leads to crowding & more ASB
5/10/2326	12 Cairns close	Garage conversion and alteration to opening	No objections
5/10/2110	11 Firwood Ave	First floor rear ext	No objections
5/10/2360	14 Puddingstone Drive	Two storey side extension and f/porch	No objections
5/10/2416	13 Starlight Way	Single storey rear extension	If the officers agree previous reasons for refusal dealt with & satisfaction - we have no more objections

Comments to note;-

Application 5/10/1536 Nicholas Breakspear School

Refused on grounds of intrusion inadequate parking hours of operation and potential nuisance to nearby residents. This application did not have the support of CHPC.

.Application 5/10/1789 Land adj to Brandon Hill-3 Dwellings (ASRA H/Assoc)

Approved and density and style of dwellings stays the same.

Application 5/10/1739 the Oak House 14 Starlight Way

Cllr Brazier explained the DC position in refusal; the council supported the refusal and thanked Cllr Brazier for the simple explanation on potential overdevelopment.

LDF and Core Frame work Strategy-Shaping our Community

No further reports-might be reconsidered or dropped new re-coalition Govt directives

THE FUTURE OF HERTFORDSHIRE WASTE-Pre Submission Document

A consultative document is focusing on the issue of waste in the county; Clerk has main details in office and can copy and send out copy if members wish to comment

Have your say-**Consultation ends 13th December 2010** www.hertsdirect.org/wasteplanningconsultation.

5-2 Planning Approvals

As listed since last meeting

Number	Address	Application	SCADC Decision
5/10/1515	28 Highfield Lane	Two storey front, side and first floor extensions, rear Juliet balcony and solar	Planning Permission
5/10/1878	4 Ivory Close	Garage conversion into habitable room and single storey rear extension	Planning Permission
5/10/1725	8 Honeycroft Drive	Single storey rear extension following of existing conservatory and conversion of existing attached garage into a habitable room	Planning Permission
5/10/1578	Land R/O 43 & 45 Firwood Avenue	Extension of time for implementation of planning permission 5/2007/1198 dated 2/7/2007 for a detached bungalow	Planning Permission
5/10/2018	9 Maslen Road	Single storey rear and two storey side extensions, conversion of existing integral garage into living accommodation and hardstanding front	Planning Permission
5/10/2079	5 Lynch Court	Single storey rear extension with rooflights and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation	Planning Permission

5.3 Refusals and Appeals- Enforcement Notices

5/10/1536	Nicholas Breakspear School	Changing rooms, teaching building, and new Multi use games area + floodlights	Planning Refusal
5/10/1726	The Oak House 14 Starlight Way	Two storey front extension, and side and rear extension to provide single storey accommodation, conversion of garage to habitable room, front porch and new detached garage	Planning Refusal

Post Office

Not exactly a planning issue, Clerk has written to Post Office Ltd over consultation on change of premises, in support of proposal to move to opposite side of the road.

5.3-1 Enforcement or Appeal Notices

Application 5/10/1043-Notice of Appeal-Mr R Evans 2 Roestock Lane Colney Heath, by written representations. Does this council wish to respond-debate? Advise Clerk.
Butterfields Site-Car Wash & Sales -SCADC have served notice & application

5.3-2 Application to Discharge Planning Conditions or Amended Descriptions

Site Former Oaklands College Site Application 5/08/2429
The Oak Hosue-14 Starlight Way-5/10/1726 Refused

5.3-3 Appeals Other

Appeal P/APP/05/08/2483-Land Smallford Nurseries Hatfield Road –appeal against SCADC refusal to planning permission of new building in Green Belt.
Application 5/10/1726 the Oak House 14 Starlight Way

OTHER TOPICAL ITEMS FOR INFORMATION-following

5-4 Strategic or Planning issues SCADC

No reports.

5.4.1 Planning Inspectorate Bristol-Regional

Strategy Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation –East of England-Final Policies

East of England Regional Assembly disbanded by Coalition Govt in July 2010
Revive this item from agenda next time

5.4-2 BA Stanstead Airport Noise Action Appeal

No Reports this time

5.5-2 Helioslough Rail\Freight Terminal-SRFI

No reports on Legal Challenges and Public Inquiry and Sec of State intervention being challenged see additional disruption to an already busy area and road network.

