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Presentation;-Colney Heath Theatre Group

Mrs Elizabeth Clark gave a short presentation on the establishment of a local theatre group to arrange trips for all to London Theatres three times a year. After explanation it was seen as a benefit to the whole community of Colney Heath. Cllr Day asked for the number of people joined and was told membership was over subscribed a waiting list and the next venue was overbooked against seats available. Cllr Reeves asked the Clerk how CHPC finances could help and it was suggested that we underwrite to cost of the tickets to save financial difficulties to the organiser with the numbers involved. It was agreed that the use of the MAP account would keep this separate from general parish funds and see an easily run situation similar to a short term underwriting loan paid back after the seats are sold. Mrs Clarke is to make an appointment to see the Clerk later in the Parish Office to arrange details.

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Presentation "Larks in the Park" At Roestock Play Area 1st July 2007

An idea firstly suggested to the Clerk that would fit with the 60th Anniversary Celebrations adding to the number of things that will go on for the benefit of the parish. Co-ordinator Jo Askem gave members an overview including the entertaining events tour that is incorporated in the circuit of Larks in the Park event sponsored by SCADC and Lottery money. The event is at little or no cost to CHPC and will benefit the residents and children alike. Cllr Brazier has agreed to attend the meetings and be the site representative and to start planning with Jo Askem at several future meetings to be agreed. The Assistant Clerk has also agreed to assist. It is scheduled to take place in Roestock Park on the above date, an all weather event requiring organisations and others to come forward and help set it up, the use of the scout hut would be an advantage. Further details to follow meanwhile publicity in Chronicle for volunteers & detail sheet attached with these minutes as presented to council.

3 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN MAY BRING BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Smallford residents had invited MP Anne Main to a meeting on 29th March regarding the new build plans for the area and other issues of local Highways maintenance. The Chair had asked the Clerk to contact Mr Lewis and see if it was open to a CHPC member to attend and cover some background issues. The Clerk said that Mr Lewis had not ruled out attendance but suggested he would put the question to others and get back if this was acceptable. Meanwhile the Clerk said he will send the MP a bundle of late papers and history on the HHWP ongoing issues affecting the Parish. Cllr Brazier added that he was about to announce securing money for a better crossing at CH-JMI. Cllr Day said there had been a letter circulating about the land pressure and visions of the virtual joining up of Hatfield and St Albans towns had been raised. Cllr Henchly said we should send a letter to the MP. The Chair concluded that we could have a representative of the council there if asked to do so, and Mr Lewis should advise the Parish Office or a member if that is appropriate.

3-1 Community Park

The Clerk reported work was continuing and the contractors had felled a number of sycamores along the river bank to let more light in, but unfortunately a number of residents had complained about increased road noise as a result. Cllr Brazier asked if we had consulted residents, the Clerk said notices had been put up by CMS and the project was geared to improve the area and open it up, trees were tall and out of place

growing in the river bank, in turn we had riparian ownership responsibilities along the river and under the terms of the lease to maintain. Maintenance had not been done in the past and neglect had caught up, it might be possible to put in a bank of conifers. The three way grants for £2000 will be claimed in due course from SCADC & CMS.

3.2 Chronicle Magazine and Web Site

At a previous meeting it was agreed that Mr Rodway gives details of the proposals at a future meeting to provide links with other sites in the parish whilst upgrading the site more in keeping with the parish requirements. Also incorporating aspects of the Parish Plan.-We are still running with a site that is now over four years old.

3.3 Herts Rights of Way and Mr Day re-Footpath 21

The Clerk informed that a letter had been received from Herts Rights of Way unit to enforce further issues on Mr Day and the ongoing dispute over alleged changes to the footpath and route. Meetings at the Parish Office earlier in January had tried to seek a resolution to this thorny issue but it looks as if RoW is implementing powers.

3.4 Election Year May 2007

The Clerk had advised that papers were expected by 19th March and that distribution to all members would be made as soon possible after they were received. Cllr Brazier had agreed to assist any members wishing to complete their forms, and if necessary take them to the district office on completion to coincide with meetings. The papers Need to be returned to the Registration Officer Mr M Sands by 4th April latest. It is not clear if Colney Heath will have an uncontested election, at the moment there is one vacancy. Council is allowed nine seats for Highfield and Colney Heath wards.

