

- 04/05/220 Prior to the start of the meeting Vicky Breeze (Open Access) and Sarah Littler (Rights of Way) addressed the meeting and answered questions relating to the Parish Plot and Rights of Way.
- 04/05/221 Cllr Mackay thanked Ms Breeze and Ms Littler and then opened the meeting.
- 04/05/222 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Mackay (in the Chair), Chilcott, Fraser and Hamblyn.
- 04/05/223 **ALSO PRESENT:** 6 members of the public.
- 04/05/224 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council.
- 04/05/225 **APOLOGIES:** were received from Cllr Westmaas (holiday) and CCllr Huxtable (holiday)
- 04/05/226 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** were confirmed and signed.
- 04/05/227 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none declared.
- 04/05/228 **HIGHWAYS:**
 - a. Meeting with Mr Gill - Mr Gill is not prepared to meet to discuss anything other than specific problems. Cllr Westmaas had provided the Clerk with a map with areas needing attention marked in red. This would be passed round councillors who would add other sites with a description of what is required. Noted that some areas such as Little Leaze Lane have particular problems.
- 04/05/229 **PLANNING:**
 - a. Any updates available - Clerk reported that CCllr Huxtable had informed her that the two recent Peat Applications had been passed by County.
 - b. Village Design Statement - no update at present.
- 04/05/230 **GATES TO CHURCHYARD - LISTED BUILDING PROBLEMS:** Cllr Mackay would contact a qualified member of the public to establish what problems can be envisaged.
- 04/05/231 **FINANCE:**
 - a. Accounts check - Clerk had provided up to date account sheets with the agenda. Because of the grants recently provided by SCC for churchyard gates and noticeboard refurbishment finances are in a very healthy state.
 - b. Letter from St Peter's Church - It was agreed that whilst no further money would be given in this financial year the Council would consider making another Churchyard Grant early in the next financial year.
 - c. Cheques for signature were approved as follows: Chq.556 Information Commissioner (Data Protection Act) £35.00; Chq.557 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses February) £256.74; Chq.558 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary March) £210.19 (invoice and cheque amended).
 - d. Appointment of internal auditor for current year - Mr Richard Young had agreed to undertake this task at a cost of £5 to cover expenses.
- 04/05/232 **SALC:** All documents in circulation
- 04/05/233 **LAMP:** Nothing received. Understood this may be due to illness.
- 04/05/234 **RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND FOOTPATHS:** This was considered along with the following item.
- 04/05/235 **PARISH PLOT:** Information received from Vicky Breeze and Sarah Littler prior to the start of the meeting included the fact that old droves have been newly designated as Open Access. Lower Ropes Drove is registered as Common Land. There are no bridleways in Catcott or Edington. Droves were originally intended to provide access to land on either side. It had been agreed with Vicky Breeze that she would send an amended site description of the Parish Plot to the Clerk.
- 04/05/236 **SEDGEMOOR CHARTER FOR LOCAL COUNCILS:** The Clerk drew attention to the fact that Catcott had never signed up to the SDC charter. Council considered this and decided not to sign up at present.
- 04/05/237 **FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE LETTER:** Clerk has arranged for this to go in the Polden Post. It should also appear in the Parish Magazine and will be put on the noticeboard.
- 04/05/238 **STANDARDS BOARD:** "A Code for the Future" review. Copies were provided for all councillors.
- 04/05/239 **POLDEN HILLS CLUSTER MEETING 15TH MARCH** at Woolavington 7.30pm. Cllr Chilcott and the Clerk would try to attend.

Chairman

Date

- 04/05/240 **DUMPED VEHICLES IN FIELD:** Awaiting information from DCllr Kingham.
- 04/05/241 **PROVISION OF LITTER BIN IN BUS SHELTER:** Awaiting information from DCllr Kingham.
- 04/05/242 **DEFRA:** Clean Neighbourhoods - www.defra.gov.uk/environment/localenv/index.htm. In circulation.
- 04/05/243 **ODPM:** Booklets on Vibrant Local Leadership and Improving Public Services are in circulation.
- 04/05/244 **ANY OTHER REPORTS OR ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION:** Local Council Review.
- 04/05/245 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Clerk's Contract; dog fouling on school footpath and elsewhere; positioning of Wellfield noticeboard.
- 04/05/246 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 12th April 2005. The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday, 10th May.

Chairman Date