

She added that obstructions to the paths, e.g. raised beds, had not been disturbed. However, steps may be taken to remove any such obstruction on change of plot holder

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Miss Kimberley
Prejudicial Interest

Agenda 8 Planning Matters
Stratford Manor Hotel 10/02604/EXT

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th December, 2010, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

(a) Councillor Hobbs referred to the wall in School Road, which had collapsed into the brook. He said that work would commence without delay to stabilize the road at this point
Councillor Stammers suggested that there would be no need to replace the brick wall, but to extend the white railings

(b) Referred to the sewage leak in Pigeon Green and said that he had received a limited response to his circular letter
He intended to arrange a meeting with the residents

(c) Noted reports of pot holes in the road at The Green and Kings Lane at the western junction of the A46. Also, a protruding gully cover in Ingon Lane

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

(a) Provision of Salt/Grit Bin – Hurdlers Lane

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mr. Chris Nicholson, of Spa Environmental, Bearley. He had agreed to supply and deliver a bin to the agreed site in Hurdlers Lane at no cost to the Parish Council
The Clerk added that, in fact, two such bins had been delivered
It was agreed to write a letter to Mr. Nicholson thanking him for his generous act

(b) S.A.C.C. Award

The Clerk said that he had spoken to Mr. Duncan Parker and told him of the options suggested at the December Meeting
Mr. Parker said that he would bring up the matter at a forthcoming committee meeting

6. COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- (a) Councillor Mrs. Hayter referred to the proposal to introduce Article 4 Direction in the Conservation Area. She undertook to pursue the matter with the District Council, but she asked for detailed information from the Parish Council
Councillor Miss Kimberley agreed to provide details
- (b) Raised the matter of the Fox Hunter Public House premises. She said that she had spoken to Mr. Evans, who was anxious to talk to the Parish Council about any future development
Mr. Evans anticipated completion of the demolition work within 6 weeks

7. FINANCE

Receipts

(a) M & G Investments	Investment Dividend (Charifund)	£113-18
(b) Black Rock	Investment Dividend (Charinco)	£19-01
(c) Geo. Clifford & Sons	Cemetery Fee (Hopkins)	£25-00

Payments to be authorized

(a) Thomgarden	Grass Cutting contract	£525-00
(b) Phil Bates Garden Services	Allotment clearance work	£453-32
(c) E.ON	Street Lighting supply	£284-05
(d) E.ON	Street Lighting maintenance	£234-91
(e) E.ON	Street Light repair (Hurdlers Close)	£45-24
(f) British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£178-00
(g) Good Energy	Electricity supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£25-00
(h) Opal Connect Ltd.	Broadband supply (Direct Debit)	£19-99

Councillor Stammers referred to the invoice from Phil Bates Garden Services. He said that he had visited the site and did not consider that the clearance work and boundary marking had been properly completed. He proposed that payment of this invoice be delayed pending satisfactory completion
Councillor Miss Kimberley said that she had inspected the work carried out and she confirmed that it complied with the job specification

Proposed Councillor Mrs. Morlidge, Seconded Councillor Mrs. Rendell
'That the listed items be authorized for payment'
So resolved

After discussion, Councillor Stammers proposed, Councillor Mrs. Morlidge seconded
 'That the Parish Council Precept be set at £23,050, an increase of £550 i.e. 2.5%'
 So resolved, nem con

11. TO CONSIDER GRANTS/DONATIONS TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS
 Councillor Miss Kimberley and Councillor Stammers both declared a Personal Interest in respect of the 'Snipe' Magazine

The following grants/donations were agreed

'Link' Magazine	£300-00
'Snipe' Magazine	£300-00

The following grants/donations were made under Section 137, Local Government Act, 1972

Parochial Church Council	£500-00
Methodist Church	£150-00
Dedicated Air Ambulance	£100-00
Sports Club	£500-00
Friends of School and Nursery	£200-00
Council for Voluntary Service and C.P.R.E.	£55-50
Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change	£100-00
Citizens Advice Bureau	£50-00

12. TO SET CEMETERY FEES

It was agreed that the following amendments to the Table of Fees should be made with effect from 1st April, 2011

Part 1

Interment in a grave where exclusive right of burial has been granted

(a) body of a person whose age at death exceeds 12 years	£100-00
(b) interment of cremated remains in grave	£50-00

Part 2

Exclusive right of burial in earthen grave

Exclusive right of burial in grave 9ft. x 4ft. for 75 years	£125-00
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Part 3

Monuments where exclusive right of burial has been granted

Headstone not exceeding 3ft. high (edging stones not permitted)	£75-00
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13. TO SET ALLOTMENT RENTS

It was agreed that the Allotment Rents remain unchanged for the year commencing 1st April, 2011

14. Street Light – Bell Lane

The Clerk submitted correspondence from E.ON concerning the installation of a new pole bracket to the street light situated on the bridge in Bell Lane. He said that the correspondence arose from a report of concerns expressed at a previous Council Meeting about the condition of the light fitting. The correspondence advised the installation of a new pole bracket with lantern, lamp and gear at a cost of £775-00, plus VAT. In addition, the cost of disconnection and re-connection of supply by Central Networks would apply. Councillor Stammers said that he had made the original report and he considered the quotation disproportionate. The street light was in working order and, in his view, all that was needed was a coach bolt to secure the bracket.

The Clerk was asked to contact E.ON to query the quotation.

15. MATTERS IN RELATION TO ATTEYS FIELD

Councillor Stammers said that he had raised the issue of rubbish dumped in the entrance to Atteys Field at the last Meeting. He asked that consideration be given to installing a gate across the road entrance in an effort to resolve the problem.

The Chairman said that she did not feel that a gate would be appropriate and suggested the installation of two posts with a connecting chain or pole. It was agreed to obtain a quotation for this work.

It was also agreed to make further enquiries with the Land Registry in an effort to establish ownership of the adjacent spinney.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9-55 p.m.