

MINUTES OF THE FULL COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY -12th JANUARY 2006

Present; - Cllr's Rump Chair-Cllr Hall Vice-Chair- Cllr C Brazier-Cllr Day –
Cllr P Reeves.-Cllr Henchley - Cllr Clarke.

County Councillor Cllr Brian Lee

Clerk; Mr J E Dean

Members of the Public-Mrs G Moody-Mr D Becker.

1. APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair was advised Cllr Corley sent apologies, Cllr Crump was attending Luton Airport meeting-Cllr Day had phoned Clerk to say they would be late. Also in part Cllr Brazier as he needed to leave at 8.30.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk noted Cllr Henchley role as President of CHFC. He has a non pecuniary interest in matters-member accepted to abstain from voting on all matters connected with CHFC. Being allowed- to remain to offer a viewpoint without suggesting of or bearing due influence to, on the matters debated following on in the agenda items.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Full Council held on 1st December 2005 were approved and accepted as correct-

Proposed by Cllr Hall

Seconded by Cllr Brazier

The minutes were signed by the Chairman as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising

4 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN MAY BRING BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Clerk had suggested the Chair may wish to change the running order of the agenda to suit the district and county member's going on to other meetings.

River Colne

Cllr Brazier asked the Chair if he could raise the matter of the Environment Agency flood study carried out in January 2004 by Halcrow Group regarding the Common. He said that the gist of the study was to dismiss as un-economical remedial work by way of a 430m x1.5 height bund, on unfavourable priority point score of 5 and cost. The Clerk added that he had for some time considered keeping an action file on the subject as a community document. Also the Clerk said he was planning to write to the EA about the poor state of the maintenance in the river bed.

Archive-Village History

The Clerk suggested this could be done by a local History Student from Herts UNI



5. URGENT BUSINESS AND MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Pre School-Treasure Tots a Parish Council & Community Partnership.

Without Cllr Corley attending the meeting an overview was given by the Clerk to advise the members how they had achieved at least £120 per week off the payroll. This was necessary due to the decrease in children attending, not through loss of business but a lower uptake on places by parents. Fewer children in the village of rising three year olds which affected the ratio of staff required daily. Later in the Budget debate there was a Grant Aid application for up to £6000 to cover the terms shortfall.

Comments were noted from Cllr Crump regarding advertising and web site plans.

5.2 Coursers Road

Cllr Brazier gave an overview of the situation adding that the trespass issue was now over and we had retained the common. The Clerk had arranged the removal with the aid of Court bailiffs and as a result Mr Robb and others had taken up residence on the side of the road in Roestock Lane. We had successfully gained a court order on 9th January 2006 in the County Court for a charging order allowing us a legal charge on the land known as Nukkies Farm in order to begin recovery of our costs. The Clerk distributed copies of the explanation letter dated 11 January 2006 from the solicitor outlining the true facts of the situation. The Clerk advised the contents were "blue paper" and he will keep members advised of any matters adding that Mr Robb had suggested might offer a small weekly payment. He needs to make an appointment to discuss this with the Clerk, adding that initiative is with him. The Clerk said he will put any proposals to the full council in February after consultation with the solicitor.

5.3 Police Initiative Meeting & Crime Report

There were no Police reports available, the next meeting was taking place here on the 25 January, Cllr Reeves said he had received an invitation. It was also noted in the minutes that the police were aware of the late night car nuisance at Smallford. Other Police issues- letter from Mr Laidlaw Dickson Chairman Herts Police Authority dated 21st December thanking respondents to police numbers and restructuring.

5.4 Tyttenhanger Sign

Cllr Reeves announced that the Plough PH had collected £350 from customers that might be used towards the foundations that will be required. The sign was on order and the delivery expectation will be about 7-8 weeks. Meanwhile the position needs clarification and the appropriate planning application processed.

5.5 Vehicle Intrusion and other way-leave issues-Colney Heath Common

There had been a public meeting on ..November, the Clerk had since distributed the minutes prior top the holiday, and Cllr Reeves had raised the matter of parish land at Tyttenhanger that should most certainly be included. Cllr Brazier offered to write. The Clerk said it was now for members to agree a format for a licence and he would contact Mr P Clayden after he returned from an extended holiday in February for help in constructing the correct legal expression. After which we can process the invoices for wayleaves and collect the fees. Cllr Brazier was very keen to see the verge posts replaced at the Queens Head area of Coursers Road. The Clerk said he would see if Mr Paxton could do the job. Suggesting the use of similar posts to those at V/Hall CP.