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)

Landfill & Quarry-Next Lafarge Meeting to be advised

Minerals & Waste –New suggested plans public consultation out to 15th December

5.7 Smallford Station Preservation order

Several suggestions were made by members the Clerk is to either send a letter or have a conversation with Ms West at SCADC Conservation explaining the council concern; CHPC would willingly support a preservation order.

5.8 Section 106 Money to be used in Colney Heath

Cllr Gowens wanted a debate on this issue as Chris Driver had contacted SCADC Head of Planning Ms Cheesborough over developer premium monies from Highfield Park 35 homes now built. The reply seemingly disputed several of past statements made in council suggesting it has gone elsewhere. The Letter was copied by the Clerk and passed to the Chair and Cllr Brazier, clearly news to many including Cllr Day who had involvement in trying to get commitment, clearly unexpected. Indicating the S106 which was supposed to be reserved for a pedestrian crossing or other road safety

works did not get used for this nor was any left. Cllr Gowens suggested we have been remiss in not ensuring it was reserved. Cllr Horner and Clerk at a recent HHWP officer meeting also had this opinion, but HHWP are saying the project has not gone away. Damien Higgins had an idea that a floating sum of about £38k in the budget might get consideration, he is trying for it within HHWP. After some debate it was generally agreed and supported by Cllr Day and Cllr Brazier, who said he has a letter from HHWP indicating reserve. The Clerk reminded members about how the plans were laid out for a past meeting in 2006-7 to which all members spent about an hour deliberating. He was sure correspondence and applications had been made, we will spend time next week to find. Meanwhile Cllr Brazier said he will search for a particular letter supporting his statements made in council. The Clerk has since posted all members a copy of the Development Control letter to Mr Chris Driver.

**OTHER TOPICAL ITEMS FOR INFORMATION-following
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment for SCADC**

No reports

London Green Belt Council

Cllr Crump-is parish representative.

Harlow North Any new issues noted.

New Barnfield Waste Site-No planning applications as yet-

6 COMMONS OPEN SPACES & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The written reports were considered of:-

6-1 Parish Warden Report

Report will be made available to members-including village works in post out later.

6-2 Parish Commons Ranger Report

Monthly report available-contents noted including report included camper van parked on the common, river flow still relatively low.

6-3 Parish Gardner and Tennis Courts Attendant Reports

Report includes winter tidy up and pansies planted out, also small bulb order. Gardens looking very well kept.

6-4 Church & Graveyard Keepers work/time sheet

No further reports. Work continuing to a satisfactory standard.

6-5 CHPC Grass Cutting Contract

No reports or cuts-winter season.

6-6 Commons-Works -Grazing & Stewardship & River Colne.

No reports passed by this time

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

Clerk met with CMS on 15th October, two kissing gates to be installed to replace stiles on FP34 Any Costs agreed through P3. One other at Crooked Billet being considered.

6.7 Access Track on Common (Rear of V/Hall-High St & High St Cock PH end

Reported earlier in 3.2.

6.8 Flood Survey and continuing watch by Environment Agency

Past reports Office has small stock of sandbags/preventative devices to deploy to residents as part of district emergency plan. We are also get severe weather warnings from the District Council. Available to forward to residents by e-mail if requested.

6.9 OPEN SPACES Play & Recreation Areas. CHPC land or playing fields

Councillors or Clerk to report on any issues:-

1. **High Street Play Area**;- No Reports
2. **Community Park**;-No reports
3. **Roestock Park**;-Work remains-to do after parish year end-Requires new waste bin and gate returning to hinges RP to do also Basket Ball net and Goal.
4. **Gloucester Park**;-Cllr Gowens reported in earlier.
5. **Sleapshyde Recreation Area**;-No reports
6. **Charles Morris Play Area**;-New item of play equipment installed.
7. **Harvesters & Smallford Dog Walk**;-bent fence post-RP asked to repair-s Mr Paxton to do & check.
8. **Smallford Pond & Triangle**;-Cllr Crump was not at the council meeting so a volunteer day might have to be put off until January 2011. The CMS advised we can clear the pond as newts or toads will be dormant at that time- but more to the point what are we going to do with the spoil. Organic allotments?
- 9 **Play areas -Highfield Park Estate/Area-(There are 5)**
No reports-areas are responsibility of HPT.

