

representative. Mr Davey stressed that his ultimate aim would be for the youth to represent themselves. The next Village Hall Committee meeting is on 5th September at 7.45pm.

Mr Rowell pointed out that the Cultural Community Partnerships are hoping to put on a programme of activities for the 8-13 age group during the summer holidays at a cost of £2 per session. The Parish Council have agreed to pay for the hire of the Village Hall.

8. PRESENTATION FROM MR R ORR, East Northants Voluntary Action

Group. re pension credits. Mr Orr pointed out that the aim of the project is to try to help pensioners and in particular get pension benefits and credits to pensioners where there is an entitlement. Amongst other things assistance with completing the forms could be provided.

To do this ENVVA hopes to:- a) find a volunteer in each parish who through their knowledge would be able to point the group in the direction of those in need. b) Work with Parish Councils and Churches to help find out what is most needed eg transport, a shopping service, visits etc. c) look at wider groupings of villages to ascertain what their needs are as a group. There are already 4 day centres in the area and it is hoped to open another perhaps in Oundle.

Mr Rowell recommended that Mr Orr liaise with Mr Peck editor of Five All, to place an article in the magazine.

Mr Orr left leaflets which will be available from the Post Office.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Social Club footpath. The Highways department previously dealing with this are now no longer in existence and no funding is available. However ROW have agreed to complete the legal agreements for implementation free of charge. Mr Hardcastle has suggested that the Council apply for funding through the Community Safety Initiative set up by ENC. He explained that this was set up for safety related projects. It has a cap of £10,000 and the Council would be expected to fund a third of the costs. The Council have obtained three quotes ranging from £6,954 - £8,562. The existence of additional costs would need to be explored, but with the pledge of £1,000 from Elton Estates, the Parish Council contribution would be likely to be £1,000-£2,000. Mr Hardcastle suggested that he would make representations to ensure that the application received a sympathetic viewing. His input could also help to expedite the process and he offered to liaise with the Clerk to progress the matter. Mr Hardcastle was thanked for all of his help with the matter. After discussion Mr Reid proposed and Mr Cutler seconded that the application be made. AIF
- b) Street Lights. Work on Pierce Crescent has now begun. Mr Cutler reported that the streetlight near the play area is still out of action. This light is still in the ownership of Taylor Woodrow.
- c) Highway Matters: Mr Short reported a pot hole near the ford in Church Street. He also reported that a Hanson lorry is using the village as a cut through to Polebrook. Hanson to be informed. Mr Short also reported problems with food being thrown into the dykes by lorries parked near the A605 roundabout. This

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encourages rats. ENC to be informed. The Nene Way sign still requires attention. It has been reported. The Clerk to follow up.

- d) Landscape Management
- Dog bin in Church Street. This has now been replaced.
 - Grass cutting for the play area. It was agreed to approach our current contractor for a price for this.
 - Environmental issues re Taylors Green. The Environment Agency to be reminded about this.
 - Autumn tree and bulb planting. There are a number of areas to be planted. It was agreed to spend a further £200 this year. Mr Rowell and Mr Reid to liaise. The yew tree has died once again. The reasons for this will be looked into and the tree will be replaced. Mr Enfield has very kindly agreed to contribute a little more to this. A flowering crab has been purchased in memory of Mr Darters with a kind donation from Mrs Darters. This will be planted in Little Green.
 - Purchase of 10 additional litter pickers. It was agreed to proceed with this. AIF.
 - Rights of Way. There are no problems here.
- e) Play Area – update and inspection. The fence, seats and posts for sign are now in place. The Parish Council now have to confirm with Taylor Woodrow Developments and Elton Estates that they are happy to proceed to take over the ownership of the area. £7,500 will then be forthcoming from Elton Estates for ongoing maintenance.
- It was agreed to continue with the annual inspection of the area at a cost of £40 for an unaccompanied inspection. AIF
- f) Leisure Field. Following a meeting with TDS, the services to the portacabin should be in place by August. It is necessary to install a pump system which it will then become the responsibility of the Parish Council to maintain. The Parish Council will be required to pay for the cost of connecting the electricity supply from the box to the portacabin.
- g) Play Area development. Notes have been circulated to all Councillors. A quotation has been received from Wicksteed Leisure and photographs and plans were on display. Further quotations will be sought. It was agreed to deal with the Play Area and the Leisure Field separately with each having £5,000 of the £10,000 allocated in the budget, subject to matching grant funding. Once all quotations are in place for the play area an application will be submitted to Awards for All. The Leisure Committee have a meeting on 28th July and will then make their proposals to the Parish Council.
- h) School play area. A decision regarding the Agreement with the Parish Council was deferred from the last meeting. Mr Davey reported that following a questionnaire sent to parents and immediate residents, a Governors meeting and discussions with the Head it was decided to proceed as follows:- the area will remain open for children up to 9 years of age until 7 pm or dusk, but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult. A notice will be put up to this effect, a newsletter will be sent out and an article placed in Five All. NCC have agreed that they are responsible for insurance provision for the area. There is no funding for additional fencing but some work will be done on existing fencing. The main gate will be kept padlocked and the side gate kept open. Policing it will still remain a problem, but hopefully there will be considerable awareness concerning the terms

