

<p>2009/73 - Rights of Way</p> <p>Kevin Ward reported that the meeting of the new Parish Path wardens was in hand.</p> <p>2009/75 –community computer Dawn Allingham reported that she had costed computers at less than £700 depending on the warranty.</p> <p>2009/75 – Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) – Michael Clarke had spoken to John Trimble from NCC Highways. Clerk to write asking for update on latest signs (with white not yellow lettering).</p> <p>2009/76 (iv) PL 15, Billing Road – Clerk to check that repair is to be done.</p> <p>2009/75 – Affordable Housing – Steve Hollowell agreed to chase up the other possible site with Alice Izzett.</p> <p>2009/76(iii) Youth Bus – only 3 youngsters were interested in this so it was decided to leave the matter.</p> <p>2009/77 – Dog Warden interregnum – Carole Clarke reported that a dog warden is to be shared with Cherwell area – but no further developments as yet.</p> <p>2009/84 – memento for Richard Mackaness – it was agreed a clock for the Sargeant Memorial Hall would be appropriate. Gill Ager agreed to look into clocks and Clerk to write to Ray Henman, Chair of the Hall committee to find out if they have any objection to the Parish Council buying and hanging a time piece for the hall subject to their approval.</p> <p>2009/84 – Play Area lease – David Clayson, Kevin Ward, Gill Ager and Gill Morgan declared an interest in this issue. Gill Ager reported that the lease is still not completed. It was proposed by Dawn Allingham and seconded by Helen Barnell that the Parish Council was in agreement that the lease should still run from 1.12.09.</p> <p><u>2010/04 Rights of Way</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that John Campion, Richard and Jean Sheward are still hoping to meet with Kevin Ward as future Path Wardens. It was reported that the gate by Mead Cottage needs its hinges sorting to make it easier to open – Gill Ager will ask Mark Arrowsmith.</p>	<p>KW</p> <p>VH</p> <p>VH</p> <p>GA VH</p> <p>VH</p>
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Footpath KC2 – with the Laurel hedge. Clerk to find out if Katie Brown from NCC thinks hedge has been removed. Gill Ager will follow up the issue of the hedge outside the building line of property in Billing Road.

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2010/05. Police Matters

Ruth Kentigern - Fox reported that there was a 'Safer Community Team' meeting held on 9.12.09 for discussion of priorities. Speeding is the main problem reported and the gathering of youths. A lot of the responses were that there were no problems. Auto crime and dwelling burglaries have increased in Cogenhoe. Fly tipping is a current problem. A visit to the Control Room is available on 29.1.10 and she will let PCSO Charlotte Pearson know if anyone wants to go. There was no mention of the Grass Roots grants availability.

2010/06. District and County Council Matters

Stephen Hollowell reported there would probably be a 2.9% increase in budget for the district and that SNC are considering moving their offices to Moat Lane in Towcester, this could lead to long term cost savings for SNC.

Michael Clarke reported a proposed 3.5% increase on County Council tax proposals as the money from the Government was very tight and would become tighter after the election. A discussion on gritting followed. Brafield has had 3 grit bins approved since last meeting – Church Lane (by the village hall), Elm Close and one near Bridle Close.

2010/07. Correspondence

Out – request for quotes for cutting of Green – see Finance

- I. WNPJU – West Northants Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – available until 11.2.10.
- II. Emails regarding laurel hedge on KC2 – on going
- III. Parish Councils Forum report from 16.12.09 – Gill Ager may attend Interim Rural Housing Policy meeting in Feb/Mar
- IV. War Memorial Playing Fields
- V. NRHA – Annual Report
- VI. NALC Update, Wildlife Workshops, and 'It takes all sorts' Report
- VII. Village Viewpoint
- VIII. NCC – Safer Winter Driving
- IX. CPRE – Stop the Drop Campaign – Brafield Litter Pick – date fixed for 10.4.10, Gill Ager will register