7 HIGHWAYS-TRANSPORT-FOOTPATHS AND VERGES

7.1 Highways Maintenance improvements local Roads or major routes

Meeting here with Damian Higgins HHWP Chair Cllr Horner and Clerk on 2nd November report sent out to all members, next bi monthly meeting will be January 2011 date to be advised. Members had no other issues to report.

7-2 Paths and Access-and verge ditch works attached or adjacent to Highways

Cllr Day has involvement HHWP in getting ditch works done in Tyttenhanger

7.2-1 OTHER HIGHWAY MATTERS

Safety Issue-Nicholas Breakspear School

Damien Higgins reported in Highways Meeting something was being done about the busses mounting the kerb when dropping off children at Nicholas Breakspear.

Rural Transport Grant for-High Street & Tollgate Road Improvements

Changes to road scheme.

Colney Heath Traffic Calming Petition

No further reports on the petition Clerk still unsure if in existence.

Adoption of Roads-Abysmal performance of Herts Highways

Ongoing issues and remains unsatisfactory-Still not completely resolved with HCC.

Improving the Visible Street Scene

Application for a grant was awarded-Cllr Brazier has provided suggestions parish Gardner is involved with works, Clerk to look at project WIP.

Cycle Way round about Colney Heath-SCADC

A new cycle map has been produced for the district copies available at the office.

HGV in Wilkins Green Lane

HHWP has asked for a proper warning sign be put up. Still awaiting confirmation

7.2-2 TRAFFIC ORDERS

Recent copies of any traffic orders sent to the office circulated to members.

7.3 Path Access Verge and Ditch issues Highfield

No further reports.

7.4 Tollgate Road VAS Speed Cameras-and Highfield Area

Request past made by Cllr Reeves to revisit installation of VAS instead of speed cushions. Other traffic calming issues in abeyance after resident objections.

7.5 M25 Widening started summer 2008 remaining into 2010

Reports-progress is continuing at a rapid pace but local congestion is increasing

7-6 Transport and Community Friday Shopping Bus

Cllr Horner gave a brief report-The Bus service still needing more volunteer drivers.

7-7 Long –About A414

No further reports.

7.8 Highway Warning Signs & Mandatory Signs

Noted and suggest keeping as a reminder, the Clerk asked if this need be retained

7.9 Adoption of Roads in Hertfordshire

Issue has gone to H.O.P. and under HCC review according to Cllr Brazier.

7.10 Barley Mow Lane Pending Closure (Gating Order-Temporary)

Both the Chair and Clerk heard the gating order if it goes ahead is likely to have a permanency but as yet works not finalised.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS -Item 8

Public questions over the Butterfields Car Wash (see planning) and sales with several residents complaining about loss of privacy, waiting vehicles, car transporters noise and a fresh nuisance floodlights. The council are extremely sympathetic to residents in having to endure this in what really should be a residential area. Cllr Brazier has explained the difficulties over planning law and how the District Council has some problems with an immediate solution. It was suggested by Cllr Barnes the noise and lights are key issues in the complaint scenario and should be explored. All agreed the opening times unfair. One resident spoke of a constant humming from machinery the Clerk said this should be investigated. The council are in full support of residents to see the nuisance be alleviated, but find extreme difficulties in seeing an easy solution. *At this point and late hour Cllr Horner suggested if no specific issues or particular business on remaining agenda items he would move on quickly to finalise-all agreed*

9 COUNCIL BUILDINGS-ORGANISATIONS & TRUSTEE MATTERS

9-1 High Street Recreation Area & CHFC meetings

Clerk attended a meeting at CHFC on 18th October, bar lights discussed, bulb replacement is getting expensive, wish to change to down light fluorescent style. Works to outside light waiting their fixing we will have supply connected. Called Instaltec out to renew capacitor in floods, will be re-invoicing CHFC. We are to pay

for 6 monthly check of smoke alarm, but not replacement of fire extinguisher, their responsibility and must be done. No other reports.

9-2 Treasure Tots Pre-School.

Cllr Horner read out a short report from the Leader in the absence of Cllr Crump adding we are pleased to have the member of staff return from sick leave; recently widowed-who was also on compassionate leave. School is running ok, still looking for a deputy leader qualified to grade 3 or 4. Thanks to Cllr Solts Wife for help in the search for candidates, the Clerk noted his comments in style of recruiting/advertising in light of staff movements and candidate search. Options.

