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MINUTES OF THE FULL COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER 2006-7.30.pm

Present; - Cllr Corley-Chair -Vice-Chair-Cllr Day-Cllr C Brazier Cllr P Reeves
Cllr Henchley -Cllr Rump Cllr Clarke
County Councillor Brian Lee

SCADC Officers;-

Mr S Walmsley-Manager Area Manager Mr K Williams Deputy
Assistant Manager Mid West Hertfordshire Highways

Clerk; Mr J E Dean

Public Attendance-Mrs G Moody-Mr D Becker- Mr Terry

1. APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECLARATIONS

Cllr Corley opened the meeting by welcoming the Hertfordshire Highways Officers Mr Stuart Walsmley and Mr Kevin Williams to the meeting. There was also sad news for members, the recent death of Mr Stuart Ellis a past member and Chairman in 1992 of this Parish Council. The Chair said it would be appropriate to follow with a minute silence before we continued the business. It was announced that the funeral was to be on 18th October at Garston Crematorium. Cllr Brazier said he will be representing CHPC and District. The Clerk was instructed to send a floral tribute on behalf of Colney Heath Parish Council and the parish recognising his past service to the area.

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.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Full Council on 7th September 2006 were approved and accepted as correct-*Proposed by Cllr Henchley*

Seconded by Cllr Rump

The minutes were signed by the Chairman as correct.

2.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Henchley asked if we had received any response to our letter to SCADC officer Mr Robertson, the Clerk said we had not received a letter but we had received a call that day from his office to say he was on holiday but we will be getting a reply.

Cllr Reeves added that the reply and explanation had taken a long time to come, and we look forward to the reply when it does arrive. (Clerk wrote a reminder 13/09/06)

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3 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN MAY BRING BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Chair thanked the members for their thoughtful card and very kind wishes on the occasion of their Golden Wedding in September, adding that they had celebrated with their family and grandchildren and friends also taken a break to Shanklin IOW.

3-1 A welcome to Mr S Walsmley and Mr Kevin Williams Herts Highways

Following a number of past letters and exchanges with the county office also the area management office. Mr Walsmley and Mr Williams our local area officers agreed to attend this council meeting in order to answer member's questions and give an update on local highways matters. Cllr B Lee as County Member was also keen to see results. The Chair said that we appreciated the attendance knowing the officers had a busy schedule. The best decision was for all matters on highways including item (7) on the agenda will be brought forward into this section. The Chair also announced because of the time allocated to this matter other items in the agenda debate would be brief or passed by if there were not relevant or purposeful comments. Members were now free to ask questions from the officers about Highways matters as arranged.

Mr Walsmley opened by thanking the council for the opportunity to attend, and went on to explain the situation of funding and bidding for works. He also added that the Agency had inherited some considerable debt, from the old Department of Transport plus a menu of maintenance problems that had limited affordability. The works also needed careful analysis in order to spend what money was available wisely. Daily he received many bids and pleas for works and repairs all around the district, the team of officers were kept busy in checking and defining the jobs that needed urgent work. Safety and prioritisation had to be the prime consideration with that limited budget. He added that in the Colney Heath area was benefiting from works in Smallford, the work of double kerbing at the bus stop/parking issue Richardson Place area. The re-surfacing of Tollgate Road and to note Coursers Road was in the budget for 2007. Cllr Henschley raised the issue of losing out on our bid for Admirals Close and Wistlea.Cres area, Colney Heath Lane had some works recently but he accepted that more was required.

