

some time. Paul pledged an email address 'by the end of that week'. The chairman wrote to remind him a fortnight later.

- c) Councillor Howell attended the One Voice Wales Meeting on July 7th and submitted a report.

2403 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Applications Considered by the Planning Group: There were none.
- b) Planning Applications Decided by MCC Planning Dept. Since the last Council meeting: There were none
- c) To note receipt of planning applications/permissions received since the preparation of this agenda. There were none
- d) DC/2016/00588. The Council has been informed that MCC Planning Department is minded to approve this application but, because of its recommendation to refuse, St. Arvans CC can send representation to the Planning Committee Meeting on August 2nd when this application will be discussed. The Council decided that Councillors Richards and Bolton should attend and that an addition should be made to the Council's submission on the original application. This should state that drivers leaving and entering the gate to the proposed site do not have safe sightings of cyclists and pedestrians on the combined footpath/cycle route.

2404 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ANN WEBB

Councillor Webb reported that:

- a) The A466 will be closed between St. Arvans and Tintern for 5 weeks for repairs to the road from 12/9/16. It is hoped that the job will be completed in a shorter time but 5 weeks has been allowed.
- b) There is to be a trial period in the north of the county separating glass into boxes for recycling.
- c) Peter Fox has been in discussion with John Drakeford, Minister for Environment and Local Government about local government re-organisation.
- d) Circuit of Wales still open for discussion. Welsh Government require 50% of the cost to be pledged before it will underwrite the project.
- e) Growth in copse alongside racecourse needs clearance. Some children walking along the footpath/cycle path find it unsafe that they cannot be seen by drivers on the A466. Councillor Webb will pursue, following Councillor Bolton's original enquiry.
- f) The chairman asked what was happening to the MCC building at Magor. Councillor Webb did not know of plans for its future.

The chairman thanked Councillor Webb.

2405 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

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

The overall true balance of accounts at 25th June 2016 was £13,159.97

and is made up of:

- i) HSBC Balance

HSBC, Account Number	70724513	£772.38p
HSBC, Account Number	41440942	£ £9,405.78
Monmouthshire Building Society Account		£4084.26p

- ii) Minus £ p, comprising outstanding cheques etc.

To whom	Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc.	Cheque Number	Value £
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MCC	Owing to MCC ref. Clerk's salary and expenses	Paid by MCC	793.45
Nigel Hoskins	Grounds maintenance	101058	209.00
St Arvans PCC	A grant to assist in maintenance of the New Church Graveyard	101060	100.00
		Total	1102.45

c) 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)Nigel Hoskins	Grounds maintenance	101061	180.00
ii)Judith Bolton	1 hour web site work £9.20 Basic salary (Work done in June) £239.38	Paid thru MCC	248.58
iii) Merlin Waste	Dog Bin emptying	101062	27.12
iv) Alan Bolton	Tree support £6.28 (inc. 1.26 VAT) Travel expenses to Pontypool for training with One Voice Wales £18	101063	24.28
v) Society Local Council Clerks	Membership	101064	77.00
vi) St Arvans Village Trust	Hire of Meeting Rooms	101065	24.80
		total	556.98

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Councillor Owens, seconded by Councillor Richards and all agreed

2406 TO APPROVE A CODE OF CONDUCT

Councillor Bolton and Councillor Banfield proposed that the Local Authorities (Wales) Model Code of Conduct 2008 be adopted and all agreed.

2407 HIGHWAYS GROUP REPORT

Councillor Howells presented the report.

- a) Grange Road edges and repairs to be carried out near Grange Farm. It was agreed to write to MCC asking for more information to clarify the situation, possibly by the provision of a map/sketch of the areas of concern and defining the line of adoption of the lane.
- b) Access from the Natural Resources Wales owned Cockshoot Lane onto Itton Road. SACC to formally write to MCC in order to clarify the problem with Natural Resources Wales.
- c) Fading of street signs: Graham Kinsella of MCC is to be contacted. The most seriously affected are to be identified and MCC informed.
- d) Piccadilly Lane - provision of Sat-Nav signs : MCC replied last week to an email asking that this be expedited by saying that it is being scheduled into the programme.

