



## 7 FINANCE

- 7.1 Clerk presented the statement for the period March - May which was unanimously agreed and signed. Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr McEvoy
- 7.2 Following a successful internal audit, the end of year figures were presented and agreed. Proposed Cllr Owen, seconded Cllr Smith. These were duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk
- 7.3 The annual audit return was duly agreed and certified as a true record and signed by the Clerk. The Chairman signed to confirm that these accounts were approved at the meeting. The annual governance statement was considered and approved by Council, proposed Cllr Kerr, seconded Cllr Smith and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 7.4 Bank signatories were reviewed. Cllr Smith to continue and Cllrs Gibbon and McEvoy to be added. Forms to be completed after the meeting. Clerk
- 7.5 Discussion was held regarding the Clerk's PAYE implementation. Clerk was asked to telephone Ladywell Accountancy Services to check that she will continue to be paid bi-monthly. If this is still possible, then the meeting agreed to contract Ladywell to carry out the necessary matters to register Council and deal with all aspects of PAYE at a fee of £25.00 per annum. Clerk to seek advice regarding employment law. Clerk
- 7.6 Cemetery costs were reviewed and it was unanimously agreed that the charge for burial of a child under 1 yr or stillborn would be removed. No other changes were required.

## 8 CLERK'S REPORT

- 8.1 **Litter Pick/spring clean** An excellent community effort. 16 volunteers litter picked the whole village and some work was done to tidy the car park and pavements. A thank you has been published in the Parish Magazine.
- 8.2 **Highways Issues** A letter has been sent to Highways regarding all issues raised at the last meeting. A response is still awaited. If this is not received by the end of the week, Clerk will telephone. Clerk
- 8.3 **Village of the Year Competition** The application has been put forward and we now await date for the first round of judging. A quick village tidy up may be required before that day.
- 8.4 **Emergency Plan** - Clerk apologised that she has not yet updated this. It is hoped she can circulate this within two weeks. Clerk
- 8.5 **Parish Plan** Now the election is over, Clerk will contact those who offered to update the plan and set a date for them to meet. Clerk

## 9 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

- 9.1 Cllr Owen reported that following the recent survey, from 149 properties only 57 responses were received and none of these expressed a need for Affordable Housing. Apparently this is the first time such a result has occurred. Council agreed that this now lays the subject to rest. Clerk to

Publish the results.

## 10 **CAR PARK REPAIR**

- 10.1 Cllr Smith agreed that this work will take place mid/end June. Cllr Smith to advise Clerk of date in order to publish the closure giving two weeks notice. Clerk was also asked to check the insurance cover should any injury or damage occur. TS  
Clerk

## 11 **EASTON HARRIERS HUNT KENNELS**

- 11.1 A lengthy discussion was held regarding the situation at the Kennels and this took into account the views of the residents most closely affected by the noise and the views of other residents in the village. The meeting agreed that it would be a great shame if the kennels had to move outside of the village but was also advised that the only area over which it can make comment is the actual noise issue. The Hunt is a private business and Council has no jurisdiction over any decision to move.

Clerk read a letter from the Environmental Health Officer clarifying that to date no Statutory Notice has been served. Some councillors feel that the problem could be solved by better management of the hounds.

- 11.2 Following the discussions Clerk was asked to write to the Hunt stating its support for them to stay and to ask if more action could be taken to minimise the noise issues by changing the management of the hounds and possibly moving the runs. Clerk was further asked to suggest that a meeting be held between Council and the Hunt to discuss the matter. Clerk

## 12 **EFP LICENSE APPLICATION**

- 12.1 It was noted that Fiona Siddall had informed Parish Council of her intention to apply for the license suggested by SCDC and she had given a copy to the Clerk. However residents would not have been aware of this application unless they saw the notice at the Farm park, in the newspaper or on SCDC website. It could then be a problem later in time if the application for music until 11.00 pm on the Farm Park green were approved and then noise was unacceptable it would be more difficult to get the license changed. The same situation would occur for any such application in the village.

Some Councillors expressed their concern that Parish Council is not a statutory consultee for license applications

- 12.2 Clerk was asked to clarify if, should Council become aware of such an application, it would be within its powers to notify residents and be pro-active in sending out information. Clerk to contact SALC for advice. Clerk

## 13 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

- 13.1 This will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. Clerk to produce an invitation leaflet which councillors will deliver to all households. Cllr Coney will purchase the wine and nibbles and let Clerk have the invoice. Cllr Smith will give a report on the last years achievements. Invitations have been sent to various bodies inviting them to attend and give a report. Clerk/MC

14 **MEET YOUR MP EVENT**

- 14.1 A coffee morning has been arranged for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30 – 12.30 and Clerk will put a notice in the Parish Magazine, notice boards and on the website. Other villages have also been invited. Please encourage members of the public to come along. Clerk  
All

15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 15.1 SCC advised that the date for closing certain Household Recycling Centres has been postponed until 31<sup>st</sup> July while alternative solutions are considered.

- 15.2 SCC advised that changes are to be made to street lighting and some areas will have lights turned off between midnight and 5.30 am.

- 15.3 SCC advised of a new initiative 'Trusted Trader Scheme' whereby traders apply for accreditation of their services through Trading Standards. People are then able to access this information to find a trader they can rely on. Clerk was asked to publish the details in the Parish Magazine. Clerk

16 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 16.1 Those arising from these minutes and reinstatement of a bottle bank

17 **MEETING DATES**

Annual Parish Meeting	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30 pm
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	7.15 pm
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	7.15 pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....