Cllr Henschley said that the biggest issue was the long overdue work on making safer alterations to the long-about on the A414. He felt that the present construction was making speeds of approach higher and bringing the feeder roads in and out of the village more congested in the day and in the rush hour traffic was back to the school. He further added that he had been campaigning since 1974 to get the safety and speed looked at, he believed it was easy for modern cars to reach speeds approaching 80mph having the effect on risks motorists take to cut across. Cllr Clarke said about the width of the left feeder lane prevented motorists exit to the village in the narrow feeder, if widened on the corner by the salt bin it will allow a more positive left stream away. Cllr Lee had sympathy with both the issues of juggling the expenditure against the need for repairs and resurfacing. He agreed the long-about was a priority issue that he will raise again at county level. Cllr Day felt that other parts of Tyttenhanger Green badly needed attention. Cllr Rump agreed this badly needed attention sooner not later. Mr Williams said that safety audits would be done at part of the progressive plan and works were being done locally at various places with anti-skid surfacing and safety bollards. There was also the district and country initiative of "Safer Routes to School" Cllr Henschley said he was concerned about the state of the ditches and Peggy's Path. It was clear that works that supposedly had been agreed had not been done. The Clerk at the invitation of Cllr Rump highlighted the digital pictures taken on a village tour with Cllr Henschley showing all of the issues in this debate, and how they were full of

scrub and litter that needed serious attention. Especially in the Smallford PO area and Glinwells where ditching is a major issue with flood and drain problems after heavy rain. This also feeds back to Peggy's Path and Alban Way. Again in a rather poor state with ditches filled with litter weeds and scrub plus weed growth and saplings taking hold. This he felt needs Highways attention urgently before rains come and winter.

Power-point slide show of Highways Problems

The Chair asked the Clerk to continue to show Mr Walmsley and Mr Williams the other pictures, the potholes in the High Street-Tyttenhanger Green-Barley Mow Lane-Colney Heath Lane-Station Road Smallford were amongst the worst in the area. Cllr Clarke asked why roads did not have a camber these days as did roman roads to help disperse water. The Parish Council had received a strong letter of complaint from the MD at Glinwell Nurseries which they had passed on to HHWP as we did not have the powers or the kit to clean the ditches. Members asked the officers if there was a full maintenance programme for ditch and gully cleaning, yes-was down for once a year. Mr Walmsley said that some of thre areas in Tyttenhanger would require kerbing to restrain the verge erosion, this was major works and costly. It needed to get on the priority list somehow, that was usually fed through via the district and county roads programme for authorisation and expenditure. Cllr Rump mentioned the poor quality repairs and practises by the contractors that seemingly were never checked upon.

Mr Williams requested a list of the priorities; many are referred to above and can be further looked at the lapsed bi-monthly meetings at Colney Heath which we need to re-start again. These should be on a more constructive basis for both parties.

Mr Williams said he was to meet on site in a few days with the Chair about issues in Roestock Lane that needed urgent attention. In going back on some of the issues we had raised Mr Walmsley realised that these were important highways matters for C/Heath and he also recognised that the High Street was in need of attention. A recent survey had identified several important items, traffic was increasing and the school and safety might help to bring works forward. The Clerk added that this might benefit from the co-operation of C/Cllr Lee, our District Councillors and the Chief of Herts Highways Mr V Gilbert to listen to the plea of the District Officers and commit the expenditure. That in part a more rigid speed limit or quiet roads (20mph) near school might be applicable, he also asked what was happening about VAS and opportunities for the Parish Councils to apply for operation funding. Mr Walsmley said HCC was not spending out on Vehicle Activated Signs, although other counties were.

The Chair gave an opportunity to the members of the public present to add or make any comments Mr Terry gave opinions on the Roestock Lane matter now dealt with. The Chair thanked Mr Walmsley, Mr Williams for taking some fairly sharp questions answering frankly and giving us their opinions and for Cty Cllr B Lee for attending We would hope that our plea for more attention on the issues raised would see some direction in completing essential works as soon as they could be included in the plan. This part of the meeting ended at 8.30pm, the officers and Cllr Lee left.

3.2 FMS Storage of Caravans

The Clerk sought authority to pay FMS a reduced sum he had negotiated from over £9000.00 to £3600 plus Vat for the removal on two occasions, storage and disposal of the touring caravans and the matter of illegal trespass. We will now advise Ottaways the matter is finalised so further costs be sought via the County Court if applicable.

3.3 Meeting with Herts Rights of Way and Mr Day re Footpath 21

The meeting arranged by Julian Thornton, the Clerk attended was an effort to try and get Mr Day to resolve the diversion and works that he has done. Some agree that it is better, but there are issues of Act O.P. that may not be negotiable. A map showing a path route in a different place from an earlier Rumball Sedgwick plan that was produced for CHPC on Commons Boundaries was shown by the Clerk. Mr P Cook CMS and Mr Ken Peat of LC Village concern, with Mr Day attended the meeting.

3.4 Election Year May 2007

This was noted and the Clerk is to contact the Electoral Officer prior to the Budget review in December. The question was raised by Cllr Clarke do we have to increase the precept or reduce reserves to cover any costs. Other Parish's are very concerned the Clerk advised members and to-day the costs could be quite significant

3.5 Colney Heath Parish Council 60th Anniversary-1947-2007

Cllr Rump has agreed to arrange and co-ordinate the details of the anniversary which is also linked to the 25th Anniversary of Twinning. A working group is to be set up to examine the possibilities. The Clerk said he would suggest he or Kim get involved with the group and that the Chronicle are asked to make a celebration issue in April next year, the date is 27th April 1947-2007 according to the parish records. The APM was suggested by Cllr Reeves as the ideal platform for some of the celebrations

3.6 Flood Warning Notices/Publication

We received a copy newsletter update from the Environment Agency-the Clerk confirmed we are listed as a recipient of any early warning status and any public notices are put up for general information on the main office notice board.

3.7 Match Funding for PCSO's in Hertfordshire

It was agreed this be differed to the Budget meeting in December but is unlikely that CHPC would participate as members generally considered it double taxation.

3.8 Public Consultation and Response-SEERA Gypsy Sites in Hertfordshire

Members noted the action and asked Clerk to ensure we get a copy of the report. Cllr Brazier said we did not want any more pitches in Colney Heath and he would continue to fight and oppose any further sites in the district, we had over 46% of the whole Hertfordshire allocation and it was time other Herts DC's took their share.

4. FINANCE

The Clerk gave members details of the October figures of £12277.30 including vat payments of £762.19 the vat sum which is recoverable periodically.

Accounts; - The Clerk said that details and statements of the Parish Accounts may be inspected here now if members wished and at the office at other times. The Clerk was able to answer member's questions regarding the finances, several one off payments this month making the expenses period as about an average month.

Investments; - The Treasury Reserve has £125,000 invested until 16th October 2006 at 4.17%. The sum will earn £456.00. The Clerk added that he was hoping to keep £100.000 on again for one more month in November if he could manage the cash flow

until that time pooling all funds in accounts if necessary. He would provide an interim half year statement and other facts in time for the December Budget meeting.

VAT Claim; - Yet to be finalised and will be submitted after the Auditor has signed off the books. Probably in October, he is due again on the 11th to do T/Tots.

Chairman's Allowance

This was paid in the usual way for 2005-6 to past Chair Cllr Rump year of office.

Income and Expenditure

Noted on a separate sheet for October seen by all members was approved;-

Proposed by; - Cllr Brazier

Seconded by; - Cllr Day

Grant Aid-Charles Morris Hall

Application for this parish year of £4000 held pending the procurement of materials and other details with CMH Mr P Scott following discussion with Clerk over VAT.

Audit 2005-6

The Clerk is expecting the internal auditor to sign off once papers have been received from Lubbock Fine.

Audit 2004-5

The Clerk has some minor queries to answer for Lubbock Fine and is to respond to those accordingly by letter.

VAT Recovery-2005-6

There is a reclaim to be completed once the petty cash is trawled through to complete.

5 PLANNING

5.1 Planning Applications

The following applications were debated in more detail;-

5/06/1610 No 8 High Street Colney Heath

Refusal noted

Application 5/06/1578 & 5/06/1665 Radio Nurseries St Albans-13 new homes.

Cllr Brazier advised this application is to be heard on 16th October and is likely to be a difficult decision. This council has asked it be refused on GB issues.

1 Application 5/06/1578-Radio Nurseries Demolition & Redevelopment

The site as above is in Green Belt and is considered as such.

2 A Section 106 Consideration to accept developer land for a Public Open Space

The Clerk added we had completed the leisure land application as part of Sect 106 if approval is given to the Radio Nurseries. Letter sent to Ms G Donald dated October, copied to all members. Clerk also gave details of his attendance to a meeting on this at SCADC on 27th September about this land with Ian Holland and Gillian Donald. He reminded members that details of their decision were given in the September Minutes.

General Comments

Cllr Clarke asked Cllr Brazier what the position was now on the Church Building Extension, Cllr Brazier responded with some details.

Cllr Reeves mentioned about Home Farm Estate, Cllr Brazier said it had received approval for 130 new homes

Cllr Henchley gave members a review on the applications and refusals

5.1 Planning Applications (continued):

As listed below and received up to the date of this agenda publication

Number	Address	Application	Decision/Recommendation
5/06/1729	11 Starlight Way	Single storey side extension	No objections
5/06/1793	22 Church Croft	Rear Conservatory	No objections
5/06/1828	4 Charlotte Close	Single storey rear extension	No objections
5/06/1842	6 Church Croft	Conversion of garage to habitable room and erection of double garage	Concerns- location in GB land close F/P plus visual aspects concerns
5/06/1841	6 Russet Drive	Rear conservatory	No objections
5/06/1911	601 Hatfield Road	Residential Development	Totally opposed- In the green belt
5/06/1924	Radio Casa 64a Oaklands Lane	Detached double garage	No objections
5/06/1936	9 Sovereign park	Conversion of garage to habitable room and erection of shed	Concerned- Loss of parking space off the road
5/06/1861	92 Roestock lane	Single storey side extension and garage conversion	No objections
5/06/1853	72 Tollgate Road	First floor rear extension and rear conservatory	No objections
5/06/1852	Colney Heath Farmhouse 42 High Street	Part two, part single storey and single storey side extension	Opposes-The site is in the Green Belt
5/06/1989	24 Newfield Way	Single storey rear extension	Opposes-Need to be sure that threat to the Lime Tree has been removed.
5/06/1983	43 Russet Drive	Two storey rear extension	No objections
5/06/1981	1 Ivory Close	Rear conservatory	No objections

5-2 Planning Approvals

As listed since last meeting

Number	Address	Application	SCADC Decision
5/06/1431	16 Stanmore Chase	Two storey front extension	Planning Permitted
5/06/1422	1 Swans Close	Single storey front and rear extension and conversion of garage to habitable room	Planning Permitted
5/06/1610	8 High Street	Demolition of existing and	Planning Refusal

		erection of three bedroom detached dwelling	
5/06/1513	6 Sleapcross Gardens	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single st/side and r/ext	Planning Permitted
5/06/1514	24 Newfield Way	Single storey side and rear extension	Planning Refusal
5/06/1546	4 Crosby Close	Single storey rear extension	Planning Refusal
5/06/1571	1 Crosby Close	Rear conservatory	Planning Permission
5/06/1574	Nuckies farm Coursers Rd	Change of use of land to use as a caravan site	Planning Refusal
5/06/1621	5 Edison Close	Part conversion of double garage to habitable room and s/stry ext	Planning Permission
5/06/1660	3 Grafton Close	Rear conservatory	Planning Permission

See Attached SCADC Sheet for Planning Approvals- Appendix

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

Previously reported re Radio Nurseries

Application to refer to Sec of State re BT Trail Site-application no 5/05/0680

5-3 Planning Appeals-Inquiries-Enforcement notices received

No reports.

5.4 Strategic Planning Applications referred by ODPM-Sec of State-or SEERA

This application for a rail-freight terminal by Helioslough is due to come before the Development Control on 1st November, St Stephens PC are mounting a campaign with others to oppose. Demonstration 7th Oct 12 noon at Clock Tower St Albans.