5.6 Old Friends and Over 65's

The Clerk said that the office had received numerous letters and messages of thanks that were directed at the generosity of the Council for the Christmas Lunch on the 16th December and the Biscuits distributed by members for the pensioners.

6 SPECIAL AND NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Smallford Landfill Site Methane Levels Monitoring

Cllr Crump was not present but had sent a note to the Chairman regarding this matter and said that he had chased the HCC agents Lambert Smith Hampton about results. It would seem that no effective monitoring has taken place since our last enquiry over one year and the appearance of a cabin that is supposedly connected to the equipment to replace a past inadequate scheme. Excuses and no monitoring seem according to Cllr Crump be forthcoming, and suggested District Councillors might find out more. There is a reliance on the facts to assure local residents about this contaminated land.

6.2 Vital Villages Plan-& Community Projects.

The Clerk added that this was no longer required as a heading and he had changed to a new, in order to capture any new requirements under this general heading. The current projects include Youth Club and Community Bus but they have separate headings in the agenda. They should not be duplicated here.

6.3 Youth Club

Cllr Brazier hoped to see the club re-start under the YMCA banner, he had carried out discussions with the organisers, but no date fixed for a start. It may be that community transport will be needed to bus those who wish to attend from this side of the village. The Clerk advised in the past year we had contributed about £3400 in 2004-5 and less in 2005-6 with costs to date of about £2400. This was all within budget expectations. Again Cllr Crump had sent a note adding his support to a youth project continuing.

Other Youth Issues-Skate Park suggestion

Kept on the Agenda a possible project by Cllr Brazier but no reports this time.

6.4 Smallford Residents Association

Cllr Brazier said that all were aware of the Planning Inquiry on January 17th and the number of dwellings had been reduced on the site to 20 from 75 originally. County Cllr B Lee was interested in this matter and exchanged opinions with Cllr Brazier.

7 FINANCE

The Clerk reminded members he had re-invested £50,000 in Treasury Reserves on January at 3.85% fixed for 90 days. (Overall bank interest to date is £2004-month 9)

7.1 Payments and Income

The Clerk presented the financial statements showing the expenditure in January is £17214.30 to date this month. Income revenue this month was £0

The Clerk has several questions to be clarified by insurers the responses will be brought to the attention of the members when it is received at a future meeting.

The Auditor had also highlighted Fidelity insurance and Business Interruption which is one of the outstanding questions to be answered.

The figures were accepted;-

Proposed Cllr Brazier

Seconded Cllr Reeves

Bank Movements and Finances

Bank Transfer from Reserves to General Account-as at 01/12/05

Bank Statement Capital Reserves £53742.42 Reserve Account £635.04

Bank Main Reserve Account £5097.89 Current Account £6967.96

This is the position of the accounts according to latest statements and information received from the bank. These are without reconciliation of this month's expenditure.

Income from Way-leaves-Commons Land Issues outstanding.

Temporary postponed with the considerations to be made on the future issues from the public debate the Clerk advised about a format for the licence and to get this run past LCAS (Paul Clayden) for legal words approval. This is a future meeting item.

7.2 Audit 2003-4

The Clerk has submitted this to Lubbock Fine; we are awaiting their finalisation.

Audit 2004/5 Finalisation and Approval

The audit for 2004-5 was completed on 3rd and 4th October, the Clerk will bring this to the attention of members to be formalised for full approval at a later meeting..

7.3 VAT Claim-Audit year-2004/5

The Clerk advised the current position that along with the general accounts this will be submitted to HMCR shortly once processed.

7.4 Banking and Signatories

The Clerk has previous approval to change to the Wages Account, to allow the office the facility of the account to make emergency payments, up to £1500.

7.5 Pension

Clerk has reported about charges for 2005/6 funding to HCC Pensions.

7.6 Budget and Precept

The Precept and Budget figures were outlined by the Clerk options were given in varying percentages based on increases on current Parish Year. Cllr Brazier said that we should consider that 6% as the overall operating costs would mean some use of the reserves again this year. Within the 12 financial cost centres noted in the cash book we again are budgeting in excess of the precept to the extreme sum of £ 156,300.

The precept figure agreed was £128,933.00 and voted unanimously by all present.

