

- 7.7 **Tin Roof Farm**
A request to the owners to submit a full planning application has been made but the Council has been unable to obtain further information from HDC and will chase. MJ
- 7.8 **Financial Responsibility for Recreation Ground Trees**
HDC has confirmed that all maintenance of trees on the Recreation Ground is the financial responsibility of the Parish Council
- 7.9 **Millennium Wood**
The Wood Committee have indicated that they have no funds for ongoing maintenance work. The Council agreed to include the wood in the next survey of trees within the parish but to ask the Wood Committee to consider approaching the Village Trust about long term funding. JAE
- 7.10 **Cemetery**
Some work on drainage has been completed, but this is unlikely to be sufficient in the light of a survey showing that the pipe within the culvert has collapsed. Alf Herbert will continue to work with HDC whilst the Council will endeavour to ensure that LCC undertake the work they committed to earlier in the year. JC
- 7.11 **Erection of Cricket Nets**
The Council approved a letter to be sent to HDC requesting confirmation that the necessary consultation has taken place and that they write to the Cricket Club with permission for the nets to be erected. TJB
- 7.12 **Anti Social Behaviour on the Recreation Ground**
Owing to anti social behaviour and misuse taking place it is proposed to erect a lockable gate and barrier to the top car park. A quotation and assistance with funding is being sought from HDC. TJB
- 7.13 **Clifford Tye Memorial Seat**
A location had been agreed with the family on Church Green and a catalogue would be found and sent to the family to enable them to select a durable bench JAE
- 7.14 **Best Kept Village Competition 2008**
No entry would be made this year due to lack of time resources from within both the Council and the Compass Group
- 7.15 **Damage to Forge Green**
The clerk confirmed that letters had been sent to residents adjacent to the Green asking them to utilise their off road parking, although sadly the problem of damage to the green was continuing
- 7.16 **Driving on the Shoulder of Mutton Green**
Although further signs could be purchased for around £25 it was felt that these would continue to be ignored and it was agreed to seek a quote for wooden bollards to be placed on one or two sides of the Green. JA
- 8 Trees and Landscape**
- 8.1 **Winter Tree Work**
The Council noted the excellent work done by Woodpecker in removing diseased trees on the Recreation Ground. The question of their replacement would be considered at a later meeting John Almond and Bruce Gillanders were thanked for their work in removing epicormic growth from trees on Forge and Shoulder Greens and in turn agreed to continue this work on Nether Green JAE
JA/BNG
- 8.2 **08/09 Mowing Contract**
The proposed contract from Spendlove's was circulated and whilst it was recognised that costs had risen considerably it was agreed to try to negotiate a lower figure. For the following year the village was participating in a group tender organised on behalf of several parishes by HDC TJB
- 9 Highways**
- 9.1 **Traffic Survey Results**
These had not been received in spite of consistent chasing. John Crow agreed to make direct contact with LCC JC

- 9.2 **Speed Control**
PC Sneath to be asked to carry out checks on traffic speeds on village roads using mobile radar equipment enabling the situation to be monitored and acted upon PC
- 10 **Recreation Ground and Pavilion**
- 10.1 **Pavilion Accounts and Expenditure**
Management accounts were circulated showing that the pavilion had operated for its first three years at no cost to the Council. A budget for 08/09 was also circulated together with the calculation of the Bowden Cricket Club Rent, which would be invoiced as soon as possible JAE
- 10.2 **Annual Playground Inspection**
It was agreed to invite HDC to undertake this at a similar cost to 07/08. JAE
- 11 **Finance**
- 11.1 **Receipts and Payments**
These were noted and approved as shown below.
- | Receipts to 13th May 2008 | | Payments to 13th May 2008 | |
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| HDC Precept | 7600.00 | AON Electrical Services (Pavilion Pats Testing) | 80.00 |
| Crickets Rental March 08 | 429.00 | E.ON' (Pavilion Electricity) | 407.67 |
| Crickets Rental April 08 | 420.00 | EDGE Sheet metal (Playground Equip Repairs) | 235.00 |
| | | HDC Pavilion Rates | 452.28 |
| | | ICP Pavilion Cleaning | 192.70 |
| | | Spendlove Contracting | 611.00 |
| | | Bowden Cricket Club | 85.00 |
| | | Clerk's Salary and Expenses | 273.60 |
| | | Woodpecker Tree Surgery | 4265.25 |
| | Total 8449.00 | | Total 6602.50 |
- 11.2 **Insurance Premium Renewal**
Quotations were reviewed from our present and the only competing supplier. It was agreed to move the business to Norwich Union with effect from 1st June 2008 on a three year contract. JAE/
BNG
- 11.3 **Memberships**
The Council agreed to maintain membership of the LRALC only JAE
- 11.4 **Financial Risk Assessment, Standing Orders and Asset Register**
These documents were reviewed and a number of amendments proposed in the light of comments from the internal auditor and HDC. The Clerk would now revise these documents for formal approval at the next meeting. Improvements to the Asset Register would be undertaken by Michael Jack and Paul Claxton who would obtain an updated valuation for the Pavilion. Tim Banks and Bruce Gillanders would carry out the annual health and safety inspection, aside from the playground equipment. JAE
MJ
PC
TB/BG
- 12 **Planning – Proposed Eco Town in Harborough District Council Area**
A brief outline of the scope of this proposal and the planning timetable was given by Alistair Swatridge. Concerns were expressed about its potential impact on the village both from increased through traffic in the area and the diversion of HDC resources and attention away from the south of the district. GBPC would continue to keep the matter under review
- 13 **District Councillors Report**
The Council were advised to be alert for planning applications for wind farms in the vicinity of the village.
- 14 **Urgent Late Items**
Concerns about pavement parking would be considered at the next meeting
- 15 **Questions from Members of the Public**
- 15.1 **Recreation Ground Entrance**
Bruce White indicated that he was no longer able to take responsibility for this area and was thanked for his and his wife's work in the past. Alternative arrangements would be considered at the next meeting.
- 15.2 **Speeding on Station Road**
The council were asked to note that this was an area of concern for residents
- 16 **Dates of Future Meeting**
Thursday 17th July (please note this is a change from previous minutes)
Thursday 11th September