



The phone transmission mast is essential for improving mobile phone reception in the village, and was positioned to optimise its performance. A number of residents had been spoken to by BH and expressed their approval. The council recommends approval.

**2537 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ANN WEBB**

Councillor Webb reported

- a) AW congratulated the councillors on their election for the coming year.
- b) AW thanked BHs for the defib training, it was very helpful and has recommended that all new councillors attend defib training in May.
- c) AW is up for re-election on 4/5/17.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Webb for her report and offered her best wishes for the forthcoming County elections.

Councillor AW left at 7.45 pm.

**2538 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS**

**a) To review the current bank balance and approve schedule of accounts**

**i. Cheques authorised since previous meeting:**

<i>To Whom</i>	<i>Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc.</i>	<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Value £</i>
i) Wales Audit Office	Audit of Accounts 2015/2016	101111	159.15
ii) VPK Electrical	Supply & installation for Defibrillators Ref. Minute: 2439 item b.ii.	101112	300.00
iii) St Arvans Village Trust	Hire of the Meeting Rooms	101113	26.80
iv) MCC	Salary – Jan – Mar 2017	101114	702.42
v) Caldicot Joinery	Supply & install replacement notice board Ref. Minute: 2454 i.	101115	525.60
		Total	£1713.97

**b) The overall true balance of accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 was £13,506.26 and is made up of:**

i) HSBC Balance

HSBC, Account Number 70724513 £2356.00

HSBC, Account Number 41440942 £7040.14

Monmouthshire Building Society Account £4110.12

(a) Sub Total £13,506.26

ii) Minus £ p, comprising outstanding cheques paid during March and outstanding debt to MCC

<b>To whom</b>	<b>Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc.</b>	<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Value £</b>
MCC	Owing to MCC ref. Clerk's salary and expenses	Paid by MCC	680.97
		Total	680.97

The overall true balance of accounts as of March 2017 was £11,111.32

**c) Invoices/Expenses and Salary Costs presented for Authorisation and Signature of cheques.**

<i>To Whom</i>	<i>Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc.</i>	<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Value £</i>
i).HM Clerk	Clerks salary 1/4/17 – 30/4/17	Paid thru MCC	226.64
ii) Nigel Hoskins	Grounds maintenance	101116	175.50
iii) Merlin Waste	Dog Bin emptying	101117	27.12
		Total	£429.26

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Councillor BHs and seconded by Councillor SB and all present agreed.

The Clerk has filled in the appropriate forms with HSBC and is awaiting a final code to set up Internet Banking.

**Action: Clerk to follow up.**

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#### CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Training Requirements. **ACTION Clerk to email information to the council.**
- b) One Voice Wales latest update. **ACTION Councillor AB to email the latest document from OVW to the council.**

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#### HIGHWAYS GROUP REPORT

Councillor Howells presented the report.

- a) Racecourse: Councillor AB and BHs met with Steve White on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to address the following items;
  - i. Review of the traffic arrangements for the Welsh Grand National. It was agreed that traffic arrangements had improved, but a complaint had been received concerning cars parked along the A466. S. White agreed there was a problem with parking along the A466. He said that there was space available on the parking area on the racecourse towards St. Arvans, but some vehicles were not using this and parking on the verge. They were looking into it, but the verge as well as the layby are not under their control. This is a police matter.
  - ii. Visual impact from the A466 of storage of material. S. White said they were looking into improving the screening, but some containers were used for the new building construction.
  - iii. Portable light in car park blinding traffic. They were aware of this problem and it was hoped to have permanent lighting in the car park.
  - iv. Water dripping onto pavement outside racecourse. This was caused by a boiler.
  - v. Dog Show building status. Preparatory work had begun and deliveries to the site had been addressed to minimise the impact on traffic. The constructors were using local contractors for the work where possible.
  - vi. Programme of events 2017. Five evening racing events are planned. As well as some of the regular events such as the Green Gathering, one musical event involving a local group was planned, but no major musical evenings were planned.
- b). Picket fences to define entrance to the village: Site meeting with MCC/P. Keeble has been requested.
- c) Pothole: Reported pothole in Devauden Road has been rectified.

The report was accepted and the chairman thanked Councillor Howells and the group members.

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#### ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION GROUP REPORT

Councillor Bolton presented the report.

- a) KGV
  - i. Mole Hills: A quotation of £120 + vat has been received from P&P pest control. It was agreed to go ahead with this quote. Proposed by RE and second BHs and all present agreed. **ACTION Clerk to contact P&P.**
  - ii. Councillor AB carried out weekly checks on playground equipment.
- b) Defibrillator
  - 80 residents have attended training to date. Another training session to be organised. **ACTION BHs to advise date and time.**
- c) Replacement Notice Board, Devauden Road

Now in situ. A second key will be available once the heading has been replaced.

**d) Best Kept Village and Garden Competitions**

- i. Dean Close/Robins nursery have agreed to put a gardening group together.
- ii. A resident agreed to put more plants outside the meeting rooms.
- iii. SB reported that the church PCC are delighted that the Community Council would help in organising a working party to help in improving the church yard. It requires some fence painting and the compost heap to be cleared and screened. AB & RE offered their assistance if a working group is set up.
- iv. VK offered to donate coffee grinds to prevent slugs/wasps.

The report was accepted and the council thanked Councillor Bolton and the group members.

**2542 CORRESPONDENCE**

To note and consider correspondence received since the previous meeting,  
Circulated by letter/email and originating from:

- i. Hilary Crow, Thursday Group ref: Date for talk on Scams & Fraud – New date to be advised. The council agreed to maintain the underwriting of any expenses up to c.£40.
- ii. Robert Tranter, Monitoring Officer – Training on Code of Conduct.
- iii. Debra Pritchard, P&P – Quotation for Moles.
- iv. Shan Bowden, Development Officer – Area Committee minutes.
- v. Roger Joy, Street Lighting – VAS sign at the Piercefield – **ACTION Clerk reply to say it is now working.**

**2542 ITEMS FOR PARISH MAGAZINE AND THE WEB SITE:**

- a) Election Result
- b) Best Kept Village Competition – Councillor SB to put together notice and forward to Fiveways and Webmaster.
- c) CAB to attend the Council meeting 11 July 7-7.30pm.
- d) The proposed Telephone mast on sewage farm will give 98.9% coverage for the village. – Councillor BH to put together notice and forward to Fiveways and Webmaster.
- e) Defib training – BHs to advise dates.

**2543 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Web inputs to be forwarded to [webmaster@starvanscouncil.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@starvanscouncil.co.uk)
- b) Councillor AB said that it was his last meeting and thanked everyone for their support and service over the 9 years that he has been a member of the Council. BH thanked him and presented him with a token of appreciation.

**2545 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Rooms.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.  
Signed: Clerk  
Date:

Signed: Chairman  
Date: