

Items relating to the agenda for PC meeting on Monday 4th July 2016

Item 3– minutes –circulated by email

Item 5 – Public open session (15 minutes)

Item 6 – Update from Playing Field steering group regarding the Wildflower Planting – email from Shane Hughes already circulated

Item 7 – Planning Report

Written report circulated by email

Item 8 – Financial Matters

- (i) Accounts for payment – written report
- (ii) Spend against budget – written report

Item 9 – Parking congestion

At the May meeting the topic of parking congestion specifically on The Avenue and Memorial Lane was discussed. Possible solutions might include extending the village hall car park and re-location of the children's play area. It was agreed to include as an agenda item for the July meeting for further consideration. Members may wish to form a working party to explore the options available.

Item 10 – NDP report

Cllr Economides as Chair of the NDP group will provide a verbal report at the meeting. You will all be aware there has been considerable discussion over the layout and content of the most recent questionnaire circulated by the NDP Steering Group to all residents. A flyer has now been circulated to all households advising them not to complete the questionnaire in its current form and that a revised questionnaire will be delivered in due course. It is proposed that the questionnaire is "tweaked" by Woods Hardwick the NDP planning consultants and then re-issued. This will incur an additional cost that has not been budgeted for and the NDP group will require additional funding to cover the cost of the consultants work and also the additional printing costs. The parish council will need to agree to provide any additional funding required to complete the plan which is on a very tight schedule in order to complete by November.

Item 11 – Clerk's report

Footpath repairs

This was raised at the last meeting and I reported this to Highways. The path in question runs alongside the A6 starting at The Avenue to Bourne End Lane and onwards to the Sharnbrook roundabout. This was reported to highways and they have undertaken a site inspection. They will be cutting the grass and clearing the path back to its original width. Once this work is completed they will inspect the condition of the path to determine what repairs are required. I have asked to be kept informed of progress.

Laptop for Parish Council – the recent funding application was successful so I will purchase a laptop and printer/scanner for the Parish Council. This will be added to the parish council's asset register and insurance schedule.

New Bench

Please advise on location so I can update the asset register.

Street lighting price increase

EoN who supply the electricity for our street lighting have recently written to me and advised they have increased their charges.

The price per kWh is increasing from 12:40p to 14:40p

The price increase over a year would increase by approximately £73.00. As we are such a lower user the fixed term contract prices would not be cheaper. We are not tied to a contract but these new rates per kWh are in line with other providers.

Centenary Fields programme – protecting valuable green spaces across the Country

Bletsoe PC have received an email from the Field in Trust charity which is the operating name of the National Playing Fields Association. The Association in partnership with The Royal British Legion wish to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and are asking parish councils and local authorities to protect playing fields and ensure they are kept in memory of those who lost their lives. Further information can be found on the Fields in Trust website at

<http://www.fieldsintrust.org/centenaryfields.aspx>

Village Hall – insurance and valuation

Following our last meeting the village hall management committee have confirmed they insure the village hall and it is insured for £280,000.

Item 13 - Date of next meeting

Monday 5th September - 7:30pm Village Hall