Proposed by Cllr Brazier

Seconded by Cllr Hall

Figures will be put in writing this week to SCADC based on the following criteria:-

Administration, Buildings, & Other Heads	90,895.00
Leisure, Recreation, and other Public Facilities	38,038.00
	£128,933.00

The Clerk suggested that the provision of Grant Aid monies totalling £16,500 that have been included in the above sum will need a further scrutiny by members to be sure that it meets the criteria of allowable funding under specific powers. The Auditor will require this to be met, and matters such as proper accounts and financial details will be requested from all claiming sums in excess of £2000.00. The Clerk will be writing to the secretaries to seek the appropriate information. After which if agreed by

all members, ratified at full council meetings with recommendation by the Finance Committee the Grant Aid payments to applicants will be made during May 2006. There is also the possibility of requiring an up-grade from the basic accounting software the Clerk is to examine some options from various suppliers including Sage.

8. PLANNING

Details of the planning applications were as given on the agenda notes, examination on the plans noted were considered further study or debate, the results here as noted:-

*Members will have noted the response from Cllr Brazier to Ricardo Rodriguez dated 5th January 2006-regarding Scott Wilson Developers and implications-circulated.

8.1 Planning Applications

The following were debated:-

PLANNING-Special notes specific as noted herewith:-

5/05/2211	13 Puddingstone Drive	Single storey rear extension	No objections
5/05/2206	2 Sleafshyde Lane	Two storey rear extension with side dormer window	No objections
5/05/2196	10 Edison Close	Single storey rear extension	No objections
5/05/2302	9 Newfield Way	Conversion of garage into habitable room	No objections
5/05/2283	2 Edison Close	Rear Conservatory	No objections
5/05/2282	15 Maslen Road	Relocation of fence to side of property	No objections
5/05/2412	2 Puddingstone Drive	Part single, part two storey side extension and rear conservatory	Objections- Preferred original application 5/05/2206 this is too large and has an overwhelming effect on the street scene.
5/05/2375	46 Princess Diana Drive	Single storey rear extension and extension to detached garage	Object over the past DC agreements over no extension to hospital footprint and GB issues.
5/05/2427	3 Hixberry Lane	Internal to create 2 S/c Flats	With Cllr Brazier 9/12
5/05/2433	11 High Street Colney Heath	Shop Sign	With Cllr Brazier 9/12
5/05/2437	Land adjacent 7 Smallford Lane	Erect one new dwelling In place of Garage	Strongly object- Inappropriate street scene viz other semi- det properties-too large for site-GB issues-loss of amenity & space-shared access inadequate for future residents-lost parking-road unable to take more-verge damage.

	Sandhurst 31 Highfield Lane	Demolition of existing garages and erection of single storey building to form three individual garages	Clerk advice defer to district council offices as applicant is member of P/council.
5/05/2494	61 Colney Heath Lane	Part single, part two storey rear extension and two storey side extension	With Cllr Brazier
5/05/2497	5 Newfield Way	Shed in rear garden	With Cllr Brazier
5/05/2527 DC	7 Sleapshyde Lane	Wind Turbine	With Cllr Brazier

05/2038/4-Wychlands Crescent-Construction of new Children's home-now altered to retain trees; -as reported last -matter is in hands of HCC-probable approval.

Proposed Extension to Extraction of Sand & Gravel-Tyttenhanger Quarry
Clerk has sent a letter 7/11/05 circulated, members have no reasoned objection.

Proposed Mineral Extraction at Former Hatfield Aerodrome (BAE SITE)
Noted-there were no specific comments.

8.2 Appeals & Enforcements

Notices circulated and details delivered for the attention of members at the meeting:-

P/APP/2624- 33 Highfield Lane.

Appeal lodged against ASADC refusal of conservatory-alteration in G/Belt

05/2625LJY-Buckland Bungalow Sleapshyde

Appeal lodged against Council refusal to allow extension ref 5/05/1714.

05/04/2765-Oaklands-Changes to college building- proposal

Letter sent from office to Mr D Goodman 6th October noted.

05/04/2838&39-Belgrave Land Ltd Smallford Garden Village

#Appeal lodged for a Public Inspector Decision starting on 17th January 2006.

*Cllr Brazier is to attend the Public Inquiry on some days.

5/2005/0679-BT Trial Site-

Application needed to get committee approval for 100 dwellings-ongoing matter.

