

The HERON

Christchurch Village Newsletter

July 2013

Welcome to the July edition of The Heron.

What a month June has been with our warm weather not knowing if it is coming or going.

Luckily the weekend that saw us holding the annual Flower and Craft Festival was one of the better ones last month.

The Church looked absolutely stunning, and smelt even better when I visited the first day of the exhibition. Greeted by the ladies who gladly volunteer their time to babysit the flowers and this year a very important guest!!! The handmade quilt from Ely Cathedral.


You can see a few of the displays later in the newsletter but for the real impact go to the Heron website www.Theheron.info and choose the pictures section to view all the amazing displays in glorious colour.

Back by popular demand this month is the article about noisy pets. We have been contacted by more than one individual living in Christchurch concerning nuisance from barking dogs. If you do own a dog, please have a read.

Have a wonderful July and here's hoping for brilliant weather for us all.

Paul and Mandi
Editors.





We all realise the importance of Bees to our countryside and eco system. But no one wants them building nests in their gardens or buildings. The local council only provide details of people who will come and exterminate the bees for you if you are having a problem. **Roger Taylor** is a local (Manea) Bee keeper and will gladly come and collect them and take them back to his hives for a nominal fee.

Bee wise and give **Roger Taylor** a call
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Wisbech St Mary crash victim named

A Man who died in a crash in Wisbech St Mary on the evening of June 24th has been named by police.

John Bedford, 46, of Wisbech Road, Welney, died at the scene after the Volkswagen Golf he was driving left High Road, between Black Drove and Willock Lane, at about 4pm.

His passengers, a 10-year-old boy and a 72-year-old man, both from Welney, were taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, suffering slight injuries.

An East of England Ambulance service spokesman said:

"We received a call at 4.02pm and attended alongside an East of England Air Ambulance.

"A single car left the road. First aid was given to the man at the scene but despite the best efforts of the crew and everyone who helped he was pronounced dead at the scene.

"The young boy was in shock and was taken with the other passenger to Queen Elizabeth Hospital."

Sgt Gareth Williams, investigating, said:

"I would appeal to anyone who saw the collision, or the vehicle prior to it, to call police."

Anyone with any information should call The Roads Policing Unit on 101.

Article courtesy of CambsTimes

Model of Littleport shop on show at Welney Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust visitor centre

A model and photographic archive of the Littleport ironmongery shop J H Adams and Sons - which supplied the local community for more than 100 years - is spending the summer at the visitor centre at WWT Welney.

Visitors can enjoy soaking in the history of this exhibition in the Wigeon Cafe, which also gives fantastic panoramic views of the Fenland landscape.



The exhibits were the result of a hugely successful community project in Littleport, which was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, through a partnership between The Word Garden and ADeC.



The shop has a link to the historical pastime of Fen skating. Once a great hobby in the Fens, Welney and Littleport were home to World Champion speed skaters including James and Fish Smart. When the washes flooded and froze in the winter, skating became a way for the people who worked on the land to pass the time. J H Adams and Sons ironmongery became sole UK importers of the world renowned Hagen Ice Skates and regularly fitted and repaired the skates of the champions.

Visitors can see the display whether they are just stopping in the cafe for lunch or light refreshments or visiting the reserve. The visitor centre and reserve are open daily 9.30am – 5pm.

Article courtesy of CambsTimes and Elaine King

DOES YOUR DOG BARK TOO MUCH???

All dogs bark, but if yours goes on all day or night, and the barking is upsetting your neighbours, it might be not only courteous, but also wise to take action.

Dogs bark to communicate with each other and us, and no one should expect to have a completely silent dog. It's unreasonable to expect dogs to be quiet if there is a knock at the door, for example - it's their duty to tell us someone's there! And living in the country as we do, most people not only own a dog for the company as a pet, they are a very good early warning system to alert us to possible changes around us.

However, problems can arise when a dog barks excessively. Some people can not tolerate persistent sounds and not only just find them a little annoying but can become something that causes them extreme stress and upset. Eventually causing an issue even when the dog isn't actually barking, just the not knowing of when it will start again and not stop can become an obsession.

If you think, or have been told that your dog barks more than is usual, the first step is to consider *why* he's barking. Also, make a note of *when* your dog barks and the type of sound it is, so you can address the underlying emotional cause better.

