

10/012 Clerks Report

Rentokil offered to give a free quotation for gassing the rabbits in the cemetery; if it is necessary this must be undertaken by a licensed operator. An inspection was carried out, but no quotation has been received.

Councillor Dixon asked for the grass in the Pitchell to be cut by the PC. After liaising with Councillor Day as BB Chairman, who pointed out that this is a "free" allotment and the lease is renewed each year, it was pointed out that this was not up to the PC. She agrees and will arrange for it to be kept in trim.

The resident of 94 West Street asked me to speak to Central Networks regarding the overhead electricity wires crossing the road to her house. This is a very old connection and in the fullness of time will be replaced with a single cable.

Residents of Walkers Field are concerned that NCC were not informed that the PC has taken responsibility for the lighting on this road; quotations have been given to residents to bring the roads up to NCC standards for it to be adopted. The relevant department has been informed.

PCSO Dobson called in to update me on current issues. They are dealing with several issues of anti-social behaviour in the village.

Curator Richard Brown will be asked to give the new cemetery grass a cut when necessary.

10/013 Accounts Payable

Curators Salary (Current month)	£ 150.00
Clerks Salary (Current month)	£ 200.00
Smith Hetherington : grass cutting churchyard (2 months)	£ 434.00
Kings Cliffe Parish Gazette : annual subscription	£ 75.00
British Telecom : Telephone ¼ to April	£ 84.48
E-on : Lighting repairs	£ 23.47
E-on : Lighting charges : ¼ to March 2010	£ 591.59
J. Dixon : contra payment for rent of the Pitchell	£ 20.00
ENC : Business Rate for Cemetery	£ 237.14
Viking : Stationery Supplies (cheque to Mrs. Blunt)	£ 75.18

ENC Precept ½-year payment of £ 7,500.00 paid to the PC on 23rd April 2010

10/014 Planning

Applications:-

26 – 32 Bridge Street : Replacement doors and windows : EN/10/00571/FUL : No objection

2 Dakin Close : Two storey extension/internal alterations : EN/10/00651/FUL

No objections to the proposals, but the Parish Council have requested a clause in any planning consent that this extension should be used for domestic purposes only

2 The Dovecote, Park Street : Erection of chimney : EN/10/732/LBC) Discussed in tandem

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68 Park Street : Proposed front porch : EN/10/00446/FUL : No objection

Granted by ENC : Noted

Laws Lawn, Stamford Road : Demolition & replacement of dwelling : EN/09/01760/REM

Willow Lane, Agricultural Hay Store : Permission not required : EN/10/00451/PNA

10/015 Audited Annual Accounts for approval

The Council have adopted an approach in relation to the needs, size, and circumstances of the Council, namely Internal Audit once a year at the completion of the financial year end and is based on the schedule in appendix 9 of the Governance and Accountability for local Councils – A Practitioners Guide 2008 (England). The Clerk and Ivan Walker from Stephenson Smart met to discuss the accounts prior sending them to the Audit Officer. All relevant issues have been addressed and the Annual Return was approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

Proposed : Councillor M. Day

Seconded : Councillor L. Crane

10/016 Highways : VAS Scheme

Application forms for applying to erect flashing speed signs have been received. The Chairman has taken these to peruse and complete if it is felt the costs are manageable.

10/017 Request to use Maltings Green : Youth Club “Race for Life event” : 27th June

Granted, with the usual proviso that the site is left clean and tidy following the event.

10/018 Church Walk : correspondence from parishioners

Letters have been received from three residents complaining about the state of the Church Walk road surface. The Clerk contacted both Richard Woodhouse and Steve Dazwell, MGWSP (NCC Highways) prior to the meeting. This road officially designated as a footpath; providing it is passable as a footpath, this is deemed acceptable. This is an unadopted thoroughfare and without the remit of the Parish Council. There has been a similar dilemma in Walkers Field and in that case, the residents have agreed to pay the necessary monies to have the road remade by Highways to their standards for it to be officially adopted.

The complainants will be given the information above.

10/019 Gazette entry for June 2010 : Discussed and agreed

10/020 Burial Board

There has been no meeting of the Board. The fencing of the cemetery extension is completed and most satisfactorily. Landscaping to be discussed again in the autumn. Mr. Adams will break through from the existing cemetery and form a road in the new area.

10/021 Neighbourhood Watch

No crime figures were received this month. Nothing more to report.

10/022 Correspondence Received

The Local Councils Charter are arranging local Parish meetings in the district during the next few months, Councillor P. Lang Norris has volunteered to attend for the PC.

The Millennium Wood is now ten years old. An invitation to organise a celebration was forwarded to David Hellard.

MGWSP (NCC Highways) has provided a form to complete for minor tasks to be carried out by the Parish Enhancement Gangs. Several points were raised and the form will be completed with these requests.

10/023 Any Other Business

Councillor B. Howard again raised the question of potholes and road conditions. He had had a meeting with a representative from MGWSP to air his views. The Chairman said the general feeling was that the contractors were doing their best; several local roads have had top dressing, which is an improvement.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm. The next meeting will be held on 10th June 2010 at 7.30 pm. in the Memorial Hall Parlour.