

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Jim Marsh, Nixie Graham
In attendance: Bob Hough, Clare Albert, David Ellis, Charlie Seligman
2. **Signed and approved minutes** from meeting of the 14th April 2015.
3. **Declaration of interest** – needs to be completed by all Councillors and returned to Nicky
4. **Maintenance**
 1. The clerk has met with Steve Goodall re. dropped kerb at Watch Lane. It was discussed that a new kerb would effectively have to extend into the B3400 by the phone box making it too dangerous to consider further. It was agreed that the only safe point would be a positioned in the kerbs aligning with the middle of Manor Cottages. Upon further consultation with the resident who made the original request, it was agreed that this would be an unnecessary expense as it is possible to use the St Nicholas lane/Church Lane drop kerbs
 2. The soil in front of the fence at Manor cottages and then all the way to the river bridge should be cleared of mud. **Action:** clerk to organise with Street Cleansing team and also contact Clare Scheckter wrt wall repair
5. **Scooter/skateboard safety**

There have been a couple of issues in the last 6 weeks wrt skateboard and scooter safety. Last bank holiday a child ran out from between the parked cars to retrieve his skateboard that had scooted onto the road, missing a car by seconds. There is also a lack of consideration given to people getting in and out of cars especially those with young children and the elderly. It is felt strongly that the onus is on parents to brief their children on safe and courteous behaviour. It is hoped that clearing the disused tennis court will provide an alternative hard surface for the children to bike and skate on. If they want to do it up (skim of tarmac) they can fund raise (as the children in Overton did) and apply to the PC for a grant **Action:** include a section in the newsletter on consideration & road safety
6. **Whitchurch Joint Cllr training** – there's to be new councillor training on 17th September at a cost of £25 per head which is being organised by Whitchurch PC and HALC
7. **Community Site**
 - 7.1 Landscaping of Lady Rose Hall – The work has started with weed-killing of what will be a planted border on the road side of the hall. Jamie Nicklin has dug up the turf ready for planting by Gill Baker. The outer ramp wall grassing was discussed. **Action:** investigate further top soil seen available locally and PC to review ramp-side plan
 - 7.2 Rough area beside tennis court. Verbal quote for one day of £350 + Vat for big digger + £120 for labour received. This would be to clear rough grass area and as much of tennis court as possible with priority to tennis court edge and bonfire site **Action:** clerk to firm up
 - 7.3 Usage of Pavilion. Bob has come up with an idea to use the Pavilion as a Men's Shed. The Men's Shed Association, an organisation formed to encourage men to get together recreationally, particularly during

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retirement where they are under occupied. NHS, Age UK, Lottery funding and other doners are currently supporting the formation of other Men's Sheds and one group received £50k. All agreed that the idea should be taken forward. **Action:** speak to Borough officers, circulate in newsletter and other local web sites etc.

7.4 Hall usage statistics were discussed. The hall is paying its way on a monthly basis but a regular body using the hall would ensure sustainability e.g. the ORC receive £10k per annum from a daily user. There is interest from an organisation wishing to use the hall on week days. **Action:** Bob to liaise with potential hirer

8. **BT Broadband** – The PC completed a HALC survey. The results were disappointing for us - resolutions were sent to NALC lobbying that Broadband must be installed in all new houses & that there should be zero rated vat on local community broadband enabling projects. **Action:** Clare to follow up with new MP Kit Malthouse

9. **Finance**

9.1 **Financial Summary 14th April – 11th May 2015**

Balances on 11.05.15:

a. Parish Council Accounts **£11688.16**

Paid In

01.05.15 Precept & Support Grant £6419.00

Paid Out

01.05.15 HCC Streetlighting £276.64
01.05.15 HALC subs £295
11.05.15 EUKHost Website hosting £61.99
11.05.15 Kieron Beattie Grounds Maintenance £241.92
11.05.15 Clerk Pay & newsletter production £387
11.05.15 HMRC Employer NICs £68.72

b. Community Centre Account **£28419.40**

Paid in

17.04.15 G. Jennings £90
28.04.15 G. Jennings £45
05.05.15 S. Bailey £75
07.05.15 J. Ruffell £112.50

Paid Out

28.04.15 Eon Gas £46.53
28.04.15 Eon Elect £20.67
11.05.15 Souren Ala (weedkilling) £45

- 9.2 Audit: The PC approved the final accounts for 2014/15 and both the Accounting and Governance statements of the annual return
- 9.3 Use of accounting software was discussed in order to reduce time spent on accounts. PC agreed to move ahead if initial cost is no more than £750 with ongoing costs no more than £250 annually. All agreed.
- 9.4 Return of election expenses – Parish councillors must make an expenses return even if it is of nil value.
- 9.5 VAT – David Ellis confirmed that we are unable to de-register for VAT.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 CPRE – **Action:** Nicky to forward CPRE info to Parish Councillors to enable decision on subscription
- 10.2 Sustrans Cycling workshop – 7th June meeting. Bob to look at attending
- 10.3 HALC Councillor Induction – as above

11. Planning

15/00399/FUL & 15/00400/LBC Bere Mill House – conversion & alterations to ancillary barn to farm storage and part residential farm manager accommodation.

Amendments have been made to the plan. The PC are not commenting on this change

AGM Millennium Green AGM is 7.30pm at LRH next Tues. Playground regeneration will be main discussion topic.

Date of next full PC meeting: 9th June 2015 at 7.30pm at Lady Rose Hall

Sign.....**Date**.....