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of its use. The agreement with the Parish Council is consequently now surplus to requirement

- i) Speedwatch Initiative. To achieve the requisite 20% to proceed the Parish Council need to acquire a further 20 households to sign up or another 56 electors. Parish Councillors will now knock on doors to try and achieve this.
- j) Standing Orders/ Financial Regulations. Mr Cutler proposed and Mr Short seconded that Standing Orders be adopted AIF. Mr Short proposed and Mr Cutler seconded that Financial Regulations be adopted. AIF.
Mr Rowell pointed out that he now has in his possession a CD containing a copy of all of the Councils records since the Clerk commenced work in January 1999.
- k) Council Agenda. Notes re revising this had been circulated to all Parish Councillors for comments. It was agreed to retain the Open Forum at the end of the meeting, summon Councillors to meetings, dispense with AOB and continue with fairly detailed minutes. Other suitable items of “best practice” will be utilised if in the best interests of the Parish Council and its parishioners.
- l) Village Design Statement. At a meeting with Mr Rowell, Mr Constant and Mr Dixon, Mr Du Croz advise the Council not to revise the VDS but to attempt to raise its profile. He suggested contacting ENC regarding the long term status of the VDS
- m) Options for North Northamptonshire. Following a meeting between Mr Rowell, Mr Constant, Mr Dixon and Mr Du Croz a draft response to this document was circulated to all Parish Councillors. Given the negative response of neighbouring Councils to the issue of poly tunnels Mr Reid suggested that the reference to poly tunnels be removed from the response. This was agreed.
- n) NALC Training. Mr Rowell encouraged all Councillors to attend training courses where possible.
- o) CPRE Membership. It was agreed that the membership be renewed at a cost of £25. AIF.
- p) ID Cards. These will be produced for all Councillors by the Clerk.
- q) Risk assessment. A Risk Assessment will be carried out by the Clerk with the assistance of Mr Rowell. Any areas of risk known to Parish Councillors shown be communicated to the Clerk.
- r) Village Post Office. Mr Jibb is finishing on 3rd September. The family business has been operating in the village for 58 years. A letter acknowledging this will be sent to thank the family. The people taking over the grocery business have applied to the Post Office to take over the Post Office. A letter will be sent to welcome them.

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11. PLANNING

- a) 29 Chapel Street – EN/05/00830/LDE – Residential use as a single dwelling house. Planning Certificate received
- b) 32 Chapel Street – EN/05/00872/FUL – Erection of two storey extension and internal alterations to rear of property. Planning permission received
- c) The Old Rectory 1 Hautboy Lane – EN/05/00775/LBC – Replacement of door in garden wall, raising height of wall to accommodate proposed door and replacement of cement capping with barnack stone. No objections
- d) Highlands Boarding Kennels – EN/05/00629/FUL – six unit cattery. No objections

- e) 47 Dexter Way – EN/05/01252/FUL – Conservatory (Retrospective). Mr Reid proposed and Mr Bosworth seconded that there be no objections to this application. AIF.

12. ACCOUNTS

- a) Community A/C (Current) : £1306.84

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Balance b/f	1800.90	Village Hall Hire	25.00
		A Webb Salary/Exp	474.43
Cemetery Fees	215.00	D Rowell Exp	25.80
Trf from Deposit	2500.00	ABB	196.97
Portacabin door repay	110.00	NALC Course	100.00
Hire of L Field	40.00	Cornhill Insurance	728.98
		C Ellard Allot Exp	56.60
		Odd Job Man	584.52
		Anglian Water Allot	23.17
		J Short Grass Cut	674.45
		Council Tax	46.16
		Powergen	402.23
		D Constant Mileage	20.75
		Balance c/f	1306.84
	4665.90		4665.90

Accounts submitted for payment

- Anna Webb Salary and Expenses £538.12
- Village Hall Hire £16.50

Approval of items expended above and accounts submitted for payment. Mr Short proposed and Mr Reid seconded that the items expended and accounts be approved. AIF

- b) Main BPA (Deposit) : £26,567.73
 c) Cont. BPA (Contingency) : £3,495.96
 d) Pocket Park A/c : £332.05

Completion of Statement of Assurance – Audit return for 31st March 2005. Mr Rowell read through the document and it was agreed that the Parish Council complete the Statement of Assurance putting “Yes” in all boxes. AIF.

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13. CORRESPONDENCE

Since the last meeting in May 58 items of correspondence have been circulated amongst Parish Councillors and 36 items of post have been sent by the Parish Council

14. OUTSTANDING CORRESPONDENCE : None

15. PARISH COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS

- a) Alms Houses. Mr Short reported an empty house which is to be redecorated. A meeting is to be held with Sir William Proby on 18th July.
- b) Village Hall. Mr Cutler reported that a meeting was held on 6th June. It was agreed to obtain estimates for improving the kitchen – worktops, sink and cooker and also for redecorating the main hall. The next meeting is on 5th September
- c) Warmington Charities. Mr Bosworth had nothing to report
- d) Warmington School. Nothing to report.
- e) Tree Warden/Conservation. Mr Reid reported that the tree outside the bungalow in Chapel Street requires attention. Of the 23 whips put in unfortunately 11 have been lost, although it cannot be ascertained why. Further attempts will be made as appropriate.
- f) Road Safety. Apart from speeding through the village, Mr Rowell reported no problems.
- g) Pocket Parks. BTCV set up a very good event whereby other parishes were encouraged to come and visit Warmington’s Pocket Parks with a view to setting up their own.
- h) Allotments. Mr Short reported no problems.

16. AOB

- a) Mr Bosworth questioned whether dog bins were being emptied on a regular basis. This will be looked into. AW
- b) Mr Bosworth reported that the British Legion are hoping to remove the planting area around the War Memorial and replace it with gravel. Planters would then be placed on top. It was agreed that this was a good idea and that the British Legion should proceed.
- c) Mr Rowell reported that the taps have been stolen from the water butts in the Cemetery and need replacing. AW
- d) There is still rubbish at the side of the road at Rectory Farm. Mr Wilkinson has contacted ENC on three occasions and is waiting for them to remove it.
- e) Trees are overhanging the footpath from Mr Bell’s bungalow on Chapel Street. Mr Rowell to have a word with Mr Bell. DR
- f) The ivy on the corner of the Church wall in Church Lane needs cutting. AW

18. PARISIONERS’ QUESTION TIME

- a) Mrs Bosworth asked if the grass around the posts in Church Lane could be cut. The Council cutters have been asked to do this
- b) Mrs Cooper asked about planting rose bushes in the Cemetery. This is not allowed for reasons of grass cutting. Only soft planting is allowed. If they are planted the Parish Council will ask that they be removed.
- c) Mr Neath pointed out that he has removed the bushes around his late wife’s grave, but that some bushes remain around those graves belonging to the gypsies. Mr Rowell stressed that the Council will ask that these be removed. AW
- d) Mrs Cooper asked how frequently the bottle bank is emptied. It was in fact emptied today.
- e) The new recycling system was discussed. Mr Reid and Mr Cutler to attend a meeting at ENC regarding this.
- f) Mr Cooper asked what the white dots that have appeared on some roads are for. They are markers for runners.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 19th September 2005

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.