Smallford Residents Deputation-re BT Site & Horse Field Possible Development

No reports this time, other matters noted under appropriate headings.

5/05/2527DC 7 Sleapshyde Lane, Smallford- Installation of Wind Turbine to rear-
Members noted the rear projection two metres max over ridge – Members did not see that this would not be overly intrusive to surrounding properties.

8.3 Planning Decisions-Approvals and Refusals

Members noted applications that had been approved or refused as noted here-

5/05/2013	Land to rear of 43 & 45 Firwood Ave	Two detached chalet bungalows outline	Outline Permission
5/05/2032	610 Hatfield road	Three bedroom dwelling house	Planning Refusal
5/05/1973	14 Colney Heath Lane	Loft conversion with side dormer window	Planning Permitted
5/05/2001	15 Hall Gardens	Single storey rear, two storey side and s storey front ext	Planning Permitted
5/05/1922	The Oak House	14 Starlight Way	Planning Permitted
5/05/1936	Land between 106 and 116 Tollgate Rd	Detached dwelling	Planning Refusal
5/05/1882	145 Colney Heath Lane	Single storey side and two storey rear extension and vehicle crossover	Planning Refusal
5/05/2013	Land to rear of 43 and 45 Firwood Ave	Two detached chalet bungalows	Planning Permitted
5/05/2106	18 Maslen Road	Relocation of side boundary fence	Planning Refusal
5/05/2211	13 Puddingstone Drive	Single storey rear extension	Planning Permitted

8.4 Adoption of Roads Issue-Highfield

Cllr Brazier has had lengthy but successful discussions with SCADC to adopt certain roads, a past developer or Housing Association issue, see letter 31st October 2005. The roads are to include Chivenor Place-Princess Diana Drive-Russet Drive-Bramley Way -Edison Close-Cairns Close- Stanmore Chase-Grafton Close-Manston Way-St Barts Close- Honeycroft Drive-Housefield Way-Church Croft-Newfield Way. Different developers/Associations need to make the overall result properly funded.

8.5 Affordable Housing & Lettings

Three new homes are to be built at the old garages site in Sleafshyde. No further report this time.

8.6 Planning on the Web

No debate this time

8.7 Licences-Alcohol Sales-Bars- Clubs- Pubs- Hotels- Off Sales-Occasional.

The Chair noted- no applications this time. *Members agreed with the Clerk decision- it is prudent to only state the applications from within the Village in this section.*

8.8 Air Quality Action Plan

This remains on agenda-but no comments this time

8.9 Section 106 Agreements

Cllr Reeves requested a letter be sent re Highfield Farm-Clerk to check details with him first prior to letter. Also response to Alan Moorhouse-letter 24th November.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME-

Questions about Coursers Road and movement of Travellers to Roestock Lane were answered by the Clerk, the matter is now the responsibility of HCC. The issue of welfare of a particular individual had been complied with and taken up with the appropriate agencies since by Cllr Brazier and at the time of removal by the Clerk.

10 COLNEY HEATH COMMON-(POS)

public open space

10.1 Commons Ranger Report

Members were circulated with the recent report.

10.2 Monitoring of Transco Pipeline

There is no report this time.

10.3 Common Stewardship

The Clerk gave an update on the second stage clearance work, some completed in December and further stump grinding work completed in the early days this year. We have received a Countryside Stewardship payment for our claim of £2969.20. Also the CPH Number is now 18/071/0041-place of business 83 High Street. Details in letter received 09 December noted, copy to Cllr Brazier. The Clerk to discuss extra cutting regime with Mr Paxton once this begins in March.

10.6 Grass Cutting Contract.

One more cut to do in March 06 within this year budget costs-see 10.3.

10.7 New Bridge

Defer-no additional comments from members, item kept on agenda-date 2006?

10.8 Fly Tipping

Cllr Henchley made references to the continuing problems in Barley Mow Lane and Cllr Clarke of the fly tipping in Hixberry Lane (Bridle/track) it was suggested there was no general improvement. The district council policy was called into question it has not resolved the problem, the letter from Mr Robertson indicating new measures have had little impact according to Cllr Henchley. He asked that we write again to ask about costs of removing fly tipping district wide.

11 RECREATIONAL AREAS

11.1 Parish Warden Report

Report received contents noted.

11.2 Parish Gardens Report

Report received contents noted.

11.3 Park Inspections

No reports the Chairman moved on.