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<p>and obtain boxes of equipment.</p> <p>X. Emda News</p> <p>XI. Sargeant Memorial Hall – update on contact, rent etc (with Clerk)</p> <p>XII. MGWSP – satisfaction Questionnaire – Gill Ager</p> <p><u>2010/08. Highway and Transport Issues –</u></p> <p>Gill Ager circulated Highways report January 2010 and had sent this to NCC. She will soon carry out a survey of the roads and footpaths to report the pot holes requiring attention.</p> <p><u>2010/09 Strategic Planning</u></p> <p>KW had given an adapted version of his presentation on the Emergent Joint Core Strategy in Denton Village Hall at a meeting arranged to seek to establish an Action Group there. Steven Hollowell and Michael Clarke had also attended and spoken. Keith Crompton from Brafield was also present and spoke about his role in co-ordinating the Action Group in Brafield. Villagers at the Denton meeting were asked to write in response to the consultation if they wished and to consider specialist research in some of the areas that needed more work in challenging the planning proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SHLAA (Strategic Housing and Land Availability Assessment) had now been published by the JPU and Terry Barnell had done much on the website to both advertise its content and enable easy access to those sections of most relevance to local people. The Council discussed its approach to responding to the one site registered in Brafield. It was felt appropriate and in line with the request for ‘technical’ commentary to write and comment on the Council’s long term strategic view for that land in the context of its previous thinking and work (with SNC prior to the establishment of the JPU) about seeking conservation area status for part of Lower End and its assessment of green space in the village (KW to do this). It was felt important to discourage villagers from submitting general subjective commentary on either this or any of the other registered sites as they would simply be discounted as irrelevant to the planning process. Anyone wishing to comment needed to be clear on the precise terms of the request for ‘technical information’ – what that actually means. KW had written to Keith Crompton to that effect and made Terry Barnell aware of the guidance issued by the JPU on what constituted ‘technical’ comment. 	<p>GA</p>
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- The Flood and Water Management Bill was new legislation that would be relevant to the next round of consultation and Christopher Davidge had been made aware of it, this being a subject on which he was keenly interested and was receiving support from DA.
- The merits and demerits of the removal of the WNDC from local planning power responsibilities was discussed with particular relevance to the Borough Council and its relationship with the JPU
- Sufficient developments had taken place for a meeting of the joint parishes to be convened. Stephen Hollowell to contact Alex from Little Houghton to arrange.

2010/10 Parish Website Development

Terry Barnell reported that a link had been added to the Denton Site.

Pub Field Development –

Dawn Allingham and Gill Morgan had met with Jason Peg with a view to facilities for basketball and football. Picnic tables and fencing could be constructed and the kissing gates renewed (by NCC). The pond could be re-instated as an educational resource. A meeting with Chris and Gary McManus – Chris would be involved with finances. The site would have 'Natural and Local History of Importance'. The 'goat triangle' will be retained but its use uncertain as yet. Change of Use planning consent would be required. Parish Council may need to consider matching 10% of the cost to facilitate grant applications (need to consider this at a future point in time)

2009/11 Finance

Maintenance of Village Green -

Quotes had been submitted from Brown and Barden, M and K Gardening and Two Shires (see correspondence). Brown and Barden matched the quote (£60 per cut) for MK Gardening and Two Shires for cutting the Green so it was proposed by Helen Barnell and seconded by Gill Ager that Brown and Barden be retained. This was agreed by the Council.

Andy Brown of Brown & Barden, who was present asked if he could quote when the tenders for the Play Area go out. the Council agreed they would consider this at a later point in time, once the play area transfer had fully completed.

Agreed Cheque Payments:

E-on	£250.83	Maintenance	Chq 632
E-on	£337.62	Supplies	Chq 633
V Hartley	£37.60	Petty Cash	Chq 634
T Boon	£156.00	Bus shelter clean	Chq 635
S' ant Hall	£169.00	Rent	Chq 636
Roade School		Printing	Chq 637

Clerk to order Parish Councillors Guide from NALC as new edition is now available.

Precept for 2010/2011

The following budget was circulated and discussed:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Estimated costs</u>	
	<u>09/10</u>	<u>10/11</u>
Fees and Subs	320	380
Clerks salary	2500	2560
Insurance	900	1100
Expenses	300	250
Mowing	1035	1545
Lighting	2200	2250
Light Repairs	250	280
New Lights	700	700
Section 137**	1000	1800
Audit	320	350
Repairs	500	550
Repairs to play area	300	350
Newsletter/website	130	150
Village Hall Rent	120	200
Other – Pond/Green	400	400
clean shelter	300	624
Total	£11275	£13489

** Maximum allowance for Section 137 £6.10 x 557 = £3397

Last year's precept - £11,000

Bank balances at 12.9.09

	<u>Bal@31.9.08</u>	<u>Bal @30.9.09</u>
Current Account	£6130	£5897
Deposit Account	£7103	£7133
Total	£13233	£13030

It was proposed by Kevin Ward and seconded by Gill Ager that a precept of £12500 should be applied for.

This was carried by the Council. The work carried out by BTCV, the 'unpaid workers and Enhancement gangs should be valued at about £75 per day and it should be noted in the newsletter that this had made a saving on the precept.

2010/12 and 2010/13– Precis Items for Newsletter and Action Points

These were confirmed and agreed.

2010/14. Councillor Comments

Gill Ager will report Give Way sign on Billing Road.

David Clayson reported that 4 huts on the allotments had been broken into but nothing had been stolen.

2010/15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS AT 7.30

Monday 15.3.10	Monday 5.7.10
Monday 17.5.10 (7pm start)	Monday 20.9.10
	Monday 15.11.10

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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