9-3 Village Hall & Committee

Cllr Horner was on the committee but stated he has no matters to raise. A meeting is due soon. The Clerk raised the issue of the past rating account mentioned earlier in finance and seeking member's guidance on the way forward. He also mentioned the booking clerk has provided the information requested on bookings of the community room. It seems that CHPC are the principle hirers in the survey period. It might also be the main hirer of the hall through Treasure Tots.

9-4 Charles Morris Hall Trustees & Council owned Field & Access

Cllr Day asked how the ditching works are getting on the Clerk was pleased to report completion of our portion, Oaklands balancing pond to be done in November. Clerk responded to Cllr Reeves question giving an update on the legal and document search.

9-5 Highfield (Community) Park & Trustees

Cllr Reeves reminded by the Clerk about his past application for funding for the Apprentice grant again this time. He confirmed the Christmas Fair will go ahead again this year.

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

No reports.

9-7 Youth Organisations Locally & Youth Council

Again no reports this time. Staff availability is a county wide problem.

9.8 Sheltered Housing-Review Newsletter

Publications (SCADC) are available regularly every two weeks in the office but we hear this will cease at the end of the year and go on line only.

9.9 Residents Associations.

Highfield Park Residents Association-HPR

Telecoms boxes are under review with district planning.

Barley Mow Lane Residents Safety Group

The gating order and funding outcome is immanent, agencies deciding who is to do.

Smallford Residents Association

Matters for the SRA mentioned elsewhere.

Springfield Road-(Part of Smallford Res Assoc)

Survey carried out of Lorries and HGV report circulated to all Councillors.

Other residents associations

Opportunity to have your comments raised at council meeting-contact the office

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

10-1 Fly Tipping Reports

Copies of reports available to members-reports to pass to Clerk-two in BML area and two incidents reported also Warren Track at a cost to us of £250.00 other recent tips removed by SCADC.Cllr Day reported 2 tips either side of Plough PH on 31st October police had to be called, tip left with hazard lights at night, collected following day.

Clerk to Members note it is helpful when contacting the parish office to report a fly-tip we have the following information SCADC wont collect unless we can tell them this;-

- *Location*
- *Type of waste*
- *If you have already reported the fly tip to SCADC and you are updating our log*

10-2 Police and Community Police matters

Next meeting is on Saturday 6th November in V/Hall Community Room at 5pm.

10-3 Twinning

Newsletter to be circulated. Details of Christmas Dance-Supper on 10th December.

10-4 Reports from Members or attending other meetings

No reports

10.5 Flood & Environment Agency Reports

No further reports

10.6 Lafarge Liaison Meeting

Lafarge-next meeting will be on 18th January 2011 Venue to be advised

10.7 HM Govt Issues

No reports

10.8 St Albans Association of Local Councils –SADALC

Formerly the St Albans & District Association of Town & Parish Councils new name old association with fresh constitution September 2010, members had no comments

11 Members Questions and Late Maters

No reports.

11.1 Charles Morris Recreation Area-Ditching works

Works done over weekend November 1st, Clerk is making contact with Matt Bolton

11.2 Dog Waste Collection

Service is satisfactory-no adverse reports.

12 OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Alternative Meeting Places Highfield Area

Next in this area is the Full Council on February 2011 at Charles Morris

The Annual Parish Meeting will also be held there in 2011

No specific reports following

12-1 Staff and Office Matters

No reports.

12.2 Clerk to Report on Future Matters requiring attention

No reports

12-3 Capital Purchase

No reports

12-4 Publicity- Parish Council Web Site & Chronicle

Next edition "Winter" Deadline was 1st November Chair is to do Parish Matters.

12.5 Notice Boards and Signs & Bus Shelters

Clerk reports delivery now November 15th one is to go into store at Warren Fm

Clerk reported having put out warning notices on Common ageist indiscriminate letting off fireworks Fireworks Act -2003-2004-Big fines –

Also Clean Neighbourhoods Act 2005 applies in public open spaces

Police asked to do extra patrols and Commons By Laws Apply

This meeting closed at 10.12 pm.



John Dean

Clerk to the Council

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Note!

Members advice-the next full council meeting will be on 2ND December at 7.30pm at Village Hall Community Room-last hour will be in part 2 for Budget/Precept 2011-12