- e) Councillor Richards' response to the email from Mark Davies ref. traffic speed on Grange Road; The letter is in progress.
- f) Dorset Traffic in Villages document – The Council decided that it should investigate the cost implications of picket fences to define entrances to the village. SACC Highways Group to provide information to MCC on suggested sites with plans/maps/photos
- g) Meeting with Racecourse.
 - i. Notes on SACC Meeting at the racecourse on 30th June were reviewed. It was accepted that the Racecourse had taken considerable precautions to limit noise levels during the Balter Festival. 5 consultants had been employed during the weekend to try to control the noise levels. They had the technology to liaise with one another from considerable distances e.g. Itton to adjust frequencies and volumes. The southerly wind gave St. Arvans more noise problems than usual.
 - ii. There had been various traffic and pedestrian concerns during the Simply Red concert. Steve White, from the Racecourse, said that they had instigated new taxi/minibus drop-off and pickup arrangements involving vehicles entering the racecourse by the Liongate and leaving at a second entrance. Despite information being provided to all local taxi firms this had only been partly successful as some refused to use the new arrangements.
 - iii. Racecourse management is pursuing improvements to the car park and pedestrian crossing controls.
 - iv. SACC had expressed concerns about advertising signs in the vicinity of the racecourse. They had said that they had been denied advertising sites in Chepstow and had used what they considered to be appropriate alternative locations. Clerk to write to Alison Pankhurst of MCC with a copy to Mark Hand, Head of Planning) asking how the racecourse signage meets the MCC criteria.
 - v. Racecourse agreed to remove brambles along the wall towards St. Arvans. The clerk to write if this is not done in the next 2 weeks.
 - vi. The next large event is the Green Gathering on 4th to 7th Aug. This is a folk music type event in a different site position which should not produce the same noise levels as the Balter Festival.
- h) Church Pavements
The church warden has requested that the kerb outside the church be lowered as wheel chairs cannot easily access the church. Clerk to write to MCC.
- i) Pavements Generally
A letter has been received from a resident about the state of some pavements in the village. The Highways Group will check and report back.

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

2408 ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION GROUP REPORT

Councillor Davies presented the report.

- a) **KGV**
 - i. **Annual Inspection.** Was carried out on Monday 11th. A number of very minor concerns were noted. Councillor Bolton has conducted the usual weekly checks for insurance purposes.
 - ii. **Shrubs** pruning to be delayed as shrubs now in full flower.
- b) **Defibrillator:** The Council decided that the Council should apply for funding for 2 defibrillators through the Chepstow Lions Organisation. Councillor Howells to organise.
- c) **Gardens and Hanging Basket Competition:**
Councillor choices have been presented to MD who has passed them on to Avril Branch for final judging and listing of winners at the July meeting.
Winner Best Kept Front Garden: Winner. School House
Highly Commended: 1, Grange Cottages

Winner Hanging Basket; Winner: 25 Laurel Park
Highly Commended , 2 Forge Gardens
d) Playing Field Councillor Richards to report to next meeting on any information from the Land Registry identifying ownership of the strip of land between the Memorial Hall and the playing field.

The report was accepted and the group thanked for its work.

2409 DONB Thursday 8th September @ 9.45 at Church House
CORRESPONDENCE

To note and consider correspondence received since the previous meeting,

- a) Circulated by e mail and originating from;
 - i. MCC Road Works Reports
 - ii. Google Analytics: 321 visits to SACC web site in June with 252 users
 - iii. Natural Resources Wales ref. Parking at Cophill
 - iv. MCC The Agenda for Licensing and Regulatory Committee
 - v. Gwent Now. Cash seized from criminals available for application for funding projects.
 - vi. MCC Chief Executive: Letter resulting from meeting with Community and Town Councils
 - vii. Forwarded from Chepstow Show Committee, guidance from MCC on poster advertising.
 - viii. Chairman of St Arvans Community Plan Steering Group, reference dogs on Football Field during the fete.

2410 ITEMS FOR PARISH MAGAZINE

- a) Road Closure on A466
- b) Results of Competitions
- c) Inspection of the Playing Field

2411 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The chairman informed councillors of the progress on the replacement of the clerk. The closure date for applications is July 22nd.

2412 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday September 13th at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Rooms.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Signed: Clerk

Date

Signed: Chairman

Date