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

Cllr Rump gave members details of the arrangements and asked for opinions over the ordering and number of commemorative mugs to be given to local school children and the cut glasses reserved for sale to those who wish to buy in the parish. At the moment he was considering 250 at just under £3 each, but Cllr Brazier suggested that would not be enough to give all children one each. The debate continued with more numbers being suggested to give one to each school child up to the age of 11. It was finally resolved the order be increased to 500. The next meeting of the working group is on Tuesday 27th March at 10am. With Cllr Rump and the Clerk meeting at CMH on Friday 16th March to decide and plan the hall layout for this event. Cllr Rump has purchased table candles, and emergency cheques are available to pay suppliers.

3.7 Tyttenhanger Sign

Cllr Reeves said he was pleased to advise members the brickwork and plinth building had started. All agreed the sign looks very good and in keeping with the village. The Plaque and dedication notes are to be completed, Cllr Brazier has arranged for the Mayor to attend and say a few words at the event. James Spanner is to officiate on the dedication on 17th April at 7.30pm followed by other events to celebrate CHPC 60th.

3.8 Roestock Park

The Clerk advised that he had applied for the BIFFA Grant now the works were fully completed the footpath and DDA gates were linked with other works to be done later once permissions, possible further grants and estimates had been prepared. CMS have indicated some money may be available in the new financial year.

4. FINANCE

The Clerk gave information on the following financial matters which was supported by the relevant information and data reports to each member;-

4.1 Precept 2007-8

The District Council approved the Council Tax on Wednesday 28th February 2007 it is expected that payment will be made on 27th April 2007 into our bank account.

4.2 Monthly Income and Expenditure

The Clerk gave members details of the March £11,928.05 expenditure and income figures of including vat March £826.07 the vat sum is recoverable periodically.

Noted on a separate sheet for March 2007 as seen by the members was approved;-

Proposed by; - Cllr D Crump

Seconded by; - Cllr G Rump

Investments; -

The Clerk advised placing £40,000 on Treasury Reserve re-invested-one month fixed until 10th April 2007 at 4.67% yielding £163.77 in that period.

4.2 Audit 2005-6-Completed

The Clerk confirmed the Audit has been sent off to Lubbock Fine, members having approved last meeting. The Clerk added we should be able to publish the data in the Chronicle in June for public information. He hoped to give a presentation at the APM.

4.3 Progress of Audit 2006-7

The Clerk reported the internal auditor interim inspection review took place here on 13th March, no reports so far. Auditor is returning again on 20th June to assist with the finalisation of the accounts for final submission to Lubbock Fine

4.4 Progress of VAT Recovery-2005-6

The Clerk advised there is a reclaim to be completed once the petty cash is done.

4.5 Parish 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 and receipts this month making the income & expenses about average this month.

4.6 Charles Morris Hall Grant

The Clerk advised members this remains static awaiting materials procurement this was agreed in order the VAT element can be saved by the council from the grant.

4.7 Other Financial Matters;

It was agreed that whilst the grant sums presented exceeded the previous year there may have to be some reduction in the levels for this forthcoming year-members may readjust the final payments. The Clerk confirmed that all grant applications must close in November in order to allow consideration in the budget. Any payments after will have to be paid from reserves. Such payments must be covered by relevant powers. Cllr Reeves said we have made our decisions unless there are special circumstances.

5 PLANNING

5.1 Planning Applications

The following applications were debated in more detail;-

General Comments

Cllr Brazier gave some views on the current applications and refusals, from the prepared agenda notes, giving several detail comments on particular applications. He said that there was pressure on other areas including a suggestion that Notcutts may have applications in the pipeline. Cllr Henchley followed at the invitation of the Chair and gave members his review on the applications and refusals.

5.1 Planning Applications:

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

Number	Address	Application	Decision/Recommendation
5/07/0132	2 Ivory Close	Rear conservatory	No objections
5/07/0160	8 Ivory Close	Single storey side extension	No objections
5/07/0155	8 Stanmore Chase	Conversion of garage to a habitable room and alterations to openings	No objections
5/06/2844	358 Camp Road	Vehicular Crossover	No objections
5/07/0027	18 Princess Diana Drive	Rear Conservatory and alterations to openings	No objections
5/07/0270	Land rear of 47 Firwood Avenue	Detached chalet bungalow	*See note below>
5/07/0173	Land to rear of 43 & 45 Firwood Avenue	Detached bungalow	With Cllr Brazier 21/2/07
5/07/0303	7 Maslen Road	Rear Conservatory	With Cllr Brazier 21/2/2007
5/07/0307	4 Princess Diana Drive	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension	With Cllr Brazier 21/2/2007
5/07/0325	3 Ivory Close	Rear conservatory	With Cllr Brazier 21/2/2007

*As this already had outline permission there was little point in objecting, but in principle Council are against any back garden (back land) development. Colney heath is in the Green Belt any development should only be in exceptional circumstances. Back Garden or Back-land development is not an exceptional circumstance and a chalet bungalow that only benefits the developer is not a local or of any special or exceptional benefit in these circumstances to Colney Heath and could set a precedent.

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

5-2 Planning Approvals

As listed since last meeting

Number	Address	Application	SCADC Decision
5/06/2658	16 Grafton Close	Replacement of rear window with French doors	Planning Permission
5/06/2678	66 Firwood Avenue	Single storey side and rear extension	Planning Permission
5/06/2646	78 Tollgate Road	Two storey side extension and rear conservatory	Planning Permission
5/06/2673	Land between 59 & 65 High street	Two semi-detached dwellings	Planning Refusal
506/2776	101 High Street	Erection of 1.7m	Planning Permission
5/06/2225	St Marks Church	Two storey side extension, removal of steps and alterations to openings	Planning Permission
5/06/2694	53 Firwood Avenue	Single storey rear extension	Planning Permission
5/06/2575	2 Bramley Way	Single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to habitable room	Planning Permission

See Attached Sheet for Planning Approvals- Appendix

Affordable Housing

Approval has been given to build three terraced houses on land at Sleapshyde Lane Smallford previously application 05/04/1222 dated 04/06/2004. These were agreed for rental by local persons only as first priority at an earlier Parish Council Meeting.

5.3 Planning Refusals

Change of use of land to use as a caravan site (retrospective-resubmission following withdrawal of 5/04/2411 Refs 5/06/1574 DC4 Nuckies Farm Coursers Road Colney Heath St Albans. This was refused at District level the details of which are contained letter received 07/03/07-copied to all members. Cllr Brazier and Colney Heath Parish Council fully support the District Council decision the area is also in the flood plain.

5-4 Planning Appeals-Inquiries-Enforcements-Other issues

Previously reported re Radio Nurseries

Application to refer to Sec of State re BT Trail Site-application no 5/05/0680-5/061655 -Both follow refusal by District Council.

Planning Appeals-Inquiries-Enforcement notices received

No reports.

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

The District Council has refused on GB issues.

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

The District Council has refused on GB issues.

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

The Clerk is expecting responses from Mr Ian Holland Leisure Services SCADC

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

Helioslough Rail Freight at former Radlett Airfield Understood to have been refused with a great deal of local opposition to this plan. Cllr Brazier said it has "gone away".

London Luton Airport

The master plan has not been published yet; the Clerk has circulated some published information that has come in via Harpenden Town Council.

Scott Wilson Report-Sites for Travellers

Previously reported and still awaiting publication, District Cllr Swendell is leading a campaign to get this published. Mid March is indicated as the most likely time. Some District Councils are reserving options by not publishing. Highly controversial matter. Details to be circulated to members as and when received. Also SEERA media release document via HATPC circulated.

5-6 Residents Associations

No reports other than Cllr Reeves is very keen to get the Associations to contact the council on any issues where they feel we can help, we have an open door policy here.

5.7 Planning Monitoring

No specific reports & other than matters noted here,

Air Quality; - No reports

Minerals & Waste;-Members to note Lafarge & Herts CC letter 21/02/07 circulated Licences; - Clerk recommends members read Cllr Swendell- Feb/Mar facts-letters and responses from Ms Tessa Jowell Minister for Culture Media & Sport.-Circulated here.

LDF; - No reports. But!! As follows please note>

Regional Housing Strategy;-SEERA Draft for Consultation February 2007-Board Plans for 2008-9. Clerk has ordered copies for each member these will be distributed

PATHFINDER REPORT

Copy of Cllr Swendell letter 30 Jan circulated as matter of interest to members.

6 COMMONS OPEN SPACES & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The written reports were considered of;-

6-1 Parish Warden Report

Members were circulated with a copy of the reports. Mainly general tasks removal of litter and FC pitch marking. The matter of the recent loss of the Warden's driving licence concerned the Chair and other members. The Clerk was asked to write and seek clarification on the matter. The Clerk said that he had spoken to the Warden and

had assurances that he would be able to cope with others doing the driving. A letter will be sent asking about liabilities and insurances.

6-2 Parish Commons Ranger Report

Report circulated at the meeting Illegal motorcycling remains a problem, a danger and a nuisance. Community and local police advised. Pursuit is not possible on safety.

6-3 Parish Gardner and Tennis Courts Attendant Reports

No Reports this time

6-4 Church & Graveyard Keepers work/time sheet

Similar report to last time-hours worked to date 287 out of 336 for year to April- Clerk has obtained new rake.

6-5 CHPC Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk added this part of the season's mowing is suspended and only possible if the weather improves.

6-6 Commons Stewardship

Works completed on felling and coppicing as part of 5 year CMS plan for commons total cost this time was £1200.00 The Clerk has attended a meeting of the new Joint Commons Grazing with St Stephens and Chorleywood PC. Members have agreed at the last meeting to reserve £500 for the cost of bringing livestock to the common for a day on 17th April in order to show how grazing will benefit the environment. Details are in the Chronicle and will also be advertised on the notice boards and in the JMI School magazine or book bags. Questions re Commons Land Title the Clerk has no further report at this stage. The Common had flooded to within 20ft of the office during early March, both the Clerk and Cllr Brazier had called on the Environment Agency Flood line service to monitor the water levels. Fortunately within 36 hours it had receded as EA predicted. Concern for those vulnerable residents in Park Lane.

6.7 Recreation Areas

The Clerk said he was completing the final stages of the BIFFA Award although sometimes the amount of paperwork and involvement demanded even after the project management is completed again done by the Clerk. They still ask for reams of information that has already been given. The project is filtered through Rural Action East and we got involved earlier with CDA Herts. This is a very convoluted chain and often an oversubscribed hurdle. We need to regain the value of the award of £14,250 to return to parish funds as soon as possible prior to 31/03/07 closing of books. Members agreed that Sleapshyde remains a priority as soon as a grant or subsidy can be found, the council has pledged a budget sum to part fund new play equipment as a priority grant this parish year. Equipment had to be removed being unsafe and rotting The Clerk said that both he and Cllr Corley (Resigned) have been in discussions with SCADC Department of Leisure to get part funding on this urgent need.

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

The matter of Footpath 21 has already been dealt with earlier Footpath 24 is to have new DDA Kissing gates installed once the adjacent land owner is consulted and agreed permission. The Gates are in stock and purchased already back in December. There is some other work with CMS and Peter Cook pending.

Gloucester Park

Cllr Reeves wanted some attention to this open space having reports that dumping was prevalent. Cllr Brazier said residents were creating their own gates opening onto our land. The Way-leave or permission licence position needs looking into here.

7 HIGHWAYS-TRANSPORT-FOOTPATHS AND VERGES

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

Cllr Henchley gave members an overview of the meeting held at Colney Heath with HHWP officers Kevin Williams and Kevin Burn on 20th February 2007. The usual issues of pot holes verges and ditch clearing formed much of the discussion, it is clear that budgetary controls combine with an overwhelming number of poor road surface issues are abound on the district highways. We are not alone. The present quick fix patch and mend might be seeing its end with more widespread critical comments that effective layering tarmac work is better and longer lasting. Details of schemes 2007/8 planned for the "Colneys" were handed to the meeting. (Known as 'IWP's')

Coursers Road	Surface Dressing	2007-8	P CYW061034
Bullens Green Lane	Thin surface treatment	2007-8	P CYW081129
Bell Lane	Surface Treatment	2007-8	WCYW061038
Barley Mow Lane	Thin surface treat	2010-11	PCWY071398
Colney Heath Lane Bridge		2008-9	BRG 08024
Roestock Gardens	Thin surface treat	2011-12	PCWY010139
Traffic Calming Nicholas Breakspear School		2008-9	P1TP07021

Response Crew

Cllr Henchley also mentioned that it came out of the meeting with HHWP that they had started a response two man crew and van, equipped with a selection of tools to attend any immediate district highways requirements. They will work two days a week at a cost of £3951. It is hoped that this provides an effective solution for the emergency or simple tasks within their scope. This will start in April 2007. The list of tools & equipment and details will be circulated to members.