Is he uncomfortable, or in pain? Is he bored? Is he barking because he's been left alone and is trying to call you back? Or, if your dog is only left for short periods, has he or she become over-dependent on you?

If your dog barks at things outside your yard or garden, don't let it go outside on its own. Keep it away from windows, so it can't see people or other animals.

If your dog barks at the same time every day, like when people in the house are going to work or school, try to keep it busy at that time. For example, you could take it for a walk.

Try to keep your dog calm. If it barks when it's excited, don't play with it at anti-social times like very late at night, or times when you think others might be enjoying a snippet of limited peace and quiet.

If your dog's barking and you're in a flat or a semi, try to keep it away from any walls you share with your neighbours.

Don't leave your dog outside if it's barking to be let in, or if it is trying to alert you to something. Having a dog as an outside burglar alarm isn't much good if you don't pay attention to the alarm, lets face it when your car alarm goes off do you ignore it and carry on watching the TV??

See if you can get a friend or relative to look after your dog when you go out, or take it with you.

Make sure your dog gets some exercise before you go out. A tired dog barks less.

Something to bear in mind

If you don't take steps to solve the problem, and your local authority receives complaints about the noise your dog is making, the authority has a legal obligation to investigate the complaint. The local authority may seek to resolve the problem by mediating between you and the complainants, but where it does not do so, or where such mediation is unsuccessful, and the authority is satisfied that the noise amounts to a statutory nuisance, it will serve you with an abatement notice requiring the noise to be reduced to an acceptable level.

If you fail to comply with an abatement notice, you could face prosecution and, if convicted, a fine of up to £5,000 (and possibly further daily fines of up to £500 for each day on which the offence continues after conviction). You may even be forced to attend at your own expense dog training classes.

Is your dog barking too much?

<http://archive.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/noise/neighbour/documents/barkingdog.pdf>

Wendy Yates would like to thank everyone who rang with interest. This class is now full but anyone wishing to still put their names down for the next class or if places become available due to cancellation.

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July 14	Tydd St Giles 8:30 till 10:30	Newton 11:00 till 13:00
Aug 13th	Gorefield 8:30 till 10:30	Leverington 11:00 till 13:00
August 20th	Christchurch 8:30 till 10:30	Coldham 11:00 till 12:30
September 10th	Thorney Toll 8:30 till 10:30	Guyhirn 11:00 till 13:00
September 17th	Parson Drove 8:30 till 10:30	Murrow 11:00 till 13:00

These engagements are an ideal opportunity to discuss issues and concerns that effect you and your community, and meet with representatives from both Fenland District Council and the Police.

Dave Russ PCSO
Wisbech Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team

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Delph House *news*

July 2013

National Care Homes Open Day

As planned we participated in National Care Homes Open Day on Friday 21 June.

The main purpose of the event was to remind the local community of our existence and purposes. We were very lucky with the weather and the barbeque was cooked outside with many of the residents and visitors sitting around in the garden. Most of the visitors were in fact friends and family of residents and both residents and visitors enjoyed the occasion.

Other activities

We will be resuming our occasional visits to the Lamb and Flag, our local pub where we meet up with local people. We will also take the opportunities provided by good weather to visit local places of interest.

We are now able to make more use of the garden, for walks and for afternoon tea.



As previously mentioned we are delighted to have two volunteers who have joined us in response to our appeal. They have already established good relations with the residents and we are very grateful to them. We would still welcome any additional volunteers; please get in touch if you may be interested.

Respite stays

We have recently received several enquiries for respite stays: usually for one or two weeks while the regular carers in the family are away. To accommodate this we have now designated one room for respite so that there is a better chance of a room being available when needed.

For the client who stays with us it can be a holiday for them as well as for their family and some clients are still talking about their stay long after they have returned home. We also offer day care where local residents can stay with us for the day, joining in with residents' activities.

For further details please telephone 01354 610 300 or email info@delph-house.co.uk

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Garden Club June 25th 2013



Well June has not been flaming far from it!

However the club evening was very enjoyable, we gathered together with our cars off to the Seagate Iris Gardens, many beautiful iris to see all clearly labelled, prices were easy to calculate £5.50 per plant.

The Iris is a varied species, and can be used for all tastes and designs in any situation. As with most 'flora' a little TLC during the growing time of the Iris is required to enable each bloom to perform in its turn, it makes such a difference to any plant whatever it is, if spent petals etc are carefully removed. We ended our evening at the Dun Cow .