London Luton Airport

Members were informed by the Clerk the master plan has not been published yet

Scott Wilson Report-Sites for Travellers

Previously reported

5-5 Residents Associations

The Clerk requires the details of the Highfield Park Residents Association

5-6 Planning Monitoring-Public Enquiry

The Belgrave Land (Glinwell Development) 5/04/2389 proposals and appeal for 315 new homes was dismissed earlier this year, (11 May report) the Clerk requested a copy of the inspectors report and has since been circulated to all members.

ECO House Smallford

Cllr Reeves and Cllr Day remarked about the open day ceremony they attended, the Clerk and Assistant Clerk also went to see. There is to be further publicity sent to us.

Planning;-Weekly Reports from SCADC

Members may wish to note that the Clerk was able to reverse the SCADC decision of 15th September that was taken to stop the hard weekly copy planning in favour of electronic submission. Having complained to the District Officers responsible we were told the decision could not be changed. The Clerk consulted Mr D Goodman's Secretary to reverse this. It was taking up to 4 hours to reproduce copies for each member, having been sent via e-mail and leaving us to prepare and collate. This was considered disproportionate as we had only a basic copier the printing will become a major task in the working week. (Often 10/12 pages sometimes 16 double sided times x 10 copies to produce each week)

Application for Goods Vehicle Licence-Fairholme Roestock Lane Colney Heath

Applicant-Mr P Brown 9 Somers Way Bushey Watford Herts-Cllr Brazier has written a letter opposing the granting of a licence to the Transport Authority in Cambridge.

6 COMMONS OPEN SPACES & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The written reports were considered of;-

6-1 Parish Warden Report

Members were circulated with the report, containing details of months work including removal of rubbish at High Street Recreation area, marking pitches, sweeping tennis courts. A new gate is on order to replace that stolen from Community Park. R.P. to fit. New tennis net or repair required. Collected 5 bags rubbish from St Marks ground.

6-2 Parish Commons Ranger Report

Report circulated, incidents of minor fly tip-damage to waste bin on Warren Track. The knotweed has been dealt with contractor to return once per year over next three at a total cost of £518 for glyphosate weedkiller. Environment Agency approval ok.

6-3 Parish Gardner and Tennis Courts Attendant Reports

Reports flower beds ok, continued colour into late autumn, very pleasing few players using courts. Vandalism regarding chain link again. RP cleared laurel at end of court.

6-4 Church & Graveyard Keepers work/time sheet

The hours worked to date are 204 out of 336 totals for year to April- the new mower is at the repairers with a drive problem. A new rake is required for leaf clearance.

6-5 CHPC Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk said the grass may need an additional late cut due to the mild climate now.

6-6 Commons Stewardship

No reports on the proposed visit to Ickleford. Rural payment application not received Clerk to chase up.

6-7 Recreation Areas

Safe & Sound quote for remedies to the problems that were highlighted by ROSPA report in May it is agreed that the repairs be authorised at a cost of £3787 for works to be completed with other installations in Roestock week commencing 13th November.

High Street

Part of ROSPA report work to be done 13th November

Charles Morris

Part of ROSPA report work to be done 13th November

Harvesters and Dog Walk

Part of works to recreation area after ROSPA report to be done 13th November

Sleapshyde Recreation area

Part of work as Harvesters to be done 13th November

Sleapshyde Pond

The Clerk said nothing to report, other than removal of dead elms.

Roestock Park-

Cllr Corley announced we have received the BIFFA award and we will get £14,250 by paying a contribution of £1627.60. The council has in reserve £2000 from 2005/6 and agreed £2000 for 2006/7. Cllr Corley asked if members would agree to pay the contribution as part of the general administration fund thereby leaving a top up sum of about £4800. The works are expected to come to about £19,070 the changed quote from Safe & Sound the chosen contractor in the application is expected any day now. The "Parkplay" equipment chosen represents good value and is very robust with long life expectancy and good resistance to potential vandalism damage. The new estimate will be circulated when received. The contractor Safe & Sound is now booked to start work commencing 13th November and to do other ROSPA work in the same week.

