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MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7TH SEPTEMBER 2015 at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms.

Present: Cllr. R.Trett, (Chair), Cllr. D. Warren, Cllr. Allen, Cllr. S. Grant, Cllr. C. Letts; 2 members of the public.
Ward Cllr. J. Green
Clerk Mr J. Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** Ward Cllr. A. Geary
2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS** – None
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 3rd August** – These were duly signed and approved. Proposer Cllr. Allen, Seconder Cllr. Letts. Unanimous.
4. **MATTERS ARISING** –
 - a. Drain at the bottom of Dag Lane – (Ward Cllr. Geary/David Hall). No update. Ward Cllr. Green agreed to investigate.
 - b. Vehicle-activated sign - *reported 8th January ref – 480206 – re-reported 4 Feb. ref 507189* (Ward Cllr. Geary/David Hall) No update. Ward Cllr. Green agreed to investigate. It was agreed to bring this item up at the next Area Forum meeting.
 - c. Streetlight no 31 on Mount Pleasant– *ref 531360; re-reported: 8 April 560698 – ‘resolved’ 13 April. Re-reported 2 June ref 610662* (Ward Cllr. Geary/David Hall) No update. Ward Cllr. Green agreed to investigate.
 - d. 66a High St, planning enforcement – the clerk had yet again asked for an update the week before the meeting but none had been forthcoming. Ward Cllr. Green agreed to investigate.
 - e. Village tidy-up - bent bollards. No update. The clerk had re-reported today, asking for removal or repair, as he had lost track of the item on the environment portal. (given ref: 723626)
 - f. Repainting new seat by rectory – RJ Sharp had not replied to the clerk’s email request for a quote. It was agreed to add this item to the October walk-around.
 - g. Footpath to Gayhurst (B526) – (ref 661198 & ‘footpaths’). *‘Resolved’ 10 August*. The long grass by the side of the path had been cut but nothing had been done to tackle the main problem of the encroaching turf and weeds reducing the width of the footpath. Clerk to re-report.
 - h. Footpath 18 – waymarker/stiles. The footpaths officer had agreed to replace the waymarker but this had not been confirmed. She had also promised to look into the other suggestions for stiles but had not replied yet.
 - i. Reading Rooms Roofing Repair – the quote had been agreed between meetings – Greg Hardie for £300. The work was scheduled for 1st October, Cllr. Allen to contact the residents of Kemp House to let them know that scaffolding/access will be needed.
 - j. Car Park by Allotments – (awaiting application outcome). No confirmation had been received yet for the match-funding. [*post-meeting note*: The clerk had asked the new officer Danny Mullins for an update, and had been told of an inherited backlog of cases].

ANY OTHER (not covered below) – the rubbish bin by the Village Hall had been tightly strapped to the ascot rail fence.

The Village Hall Car Park trees had been pruned back.

The renovated bench had still to be fitted, as the local contractor had been very busy.

Cllr. Grant had revised the ‘Activities In The Village’ poster and reprints had been posted up.

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5. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION** – Councillors discussed the award-giving arrangements for Saturday 12th September. It was agreed to notify Zurich Insurance that the Cup will be in the Parish Council's care for the year. It was further agreed to see if some kind of advertisement of the award ceremony could be placed on the website. **Clerk.** It was agreed to notify the school and ask them to notify parents of the award. **Cllr. Letts.** The **Chair** offered to purchase the tea, coffee, sugar and milk needed for 'coffee and biscuits'. Mrs Jackie Sharp had offered to donate biscuits.

6. **FINANCE** Cheques & balances –

- a. The payments below were approved. Proposer Cllr. Grant, Seconder Cllr. Warren. Unanimous.

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>
dd	E-on	31.20	
102215	Mazars - auditors	120.00	20.00
102216	S KITCHEN	37.50	
102217	AH Contracts - 8197	90.38	15.06
102218	Warners - 10144, 10198	168.00	14.00
102219	J VISCHER - salary	246.23	
102220	Post Office - HMRC/PAYE	160.20	
102221	J VISCHER - expenses	6.48	
Total		£859.99	£49.06

- b. External Audit completion – the Audit Report had been passed by Mazars: ...'the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern...'
- c. The clerk circulated a Budget vs Actual paper showing the current situation. It was agreed to examine this and discuss at the next meeting.

7. **PLANNING**

Previous 15/00639/FUL 71 High Street Replacement of existing dwelling with new dwelling. *Permitted*

15/01497/FUL Addersey End Eakley Lanes Single storey rear extension. *Permitted*

NEW Re-submission - 15/01175/FUL [and ..76/ LBC] Church End Cottage 9 Dag Lane Conversion of existing garage to form garden room, two storey side extension and single storey side extension (resubmission of previously approved application 15/00231/FUL with amendments). It was agreed that these amendments amounted to an improvement. No comments.

8. **SUB COMMITTEES:**

- a. **N. W. Area Ward Forum** – Next meeting 10th September.
- b. **Guntrip Fund** – No meeting last month.
- c. **Reading Rooms** – Cllr. Allen reported that the Fire Officer had recommended few changes as the building was small with two accessible exit doors opposite one another. A Fire Door was therefore unnecessary although changing the locks on the back door to bolts would facilitate opening. The Parish Council might wish to consider some kind of emergency lighting in the case of power failure. It was agreed to undertake a Risk Assessment.
The stopcock had been found in the corner underneath the kitchen sink.
Cllr. Allen was intending to jet wash the semi-blocked kitchen drain. **Cllr. Allen**
- d. **Recreation Ground/Highways** – no new concerns.
- e. **Dog Fouling** – no reports.

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f. **Village Hall** – Cllr. Letts would be attending the next meeting of the Committee to be held on Monday 14th September.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Quick Guide to Recycling and Waste leaflets were distributed.

10. **COUNCILLORS & RESIDENTS NEW ITEMS** –

Cllr. Grant asked if anyone knew why there was a red and white barrier around the telegraph pole (A1024) opposite the Lamb Public House - it had been there all summer. **Clerk** to investigate.

Mrs J Thomas asked for developments over the parking issue outside of Ram Alley at school drop-off and collection times as she had missed the last meeting. She volunteered to monitor the situation now that the term had started again and report back.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday October 5th 2015 at 7.30pm at the Reading Rooms

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

signed

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