11.4 Signs

The Clerk advised signs progress, some already done- others as scope opportunity and budget allow and require to be done progressively.

12 HIGH STREET RECREATION GROUNDS

12.1 Colney Heath Football Club

The Clerk advised that he has called out the shutter contractors on an issue of safety to repair the main entrance roller that was descending of its own will. We are in the third year of installation and must expect some maintenance costs. Estimate £250 with call out and travelling. The electrical installation needs an inspection and the Clerk has warned of high costs if works are required. We have no past record of replacement to the wiring or any work history on the installation, or if it is original. Funds for this will probably have to come from reserves. Cllr Brazier has insisted that any contract is placed via the council. The Clerk assured this will be the case as we are owners of the building. Adding this year is also the right time to begin re-negotiating the lease and for the club to begin looking getting at the dilapidations in order. A report from Cllr Crump read out by the Chair indicated that there were resident's complaints on the loudspeaker's being used. No formalised complaint but it should not be ignored. There is also the fact the recreation ground is a place for general public access. The Clerk will be writing about the matter of grant aid covered in finance later. With the recent increases in the Insurance Premium, additional rates will have to be paid and the Clerk is to write to the club advising about the new rate from November 05.

12.2 Tennis Court Attendant Report.

Reports of fencing repairs, but not much winter tennis use.

12.3 Lafarge Land Issues

A fence in High Street Recreation Ground they own needs repair, Parish Commons Ranger reported, Clerk to contact Lafarge land agent about their responsibility.

12.4 Dudley Wood

Mentioned to the Clerk of L/Colney about submitting a formal application of title transfer, still on our books as ours although it is being maintained by L/Colney.

13 COMMUNITY PARK & POCKET PARK

Cllr Corley had previously asked for CMS to find an opportunity to offer a report on this area, to date there has been no availability to complete this from CMS. Clerk to speak to Rachel Keane about a student project for work winter/spring-2006/7. This may have to combine with approaching Environment Agency for river works. Grants are available and this needs looking into.

14 ROESTOCK PARK

14.1 Inspection Report & Play Equipment & Graffiti

Cllr Corley is keen on obtaining a BIFFA Award to refurbish the all of the play equipment at the park assistance is being sought via CDA to complete an application.

14.2 Graffiti & Litter Pick

Cllr Brazier and Cllr Crump are keen to organise a litter pick at some stage.

14.3 Signs, Gates & Equipment

Signs, add to Clerk list.

15 no title-held number

16 SMALFORD PARK & DOG WALK

Reported anti social behaviour in the form of late night cars and loud music, we have advised community police team.

16.1 SMALLFORD TRAIL

Motorcycle nuisance and un-registered trials bikes and quads, also on the Alban Way. With obvious dangers to other users, walkers, cyclists, dog walkers and children. Cllr Crump is connected with the committee at Harvesters FC and has offered to take up the issues with the management committee.

17 SLEAPSHYDE PARK

17.1 Inspection Report

Proposal remains on Agenda to use Safe & Sound for inspections of all play areas. Other quotes from Wicksteed and Kompan to be obtained..

18 SLEAPSHYDE POND & TRIANGLE

18.1 Inspection Report.

The works on water pipeline had left the triangle in a poor state earlier according to Cllr Crump report, with other parking damage to verges after the restoration by the contractors on leaving. Mud all over the footpath, mess from the parking and general untidiness. This has been reported according to Cllr Crump, some one is to look at it. If a PC complaint letter is required the Clerk will send if given details of contractor.

19 GLOUCESTER PARK

19.1 Inspection Report

Clerk needs to pass more details to Ottaways regarding CHPC trying to obtain a title to this land it requires some documents from Cllr Reeves. Also Cllr Reeves wanted to see some tree pruning and cutting on the parameter of the park, mainly overgrown and overhanging trees and bushes-Clerk to ask Mr Paxton about this in his general duties.

20 TYTTENHANGER FIELD & PLAY AREA

Clerk remains concerned the play area will need some serious attention within next year to refurbish whole. Recent top up of pine bark is a short term solution, members were shown photos

20.1 TYTTENHANGER HEDGES

Ann e-mail received about getting the hedge cut, Cllr Reeves also loaned a copy of the guidance notes on farm payments to the Clerk-to copy and return. Hedge height to original level is a high priority.

21 HIGHFIELD PARK & TRUST

No reports other than Cllr Brazier trying to get youth club started here under YMCA.

22 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

22.Parish Paths Partnership (P3 Agreement)

Clerk to discuss next year work plan with Cllr Brazier-grant.

22.1 Public and Community Transport

The Clerk informed members in the absence of Cllr Corley, that a Community Transport Meeting had taken place at C/Heath with Transport Manager Les Neilan, who was very keen to see this continue and congratulated CHPC on their success. During the meeting it is understood that other funding options might be available. There is also consideration to use a different bus taking 12 passengers. The Clerk said he had categorised this in the new financial heading of Vital Village Community Projects noting £1000 budget with some sharing of this figure to other projects.

22.3 Disabled Access to Countryside

Cllr Brazier has ideas for this project and has requested it be kept on agenda.

HERTFORDSHIRE-TRANSPORT PLAN to 2011 and LTP Conference

Any member wishing to attend this conference on 21st January 2006-notices out.

23.4 General Highway matters-(Area 52 The Colneys)

Cllr Henchley said we had only just received a reply to our letter of 8th November 2005, to him dated 11th January 2006 although it had been addressed to the Clerk and dated 6th January 2006 he had been sent or faxed the only copy. In general terms the letter addressed some of the problems but it would now be interesting to see if they were carried out. Smallford Lane ditch works are planned for 16th January along with Barley Mow Lane! As A414 Gulley work by that date! Admirals Close work will be programmed for April 2006. The poor service complaint has been passed to higher management. Cllr Henchley said we may have more news next meeting.

The Clerk added that he had spoken recently to Mr A J Redding Clerk to St Albans Association of Town and Parish Councils who were meeting this week to say how disappointed we were at the Highways performance. Could he register at that meeting in particular Cllr Henchley campaign and our extreme concern over the in efficiency and wasted funds and broken promises over 4 years. Indicating our examples so far.

Long About

Cllr Henchley enquired if this was receiving any attention in the district plan in view of the potential increases in housing stock expected to be imposed on the area.

24 VILLAGE HALL (COUNCIL OWNED BUILDING)

No report received, the management committee had only just met after the New Year. Clerk is to meet Mrs P Watson about the buildings insurance going via the Parish Council in future and we charge it back. Auditor requirement and noted best practise.

25 CHARLES MORRIS HALL (TRUSTEE BUILDING)

Application for Grant Aid Refurbishment of Play area-an earlier letter from the management committee that may be overtaken by item 20. All play equipment is being reconsidered. Clerk is to get all equipment safety inspected by ROSPA in May. *Decision remains deferred.*

26 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No reports from the list noted in the agenda.

St Albans & District Access Group

No reports the Chairman moved on

27 ST ALBANS & DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES AND DIARY

With no reports from the list the Chairman moved matters on.

28 OPERATIONAL MATTERS-STAFF & OFFICE**28.1 Risk Assessments**

This matter is with Clerk needing a full review of policy and to purchase software and appropriate data-searching for suitable software.

28.2 Notice Boards and Bus Shelters

The notice board destined for Highfield area is awaiting a permission letter-Cllr Brazier arranging. Highfield Trust to state position.

28.3 Warden Training

Date to be arranged-matter ongoing

28.4 Twining 50th Anniversary

No reports

28.5 Closed and Open Graveyard Groundsman/Keeper

Job advertisement in Chronicle-to date no applications- the Clerk has made this a bigger job to encompass burial grounds adjacent to St Marks. Adding about £1800 pa to costs it may be that a shared or portion cost be agreed dependant on affordability. This is within the powers of CHPC to grant a sum to fund this important community service that we have funded so far on a smaller scale.

29 St Albans Festival

Clerk gave information on the plans for the Festival week starting on Friday 30th June to Sunday 16th July 2006-contact Jo Askham on 01727-827667 in any further details.

30 Money Advice Unit

Details circulated of benefit take up campaign regarding council tax bills, also placed on the parish notice boards.

Part II-Defer this time

The Clerk said that we had openly debated all of the issues apart from the new pay scales and upgraded scale points (N-Agreements) for Clerk and Assistant Clerk, these could be deferred to Part II if they can be dealt with by start of next Parish Year.

Councillors Questions

Cllr Reeves wanted to know about the application at Wychlands Crescent
Cllr Henchley requested we ask SCADC for costs of Fly Tipping

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10 pm

John Dean

Clerk to the Council

20th January 2006

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