

come into contact with them. He added that drains had been jetted out in Alderholt Road. He said that the “SLOW” signs in Alderholt Rd will be repainted. He said that the edge markers have been put into place in the Alderholt Rd near the property “Coppice View”. The Chairman thanked Mr Fenn for his report.

c) Village 30 scheme

The Chairman said that the map obtained by the Clerk from County Council didn't actually show where the 30mph entry sign especially coming from Fordingbridge direction would be positioned. After a short debate it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the County Council to request information as to where the signs would be placed, especially the gateway to the village sign incorporating a 30mph sign. The Godshill sign was an example that could be followed.

d) Use of Community Service workers on the Common

The Chairman & Clerk gave a full report on the community service personnel who worked on the Common on the 4th April. The work they carried out was on digging out a ditch near to the main road which would be a deterrent to vehicles being driven up on to the Common rather than using the proper gate. The ditch was very good and those concerned had worked extremely well. We do have the community service personnel for two more Saturdays, namely the 18th and 25th April. The cost to the parish council was the “one-off” payment of £50 towards tools and the purchase of vacuum flasks for the tea & coffee for the men. Again this was a “one-off” purchase. The Clerk added that all village residents whose properties backed on to the Common had been written to informing them of the work being carried out and who was carrying it out. The meeting felt that the exercise had been very worth while.

e) Track by the Common gate

The Chairman and Clerk reported that the work on the track up to the Common gate had been completed. It was most satisfactory and the community service workers' minibus found it very useful when they drove up on to the Common. It was agreed that both Nigel Poulton & Kevin Downer had done an extremely good job and they were thanked by the meeting.

f) Citizen of the Year Award

The Clerk confirmed that there had been no names put forward prior to the closing date on the 31st March.

09.139 Planning

a) Planning applications

09/93713 Forres Sandle Manor Educational Trust Continued siting of temporary classroom. Forres Sandle Manor School, Station Road, Sandleheath.

The Chairman reported that this was a ongoing temporary classroom, although there is a policy of the school for temporary classrooms to be eventually replaced by permanent structures. He proposed “That the planning application be supported” This was seconded by Mr Martin. The proposal was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

08/93381 Mr S.Edwards Retention of boundary fencing. Courtlands,

8 Manor Farm Rd, Sandleheath

Following a short report from the Chairman it was proposed by Mr Stockton & seconded by Mr Martin "That the application be supported"
This was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

There was no other planning matters.

09.140 Finance

a) Current situation

Current account £222.91 Deposit account £2103.55 Treasurer Trust account £306.01

b) Other financial matters

The Clerk said that within the next two or three weeks the first half payment of the precept will be paid by NFDC.

The meeting then approved the following invoices:

From the Clerk an invoice for the fourth quarter to the 31st March of his remuneration ie 3 months salary of £423.80 & reimbursement of postage costs £13.59 – a total of £437.39

From NALC the annual affiliation fee of £186.00

From HALC annual subscription to Local Council Review £13.50

From Whatever Garden Services for two loads of scalplings for the Common gate entrance £83.70

From the Clerk to cover reimbursement of costs involved with the purchase of refreshments for community service workers, vacuum flasks and also 500 sheets of blue copier paper £32.95

Cheques for the above amounts were drawn and signed.

09.141 Village Design Statement

The Chairman said that the Vice-Chairman had completed his part of the Statement but he had still to complete the part he was doing. He hoped to complete this prior to the next meeting.

09.142 Play Area Project

Mr Daykin said that the questionnaire was near completion & was hopeful it would have been completed & distributed by the next meeting.

09.143 Internal Communication Strategy

Following a report from Mr Daykin it was agreed by the meeting that it was important to revise the website & update it. It was agreed to delete the material currently on the site which was now irrelevant.

09.144 Annual Parish Assembly 27th April 09

The Clerk said that he had been in contact with PCSO Jim Hordle & he had confirmed he would be able to come along to the meeting. The meeting felt that he should explain how he operates in relation to the villages as well as an explanation of his duties as a PCSO. The invitation to the meeting and agenda would be delivered to each household in the normal way

09.145 Correspondence

In response to an e-mail from ONE VOICE it was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council would not be facilitating any meetings where the

public may attend in respect of the draft National Park plan.

09.145 Any other business

- a) The Clerk confirmed that the dates for cutting the Common had been Confirmed with Mr Dibben, the first cut to take place during the week of the 20th April. No decision had been taken in respect of the paths as Mr Jerrard who has cut the paths for the past few years has now retired.
- b) District councillor Dr Whitehead gave a brief rundown on the work she has been involved in which may be of interest to the village.
- c) It was agreed that the Clerk would send a friendly note to any dog owners who let their dogs foul the Common & do not pick up the offending mess.

09.146 Date of Next Meeting

The AGM of the Parish Council on Mon 18th May at 7-30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8-30pm

The meeting then went into closed session to discuss the Clerk's pay & conditions of service.

In a written report it was pointed out that a recent arbitration decision awarded town and parish clerks an increase of 2.75% for the period 1st April 08 to 31st March 09. The arbitration award when added to the Clerk's current pay rate of £8.15 per hour would mean that the new rate would be £8.37 per hour (£33.48 per week) The cost to the council would be £45.76 per annum.

Additionally the Clerk's gratuity currently after interest is £306.01 & therefore under the Clerk's contract of employment this should be increased by 3.75% of the Clerk's annual salary at the 31st Dec 08 which was £1695.20 – in other words a sum of £63.57 to add to the £306.01.

The meeting unanimously agreed the Chairman's recommendation that the award be implemented and the gratuity payment be increased by the £63.57 as set out in the report.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8-40pm