Multi Sports Sessions in the Park

The Assistant Clerk received an application from the Sport & Health Development team at SCADC concerning the use of Roestock Park for seven weekly sessions as a trial for possible continuation in the summer 2007. It was really a follow on from the summer camp week in August held there. Very successful attended by over 30 children.

We readily gave approval to support the funding which at the start comes from SCADC, we also knew we had money in the budget for youth that had not been fully used this year so we agreed the short trial in good faith prior to bringing it to the Council meeting and anticipating endorsement from members for not more than £300 over six weeks. Mainly to pay the accommodation fee for the scout hut and youth worker hourly rate of £10. The sessions last 1 hour and a copy of the poster was sent to all members in the post out. Cllr Brazier and Cllr Day were concerned that without proper publicity attendance would be poor. We had insisted the posters contained acknowledgements to the Parish Council and the Parish Plan. Both the Clerk and Assistant Clerk felt sure the members would be very pleased at the initiative taken up by the Assistant Clerk and my immediate support for this valuable young person's idea. Which can only stand us in very good light to others when grants are applied for and acknowledgements of Council support for the young and youth. If this decision has caused members to consider we have stepped out of line then we apologise, it was done in good faith-for the benefit of children and the Council's ultimate credibility. It was considered that we would have then received member's approval retrospectively.

The sports leader Chris Gregory will be given an opportunity for a short presentation to members at the next meeting in November and take a decision if it is to continue.

Community Park

Gate reported stolen Clerk has this on order cost £55 plus set of new fittings.

6-8 Footpaths P3 and Rights of Way-Bridleways-BOAT-RUPP

Matters past reported regarding F/p 21-Letter from Julian Thornton to Mr Day 02/10 Highfield Trust has requested works via CMS to footpath 16. We have advised that all footpath work comes via the Parish Council under a P3 agreement looked after by Cllr Brazier. In this instance Highfield Trust labour will install and bill CHPC whilst we will procure the materials and reclaim the vat.

Other works remaining currently under consideration with funds reserved are as;-

1. Stile/gate common towards Ridge Footpath 33-36
2. Park Corner fencing of land and gate F/p 21-ongoing issue resolve first

Note;-Clerk has some picture records of F/Path 21 where issues are in dispute.

7 HIGHWAYS-TRANSPORT-FOOTPATHS AND VERGES

It was agreed by the Chair the following Highways matters be deferred to item 3.1

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

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

7-3 Verge ditch and litter or weed maintenance

7-4 Transport including Village Council funded Friday shopping bus

Clerk to do a budget for the December meeting.

Cllr Reeves raised the matter of changes to the bus timetable at Tyttenhanger Green; Cllr Day added that it completely negates the opportunity for children to use for the school trip and business people to get an early train. Clerk to write to D Neilan the principle Transport Officer at HCC.

7.5 Hertfordshire LTP1 Delivery Report-2001/02-2006/6

Response published from the District Council 31st July.

8 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions that had not been covered earlier.

Presentation to Cllr Corley

The Parish Council wished to recognise two important recent occasions for a member, firstly the Golden Wedding Celebration of Cllr & Mr Corley, 1956-2006, alongside the significant work Cllr Corley has put in this year to achieving two separate grants for children's play areas. The earlier £7,000.00 for Treasure Tots and the recent grant of £16, 276.00 for the Biffa Award to be spent on Roestock Park.

Cllr Rump was pleased to present a specimen Olive Tree in an earthenware pot for her garden to remind her of our expression of gratitude and celebration for the two special occasions on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Corley thanked the Council.