At last mother nature has done what she always does, and spring has sprung! So many flowering shrubs everywhere, and areas abound with fresh greenery growing profusely. So get snipping those ends off! Don't wait too long, because all greenery this year will need to be kept in check. Snip, snip quietly, and enjoy your garden don't let it rule you.

Our next club evening is Tuesday July 23rd. Peter will be talking about and showing us his owls, at our usual place Village Memorial Hall 7pm for 7.30pm start. This will be an unusual evening talk, not many of us have been close to the owl. If you want to join us as a visitor you are very welcome to, this one off chance to see Peter with his owls, plus the banter of a friendly group who ask questions always. No we are not nosey! just keeping ourselves up to date with life in general.

??? Did anyone look at the unusual moon???

I had my binoculars out at 2 o'clock in the morning it was worth gazing at.

Enjoy your garden and remember that bit of snipping! Don't let it overtake your space. Put the kettle on, relax, just enjoy the moment.

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CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS



Minutes of the June WI Meeting

The theme for the June meeting was the 'History of Chocolate' our speaker Sara Fowler accompanied by her children gave a very interesting in depth talk on chocolate.

Many facts emerged during the evening, telling members it was in the 1500's and South America who discovered the chocolate bean which was first made into a drink. Fry's were the first to make the chocolate bar, followed by Cadburys in the 1800's.

Sara now has formed her own 'Cuddly Wuddly Chocolate Company', which boomeranged from making truffles for friends. A large selection of chocolate items were on display which members were able to try and purchase all made from chocolate

Peggy thanked her and her family for coming.

Apologies - Sue Norman, Belinda Gladwin and Val Parker

Minutes signed and all correspondence dealt with.

Birthdays in July- Doris Wolsey Kath Goodwin

Our delegate Beryl Brooks gave us a detailed report on the AGM held at Cardiff on 1st June

This month competition- An Evening Bag

5pts Peggy

4pts Sandra Lloyd

3pts Sandra Kay

2 pts Beryl, Margaret Sparrow & Doris Wolsey

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A raffle was held during the evening with
many lucky winners

Next month's open meeting speaker Bill
Wellbourne on the 'History and recovery of
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Competition- A Paper Aircraft

Raffle Rota- Florrie Doris Ted Doris Wolsey
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CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB

June's craft club evening was a very enjoyable one making credit/bus pass holders, everyone made a good start to their projects, many to finish at home. Everyone joined in the raffle saw many members winning some of the lovely prizes. July's meeting on the 2nd July will see Wendy Yates demonstrating 'Cards with Men in Mind', something which everyone would find helpful.

Why not come along and join us - everyone is welcome, no matter where your interest in craft lies. Entrance is £1.00 plus 50p for raffle and 20p for refreshments. Please come and join us you don't have to come to every meeting! Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month, starting at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

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Wendy Yates



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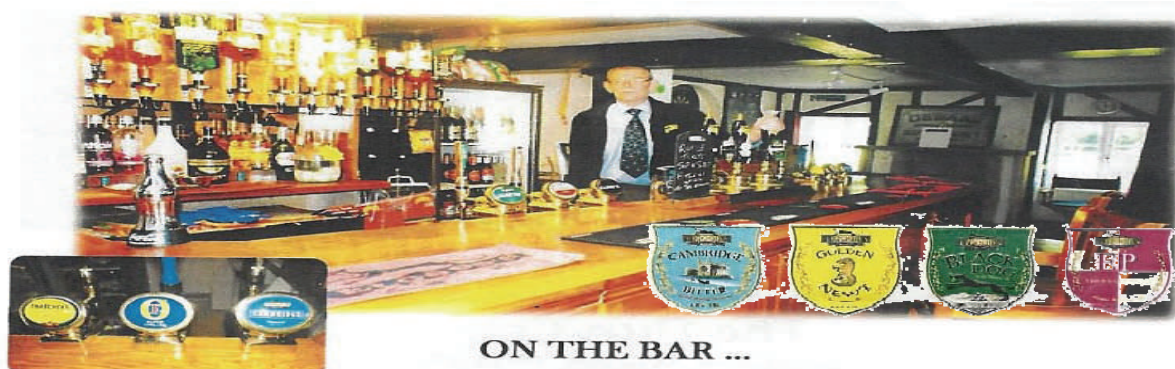
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Dun Cow Diary