Traffic Management

Cllr Brazier as District Councillor had attended a meeting regarding the problems on the crossing at the JMI he said that he was hoping to get funding to improve the safety of the crossing patrol. Unfortunately the person has had some near misses with speed and vehicles not stopping. Cllr Brazier said he would give the members more news once the project is given the final go-ahead. He referred members to a letter 17/02/07 from HHWP regarding the meeting that he had asked the Clerk to circulate.

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

No reports this time.

7-3 Verge ditch and litter or weed maintenance

The Clerk accepted the comments made by Cllr Henchley who wanted a letter sent off again to Andrew Robertson at SCADC and the police be informed about the persistent fly tip taking place again after a brief respite. Stopping and inspecting suspicious vehicles was key to putting a sharp edge to the purge. It had now returned to the usual places with a vengeance. The Clerk said he will go out and take some new pictures

and send a letter to Mr Robertson's department asking what SCADC were doing now under the Clean Neighbourhood Act 2005 to try and alleviate this anti social nuisance.

7.4 Transport including Village Council funded Friday shopping bus

All agree a new Chair to look after the transport and community bus project in limbo now Cllr Colrley had retired and moved away. The suggestion was to ask new Cllr D Horner to take this on as he was already involved in the background arrangements

7.5 Long About A 414

Again members asked to note the comments on the HHWP letter 17/02/07 regarding the status of the project as ranking 143 on the priorities list. Cllr Henchley added it clearly has to go higher, and we should campaign vigorously to get this done sooner.

8 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr Becker asked if the bye-laws covered motorcycles on the common, the Clerk said it does but in spite of informing the police they will not give chase. We had put in several complaints to L/Colney HQ and regrettably little response. It was planned to raise again at the police liaison meeting on 14th March meeting here in the VH.

9 COUNCIL BUILDINGS-ORGANISATIONS & TRUSTEE MATTERS

9-1 High Street Recreation Area Pavilion and CHFC

The previous meeting had agreed to the gratuity renewal for one year in order the club can look more carefully at their financial situation and try getting their books in order after the treasurer's departure. The Clerk is preparing a continuation type clause such as recommended by the Playing Fields Association, called a "Tenancy at Will" to allow the signing of the same lease for the period of one year on similar terms. Which can be revoked at any time by the land owners if any disputes or breaches occur.

9-2 Treasure Tots Pre School.

Following the recommendation of the last meeting Cllr Crump is to take on the job of Chair to the Pre School as he has a CRB. It will be necessary to convene a meeting of the committee after the Easter break. Cllr Reeves wanted to know more about the profitability of the Pre School. The Clerk had just received the Auditors report and it showed a small profit. He asked about Day Care and the difference, which requires premises to have as exclusive daily use, but the Clerk added that fees were much higher and these were sought after by parents who worked all day in well paid jobs able to afford rates several times more than our £8 per session for 2.5 hours. Our problem was affordability, it was always intended T/Tots be community school and part of the CHPC wish to provide subsidy based facility to the village parents. The Clerk will copy any member with the Auditors report if required, adding that we will have to apply for charitable status at some stage and register under the Charities Act.

9-3 Village Hall Committee

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk attended the last meeting on 7th March the Manager of the Pre School also present. The Clerk has suggested the cleaner could be added to our general payroll administration as the voluntary secretary may have to be trained. The idea is that we will contra charge the cost back to the committee. HM&CR are keen to get all employers onto systems for on line payroll and year end submissions by 2008-9. This will positively help the VHC after the departure of Mrs P Watson and whilst taking little extra administration time by us. There is virtually no cost to CHPC.

We have also invoiced the Buildings Insurance as agreed 90/10% and the cost of the new table trolley purchased via our suppliers. The Clerk has also recommended some additional fire safety matters of VH and hirer's insurance charges are looked into. New regulations will require the front doors be fitted with panic bolts. This may cause a problem to T/Tots and is to be looked into before any fitting takes place.

9.4 Charles Morris Hall

Graffiti reported on the children equipment, the Clerk will arrange this to be removed. (Since done by SCADC under obligations Clean Neighbourhood Act)
No further demand on past agreed grant for lighting and plasterboard procurement yet Cllr Rump and Clerk to meet Peter Scott on Friday 16th March to assess the plan for the APM- function and sign dedication on 19th April.