9 COUNCIL BUILDINGS-ORGANISATIONS & TRUSTEE MATTERS

9-1 High Street Recreation Area Pavilion and CHFC

The Clerk said in response to questions that he would be inviting CHFC to initially meet the finance committee, he was finalising the papers and would send off shortly. The payments record will also be looked into once we have received the missing statements from the Bank. The Clerk will be contacting the Secretary Mr Steventon shortly on the issues.

9-2 Treasure Tots Pre School.

A car boot sale had been arranged in Roestock Park but postponed. Cllr Brazier said that we were not keen to encourage car boot sales in the district. The administration staff was unaware of this and the Clerk apologised to the members but it had come out of an innocent meeting of the T/T Fund Raising Committee along with other ideas that we hoped would be acceptable. In this situation this type of fund generation will not be considered again. There was on average 14 pupils attending the Pre School, this term was down in numbers. Cllr Brazier added it was an important community service and the Parish Council should be proud of it, our subsidy was inevitable with the variances in attendance. The Clerk said this was our second year now and RBS were coming in on 11th October to audit the books and he was shortly to publish the annual report and balance sheet for 2005/6-the first full financial year.

9-3 Village Hall Committee

The reports will be circulated to each member, the Clerk attended the last meeting.

9-4 Charles Morris Hall

Matters already reported, Cllr Reeves asked if we had received a formal request to hold the bonfire and fireworks on P./Council Land. The Clerk said to date we had not.

9-4 Charles Morris Hall-(Continued)

Matters previously reported in finance

9-5 Highfield Community Park Trustees

News of the AGM-on Tuesday 17th October.

9-6 Other Buildings/Local Organisations/Events

No reports this time

9-7 Youth Organisations Locally & Youth Council

No reports, the start of the new youth club is awaited in conjunction with YMCA

10 COMMUNITY REPORTS-MEMBERS REPORTS-OUTSIDE BODIES-OTHER COMMITTEES-REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

10-1 Fly Tipping Reports

Members were presented with the latest fly tip reports. As previously reported in an earlier category, Cllr Henchley requested more information a follow up letter to the response to our enquiry 24th June 2005 & Mr A Robertson 17th November 2005. Cllr Rump had reported asbestos and tiles in a black plastic sack in Highfield Lane Cllr Hall had reported a large fly tip of tree cuttings outside camp in Barley Mow.

10-2 Police Reports

The Clerk advised members that the next Police Community Safety Meeting is on Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Police and CHPC Budget for PCSO operations

No reports

Crime

Any reports or statistics will be reported to members or posted out if received.

10-3 Vital Village Matters from the Plan.

Members were circulated with the latest report of the VV Executive meeting held on 13th September. It is noted there are issues of critical importance contained in some of the comments. A letter is to be sent regarding Highways from the Secretary. A letter also to be sent to the Doctors surgery regarding the opening times of the Hall Gardens annexe. The next review meeting is on 14th or 21st February 2007. It is noted that the Council are underwriting the OAP lunch up to £250 plus the wine purchase.

10-4 Twinning

Members have noted the celebratory significance of 2007 for both CHPC and the local Twinning Association. An application has been received for Grant Aid.

10-5 Reports from Members attending other meetings

No reports.

10-6 Fairs and other local community matters

No reports

10-7 Reports from listed items-HM Govt; Local issues; National; Local Govt etc

No debate took place on this subject

10-8 St Albans Assoc Parish Council; & LGBC HALC/NALC

Meeting on 19th October at Harpenden special subject-Parish Charters.

10-9 Minutes & matters received also other associations and local organisations

No reports.

10.10 Purchase of Christmas Biscuits for OAP's (Section 137 LGA)

Proposal agreed to authorise Assistant Clerk to raise an emergency cheque and to purchase in time for Christmas distribution;-

Proposed;-Cllr Henschley

Seconded;-Cllr Reeves

11 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

11-1 Correspondence not previously dealt with in the agenda

None to deal with other than already dealt in specific subjects

Member Training in Ethics in Planning Matters 11th October 2006 at 6.30pm

Cllr Day will be attending as a in his capacity as a District Councillor

Local Press Statement

Any local press issues have been circulated to members from the office

11.2 News Releases

11-3 Matters received since publishing the Agenda

At the request of council the Clerk wrote to the Doctors practise manager complaining about the facilities of the Burville House Practise annexe in Hall Gardens. By a swift response and detailed letter of explanation the issue is moving towards a satisfactory conclusion. It has been agreed to post the opening hours that are E-mailed weekly to us more clearly at Hall Gardens and the Parish Office will hold the surgery times to be displayed on the door and notice board. (And shortly on the parish web site) We are grateful for the response and helpfulness of the practise.

