

- 4.12 **Bus Traffic through Village**
Problem appears to have diminished after JC's visit to depot, Clerk to confirm JAE
- 4.13 **Blocked Road Drains**
Still troublesome in spite of some work, JA to chase again JA
- 5 **Trees and Landscape**
- 5.1 **Winter Tree Maintenance**
It was agreed to accept the quotation from Woodpecker in total including the felling of T12. Most felled timber and chippings to be removed, but some to be placed in the recreation ground car park and advertised on the notice board for removal by villagers. Some chippings to used in the Millennium Wood for paths. TJB
JA agreed to try and arrange volunteers to remove epicormic growth on other trees not included in the above work. BNG offered to remove clippings by trailer. JA/BNG
Clerk to investigate the funding of work on recreation ground trees in the light of HDC's continued ownership. JAE
- 5.2 **Millennium Wood**
A letter had been received about the need for the pollarding of willows in the wood. Clerk to write to the wood committee to ascertain responsibility for the cost of this and the need to obtain written quotations. Any GBPC contribution would need to come from next years funds. JAE
- 5.3 **Cemetery**
Concern was expressed at the slow rate of progress by both LCC and HDC in rectifying highway and land drainage. Plans and start dates were to be requested from both. JAE
It was noted that the planning application to extend the cemetery had been temporarily withdrawn by HDC .
It was agreed to review the need for work on the trees in the summer after the drainage problems had been addressed together with removal of ivy and litter
It was agreed to ask HDC to supply a black litter bin for the cemetery now that volunteers were in place to ensure that this and the existing green bins were placed outside the gate on collection days. Once this system was in place consideration would be given to removing the fixed bins which at present are never emptied JAE
- 7 **Recreation Ground and Community Pavilion.**
- 7.1 **Pavilion Accounts**
These were reviewed and it was noted that the pavilion had operated at a break even point over the past three years. However a reduction playgroup hours from the start of the next financial year would need careful monitoring. PC
- 7.2 **Erection of Cricket Nets**
The Council accepted in principle the proposal from the Cricket Club to erect two permanent practice strips on the south side of the recreation ground in place of the old concrete pavilion base which will be removed. The Cricket Club to be entirely responsible for ensuring that planning permission and any conditions will be obtained and met, together with all costs including any reinstatement work which may be needed after completion. Permission will also be needed from HDC as the owners of the land. BCC
JAE
- 7.3 **Anti Social Behaviour**
The Council agreed to approach HDC with a view to closing off the recreation ground car park in the evening with a lockable gate with keys supplied to regular users including the Tennis and Cricket Clubs. Morning and evening opening and closing to be done by the person responsible for opening and closing the public lavatories. Clerk to write to HDC. JAE
- 8 **Finance**
- 8.1 **Receipts – Totalling £4892 were noted as follows**
Crickets Rental January and February 2008 £1092
LCC Grass Cutting Rebate £3800

Payments – Totalling £5602.77 were approved for payment as follows

ICP Cleaning Services January and February 2008 £216.79

Pavilion Hand Towels £18.56

LRALC Subscription £214.42

Woodpecker Tree Surgery £129.25

Clerk's Salary and Expenses February and March 2008 £298.07

LRALC Clerk's training Course £10

Spendlove Contracting – Footpath construction £2017.05 (held pending query)

Spendlove Contracting – Grounds Maintenance Q3 £1040.40

Spendlove Contracting – Repairs leaf Clearing £1503.23

LCC Footpath Closure fee £155

JAE

8.2 **Delegated payment Authority**

The Council authorised the Clerk to arrange payment of both regular and small accounts under £200 between meetings, including those for pavilion cleaning and electricity and to report such payments at the following meeting

JAE

8.3 **Internal Auditor**

The Council agreed to ask Matthew Bills to undertake the internal audit or 2007/8.

JAE

9 **Co-option of Replacement Councillor**

The Council unanimously agreed to invite Michael Jack to fill the vacancy on the Council. PC to approach Michael

PC/JAE

10 **Memorial Seat for Clifford Tye**

Clifford had requested his family install a seat in his memory at a suitable spot in the centre of village. TJB to arrange to meet with the family to agree a suitable site. It was noted that if this was not on land owned by the village then a Street Furniture Licence would be required from LCC. No cost was involved for this, only time!

TJB

11 **Best Kept Village Competition**

The Council agreed to support the Compass Group in their wish to enter this competition to meet the modest entry charges.

JAE

12 **Village Spring Clean**

The efforts of the Compass Group to organise this were noted with gratitude

13 **District Councillors Report**

13.1 **Litter Collection**

A problem exists when litter collection by HDC is not carried out ahead of mowing by LCC which results in litter being shredded by the mowers. A forum is being set up to address this by the two councils but any information about where this is happening would be welcomed and should be passed to the clerk for action

JAE

13.2 **Planning Procedures**

HDC are currently developing arrangements that will enable Parish Councils to have greater input into planning matters including the ability to have plans called in to Committee rather than being decided by officials

14 **Urgent Late Items**

14.1 **Damage to Forge Green**

In an effort to prevent damage to Forge Green the Council agreed to write to the owner of the vehicle regularly parked there in such a way as to force other traffic, particularly large vehicles accessing knights End Road onto the grass.

JAE

14.2 **Damage to Green outside Shoulder of Mutton**

This was also being damaged by cars driving across the grass. It was agreed to replace the sign 'Please do not drive on the grass' and install two further posts in an effort to prevent vehicle access

JAE/JA

15 **Questions from the Public**

See items 5.3 and 14.2 above

16 **Dates of Future meetings**

Thursday 15th May 2008

Thursday 10th July 2008