9.5 Highfield Community Park & Trustees

Cllr Rump reported that a board meeting was due to take place soon and he hopes to attend and possibly Cllr Reeves as well. New kissing gates DDA compliant have been installed, the Clerk met John Ely and the invoice is to be sent via us for F/P 16 costs which we will recover off P3 and CMS.

9-6 Other local Organisations-Guides Scouts-Harvesters

Mention of the 30th Anniversary at the end of March Cllr Brazier attending the supper and BBQ, no reports from Harvesters but continuing successfully with youth teams. Leader "Brown Owl" Mrs Elizabeth Clark is retiring after long service with the local Guide group at the end of the summer.

9.7 Youth Organisations Locally & Youth Council

Cllr Reeves asked if the youth club would be starting up again Cllr Brazier said it was to be reorganised by YMCA at Highfield but he did not have any dates. The Clerk reminded that we had £1500 reserved in the budget for youth schemes.

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

Noted

10.1 Fly Tipping Reports

Latest report handed out to all present, Clerk pointed out the increase in tips in Barley Mow Lane, adequately past debated. Cllr Henschley added comments and absolute dismay at the continued lack of catching offenders.

10.02 Vital Villages

Then Clerk reported attending a meeting on 7th March, the new Chair is D Horner to stand in for Margaret Corley. A copy of the minutes is available to members, but it is difficult to see if there is still a place for the Executive to function. The Clerk added that it serves a useful purpose in an independent watch on the various organisations and committees, the Parish Council and others. Especially ensuring that the plan and public survey issues are still kept in the frame. John Ely felt that his priority was to step down unless needed any more he had gone as far as he can. Links with the Parish Council were very strong and that was to continue. It was agreed to keep it running another year and decide at this time in 2008 what the future held after 4 years.

10.2 Police & Community Matters

Next Meeting of liaison committee is 14th March at Colney Heath

10.3 Vital Villages Plan

Covered adequately in other headings and issues

10.4 Twinning

Meeting with Cllr Rump and Office to discuss possible joint effort on mugs was informative but not worth combining efforts. They are doing a similar give away for the 25th anniversary and en-taunt-cordial with the French visiting this year. An invitation to the function will be sent to request a representative from CHPC.

10.5 Reports from Members attending other meetings

No reports this time

10.6 Fairs-Festivals and local community matters

Cllr Reeves suggested this was probably duplicated under other headings and should be pruned out unless topical. Cllr Rump asked if we had looked at any plans to celebrate St Georges Day- a national day. The Clerk had passed on publicity details to Cllr Rump asking if the Plough was interested.

10.7 Reports as listed –HM Govt; Local Govt Issues; National; HCC Etc;

Clerk reminded members Lyons Enquiry into Local Govt would soon report, the issues of Housing in SE a report on the Regional Housing Strategy Review 2007 to be circulated to all members published February 2007-copies for each member.

10.8 St Albans Assoc Town & Parish Councils

Meeting dates and last minutes circulated

10.9 Minutes or matters received from other organisations

Again repeated and should be deleted next time according the Chairman

11 Members Questions

11.1 Any issues

There were no questions put this time

11.2 News Releases

No reports

11.3 Matters received since publishing the agenda

Again both Chair and Clerk said these will have come up in item 3 so this should be deleted in future unless any specific need for its own heading

11.4 Proposals for Next Meeting

Cllr Reeves wants the way-leaves sorted out.

12 OPERATIONAL MATTERS

12.1 Staff and Office Matters

The Clerk advised members that adjustments to the Assistant Clerks pay will be made after April up two points to line in with agreed national scales and a parish with this size and responsibilities, members were told about this at the budget, it is provisioned

12.2 Clerk Report on future matters needing attention

No report

12.3 Notice Boards and Signs

No reports

12.4 Commons Licences & Wayleaves

Dealt with

12.5 Publicity & Chronicle

Previously dealt with

12-6 Flooding and Encams

Noted

12.7 Capital Purchases

Clerk has projector and screen on order 90% grant will pay this from HATPC

12.8 Meetings venue and planning next parish year

Leave over to Annual Statutory Meeting

Police Meeting

Dealt with at previous meeting

Late Matters

None to report

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm



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Clerk to the Council

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Note

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