11-4 Proposals for Next Agenda

Members had no issues

11.5 Christmas Lunch

The date has now been set for the 15th December-venue the Church Centre, the cost will be £3 per person. The Council had contributed; members are invited to attend £3. Advise Cllr Corley please if you plan to come to the lunch.

12 OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND CLERK REPORTS

12-1 Staff issues-Office administration matters

12-2 Future issues requiring attention

a) Boundary Issues;-The boundary at the Wilkins Green end of the village is causing the residents in parts of Franklin Close to be excluded from Colney Heath village. Homes here also come under Hatfield as a borough and their community charge is more expensive and planning matters and applications are missed by us. The numbers affected are 2-18 Franklin Close; it seems there would be no objections from those residents. Members agreed the Clerk to write to the relevant authorities.

12-3 Notice Boards-Bus shelters-Signs

Tyttenhanger sign

The fee had been paid, unfortunately made out to Herts Highways and sent back to change to HCC-now done. The date for the installation is the 13th November week. The inscription board needs the dedications in order the Clerk can get engraved. Cllr Reeves is arranging the plinth brickwork once the sub base is in place. The organisation of a dedication celebration date and invite various contributors. To be arranged once works are completed.

Notice Board

Notice board be put up at Highfield Mr Stayton has this made already in stock

New Bus Shelter

Two quotations have been obtained; members agreed that this could go ahead on the basis of next year budget but erected this winter with the payment from reserves. Members generally agreed that up to £5000 was the possible fund CHPC could afford.

Quotations

Two prices and two different manufacturers and styles with seats have been obtained;-

1. The Rettenden-4 seater shelter with clear side panels £4,460.00
2. The Petworth- Shelter +Seat solid side panels £2,785.00

Both shelters will require further details from the manufactures as to the finished specification-details of plinth requirement-delivery costs-lead time for delivery groundwork preparation and planning permission. Add £1,000.

Cllr Corley has asked this to be decided on quickly in order to have installed for the winter. The Clerk wonders if we could get a one off part grant from SCADC or HWP

12-4 Commons Licences Wayleaves-Fairs and uses of the Common

The Clerk said he was to consult with Paul Clayden about the legal words.

12-5 Chronicle & Publicity

Cllr Corley is to do the editorial for the next issue-deadline 2 November.

12-6 Flooding and River Colne Reports

The Clerk is to co-operate with the Clerk of London Colney PC.

12-7 Capital Purchases

Other than recreation equipment and quote for Bus Shelters-there are no reports

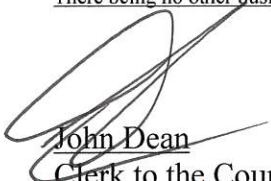
12-8 Meetings-venue-planning for calendar of meetings-dates-public meetings

No reports

Parish Charters

No reports

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.15 pm


John Dean
Clerk to the Council

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Note

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IS 2nd November 2006 AT 7.30pm THE AGENDA WILL BE PUBLISHED Between the 27th-30 October
IF ANY MEMBER HAS ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE BY THOSE DATES-NOTE THE DECEMBER MEETING WILL FOCUS ON THE BUDGET FOR 2007-8 AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS +ELECTION COSTS

Chris Gregory of SCADC Sport and Health Development Team has promised to attend the November 2ND meeting to explain the progress and answer member's questions for a possible continuation next year depending on funding decisions and attendance

Margaret Corley
2.11.06