

ii) Item 6; DC/2016/00588 Racecourse. The demolition of the water tower at the racecourse. Still awaiting a response from MCC. **ACTION AW**

2480 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications and Notifications considered by Planning Group since the last meeting

DC/2016/01352 – St Arvans Lodge. NP16 6DN. Alterations, extension and conversion of existing building to provide additional accommodation for nursery with ancillary works.

ACTION: Clerk to request an extension to Planning, MCC.

b) Planning Applications Decided by MCC Planning Dept since last Council meeting:

- i. DC/2016/01255 – 19 Fordwich Close. NP16 6EL. Install a dormer on each side of the roof, towards the front of the building. Approved
- ii. DC/2016/01249 – 1 Cockshoots, Itton Rd. NP16 6BJ. Rear second storey extension and side single storey extension. Approved

c) To note receipt of planning applications/permissions received since the preparation of this agenda

There were none.

2481 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ANN WEBB

Councillor Webb sent her apologies.

- a) Thank you note sent to Councillor Webb reference organising the clearing of the copse.
- b) Thank you note to be sent to Councillor Webb for her help in arranging the clearing of litter on the Itton Road.

2482 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS January 2017

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

i) HSBC Balance

HSBC, Account Number	70724513	£975.50
HSBC, Account Number	41440942	£12872.95
Monmouthshire Building Society Account		£4084.26
	(a) Sub Total	£17,932.71

This includes payment of Precept.

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

To whom	Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc.	Cheque Number	Value £
MCC	Owing to MCC ref. Clerk's salary and expenses	Paid by MCC	794.20
MCC	Clerks Salary	101089	749.85
S Luff	Hedge Cutting	101091	120.00
		Total	1664.05

The overall true balance of accounts as of January 2017 was £16,268.66

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

To Whom	Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc.	Cheque Number	Value £
i).HM Clerk	Clerks salary 1/1/17 – 31/1/17	Paid thru MCC	226.67
iii) Merlin Waste	Dog Bin emptying	101092	27.12
iii) Nigel Hoskins	Grounds maintenance	101093	193.50
iv) Mr Chisholme	Electricity for Xmas lights	101094	30.00
v) Margot Davis	Christmas Presents	101095	12.00
		Total	£489.29

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

2483 HIGHWAYS GROUP REPORT

Councillor Howells presented the report.

a) **A466** at Racecourse - Parking issues on the Urban Clearway as cars parking along the verge even though the car park was not full. **ACTION:** The Council to query with the racecourse why this was not monitored by the 12 marshals on duty. BH/AB

b) **A466 Speed sign** on the A466 (Piercefield Pub) is not working. **ACTION:** Clerk to email and inform Gill Hazzard, MCC. HM

c) **Picket fences** update from AONB. No objection in erecting the fences but requests that we include a sign stating "Welcome to AONB". **ACTION:** The Council to discuss with Paul Keeble, MCC Highways on siting and feasibility. Discuss at the next Highways meeting. AB

d) **Grange Road Speeding** – MCC has responded with their position. National speed limits will not be erected on this road. Traffic density is quite small. **ACTION:** The Council to respond to MCC thanking officers for their time and the Council will give the report full consideration. HM

e) **Grange Road edges and repairs** have been completed by MCC. **ACTION:** Clerk to email Steve Lane thanking him for the work completed.

f) **Cockshoot Lane Update** – MCC has repaired the kerb and resurfaced entrance into the lane. Stones have been cleared.

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

2484 ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION GROUP REPORT from meeting 6/1/17

Councillor Davies presented the report.

a) KGV

- i. **Picnic Benches.** Further research uncovered a company that manufactures side-entry benches in recycled plastic. The benches are easier to access than the traditional A frame type. Whilst more expensive than wooden benches, plastic benches are maintenance free. It is recommended that the Council purchases 2 such benches at a cost of circa £1000. Photos were presented to the main meeting. **ACTION:** AB - The Council agree to the purchase of these benches. Proposed by Councillor BHs and Councillor SB seconded. All agreed.
- ii. Councillor AB carried out weekly checks on playground equipment.

b) Defibrillator

- i. Unit at 42 Laurel Park now operational. BHs arranging training for 23rd Jan 7pm in the Meeting Rooms. 10 attendees. Photo-shoot taken for Lions publicity. **ACTION:** Clerk to email community requesting interest in attending a course so that the Council can set up other training sessions.
- ii. Race course has their own defibs but have offered a free room to hold the training if required. The Deere's would also like to attend a training session. **ACTION BHs**
- iii. VK has spoken with the manager of the Piercefield PH reference the location of the 2nd

unit. The manager expressed a preference for a site at the rear of the building whereas VK had expected to fit it in a more prominent position. Still awaiting the final decision, but if no agreement is made, then the Memorial Hall committee to be approached about siting the 2nd defib at the hall. **AB/VK**

c) Playing Field/ Hall Trees Update

- i. BH requested a second “No dogs” sign to be erected adjacent to the football pavilion to warn people who bring dogs by car and park behind the pavilion and walk through to the field. **ACTION:** BH/AB to investigate purchase of another sign.
- ii. Tree pruning scheduled for Wed 1st February. Cost will be £540 net of VAT to be shared with the Memorial Hall. **ACTION:** AB Inform Hall Committee of the date
BH has commenced pruning/reshaping the wigloo. **BH**

d) Replacement Notice Board, Devauden Road

Awaiting second quote via **RE**. If no quote forthcoming it was recommended that the Council proceeds with the first quote for £438 + vat. **ACTION: RE to chase the second quote urgently.**

e) Best Kept Village and Garden Competitions

- i. Widespread discussion on the value of continuing with the gardens/hanging basket competitions and participation in the GAVO BKV competition. It was agreed that the Council should continue with the initiatives as they do act as an incentive for residents to maintain their properties to high standard and take a pride in the appearance of the village. **All**
- ii. It was agreed that the categories for judging i.e. gardens and hanging baskets should not be extended so as not to further burden the judging process. Council to contact the Village Garden and Produce Club to discuss the methodology and, as the 3 year tenure for judging is over, the Village Garden Club also to be consulted on the future judging process. **ACTION: MD** Advertise the competition in the Parish Magazine and web site and set specifications. **ACTION Clerk**
- iii. The Meeting Rooms Committee is to provide 3 flower boxes for the border to their carpark. The residents of the Old School House have kindly offered to maintain them.
- iv. The Steering Group of the Community Plan Group to be approached about the siting and maintenance of additional flower boxes in the village. **ACTION AB**
- v. MD purchased thank you gifts for those that helped with the Christmas lights.

DONM 9th February @ 9.45am at Church House.

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

2485 CORRESPONDENCE

To note and consider correspondence received since the previous meeting,

Circulated by email and originating from:

- i. One Voice Wales, Tracy Gilmartin-Ward: A Nation’s Tribute 100 years of Remembrance – 11th November 2018 – **ACTION:** Clerk to register our interest
- ii. MCC, Debbie McCarthy: Cluster meeting dates – **ACTION:** AB/BH to attend next meeting on 24/1/17
- iii. MCC, Emma Watkins, Snr Support Officer: Dog Fouling
- iv. SLCC: Conference on 15/3/17 – **ACTION:** Clerk to attend.

2486 ITEMS FOR PARISH MAGAZINE

- a) Defib Training Date of 23/1/17 in the Meeting Rooms. **ACTION:** Clerk to email community distribution list. .
- b) Community council to provide 2 new picnic benches
- c) The Thursday Group to run a course on scams and fraud. **ACTION:** Information to be sent to the clerk to advertise the event in the Magazine and notice boards.

2487 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i. The Thursday Group (Hilary Crow) providing a police representative to give a talk on scams and fraud using the telephone and doorstep, 'How Not To Get Caught Out'. Notices to go on notice boards, parish magazine and to the community distribution list.
- ii. Councillor AB will not be standing at the election in May.
- iii. Elections – Poster to go on the notice boards. – **ACTION:** Clerk to work with J Bolton.

2488 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday 14th February at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Rooms.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed: Clerk

Date:

Signed: Chairman

Date: