

is satisfactory they can be utilised in future on other work such as the ditches at the side of the Common to prevent vehicles driving on the Common unauthorised.

- e) Track by the Common gate
The Clerk said that this was as far as he knew work in progress with Mr Poulton.
- f) Industrial estate signage
The Clerk said that as yet the new nameplate for Old Brickyard Rd had not been put in place by the NFDC nor had the sign beneath it relating to the industrial estate. He would speak to the NFDC again during the week.
- g) School bus to Burgate School.
The Clerk read to the meeting a letter he had received from the operations director of Wilts & Dorset Bus Co. confirming that he will ask his local manager with responsibility for the service to remind drivers of the need to ensure passengers are fully aware of the need to remain seated during the journey. There was nothing further the parish council can do on this

09.113 Resignation of Councillor Robert Streatfeild

The Chairman explained to the meeting that he had received a letter from Cllr Streatfeild who felt that business and other commitments did not leave him time to concentrate on his parish council duties. The meeting accepted with regret the resignation of Cllr Streatfeild. The Chairman said that he would now respond formally to Robert Streatfeild thanking him for his hard work on the council's behalf, especially on the Bishop's Lane problem.

09.114 Planning

- a) Planning applications
The Clerk confirmed there were no new planning applications
- b) Decisions taken by NFDC Planning Authority
There were no notifications from NFDC relating to planning decisions taken.
- c) Other planning matters
The Chairman reported that he had received notification from NFDC of a TPO being placed on an oak tree in Sandle Lodge. There had been no objection lodged by the parish council when it was first raised. The council noted a document from Penny Velandar from NFDC which related to community planning groups & local councils working together & explaining the community planning process. It was felt that as the council had a village plan in operation which was prepared by a steering group there was no further action needed by the council.

09.115 Finance

- a) Current situation
Current account £410.91 Deposit account £2093.12 & Treasurer Trust account £300. In respect of the latter account the Clerk said that as yet the annual interest had not been notified.
- b) Audit Commission

It was reported that following the response by the Chairman & Clerk to the points made by the Audit Commission they had now written back confirming that the Parish Council's Annual Return had been approved.

c) Other finance matters

In response to a point made by the Clerk it was confirmed by the Council that for the time being they will borrow a screen to show material using the new digital projector at council meetings. Both Cllrs Dean & Martin said they were willing to lend their screens to the Council as & when needed.

09.116 Village Design Statement

The Vice-Chairman confirmed that he now had a copy of the Fordingbridge Town Council's design statement which was a well-put-together document covering all the points necessary for the acceptance by NFDC. It was agreed that the Chairman & Vice-Chairman who are currently finalising the Sandleheath design statement would take into account the format, layout etc of the Fordingbridge document.

09.117 Play Area project

Cllr Daykin explained to the meeting his revised questionnaire to be sent out to village residents. Using the projected image he was able to emphasise the relevant points involved. After debate the questionnaire & covering letter to go out with it was approved. Cllr Daykin would reproduce the printed questionnaire for distribution.

09.118 Internet Communications Strategy

Cllr Daykin, who has taken on the web-site, raised with the meeting the need councillors & clerk to be responsible for specific pages of the web-site. A list of headings outlining the various information pages was highlighted using the projector & council members were allocated subjects they would be responsible for notifying to Cllr Daykin using the e-method. Cllr Daykin said he would send out a revised list to council members.

09.118 Correspondence

The Community First Newsletter had been received. The Clerk said he had received from NFDC a letter relating to the New Forest Spring Clean 2009 (from 7th to 15th March) & asking for volunteers.

09.119 Any other business

The Chairman raised a point regarding rumours about the two churches in the village. After a short debate it was agreed that meetings with the leaders of the two churches be set up for the Chairman.

09.120 Date of Next Meeting

Mon 23rd February 2009 at 7-30pm in St.Aldhelm's.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8-29pm