Saturday 3rd August 2013—Village Olympics Fun Day For All The Family



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Thatcher's Cider, Fosters,
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Village Flower and Craft Festival **2013**



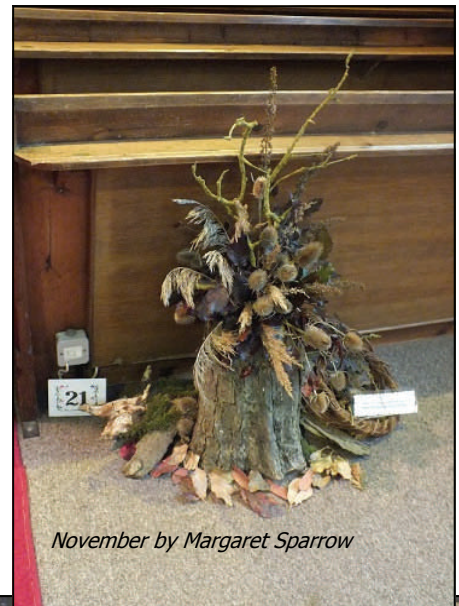
The quilt made by children of the diocese was the focal point of this years annual Flower and Craft Festival held in Christchurch Church on the 7th 8th and 9th of June.

The flower displays were one of the best years some visitors told me, and our beautiful church was brimming with the colours and fragrances of summer.

A special thanks goes to all the volunteers who gave up they time over the weekend to show visitors round the Exhibition, and make all feel welcome answering peoples many questions.

Again this year fresh cream teas were served at Malcolm and Ann Hicks Holme Farm Padgett's Road and by all accounts they were very busy.

All the flower displays were totally breath taking and here are just a few photos for Those who missed the show.



November by Margaret Sparrow



December by Caroline Judd



September by Ann Hicks & Belinda Gladwin

(Photographs by Mandi Warren)

Across

1. Gem (5)
4. Shade of yellow tinged with orange (7)
8. Symetrically arranged (7)
9. Pouch (3)
10. Two-wheeled vehicle (7)
11. Publish (5)
12. Patisserie (6)
14. Syntactic category (6)
17. Wanderer (5)
19. Stone pillar (7)
22. Mesh (3)
23. Floorshow (7)
24. Stayed clear from (7)
25. Groups of cattle (5)

Down

1. Jests (5)
2. Male witch or demon (7)
3. Source of illumination (5)
4. Remuneration (6)
5. Surreptitious (7)
6. Hazards (5)
7. Type of power (7)
12. Very rich vein of precious ore (7)
13. Made smaller (7)
15. Vagrant (7)
16. Prohibit (6)
18. Slogan (5)
20. Planet (5)
21. Praise (5)

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Parish Church Services

7 th July	11:00am	H Chappell, A Day	All-Age Worship
14 th July	9:30am	Revd M. Jones	Holy Communion
21 st July	3:30pm	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	Evening Prayer
28 th July	9:30am	Revd. K Fitzgibbon	Combined service at WELNEY
4 th August	11:00am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	All-Age Worship

A big "Thank You" to all who supported the Flower and Craft Festival, with special thanks to Margaret Sparrow, Ann and Malcolm Hicks and all the helpers. We are very grateful for the sum of **£2,169-87** which was raised over the 3 days of the festival.

Daphne and Andrew.

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Christchurch Parish Council News

**Draft agenda for the Parish Council's meeting 7:30pm, Monday 8th July 2013,
Memorial Hall, Church Road.**

**Public and Press are welcome and can speak to the
Councillors during the Public Adjournment.**

1. Open, welcome and apologies
2. Signing of previous meeting's minutes June 2013
3. Disclosure or declaration of interests
4. Update on actions from previous meeting
5. Public Adjournment (time to raise issues affecting you with the Council)
6. Police Update
7. Correspondence
8. Finance
9. Review of Planning Applications
10. Parish Plan
11. Reporting of Village Concerns

Your Parish Council and how to contact us

Nigel Russell – phone 638279	Jill Bliss – phone 638343
Wesley Poole – phone 638622	William Beswick – phone 638758
Simon Freeland – phone 638802	Hannah Poole – phone 638622
	Stephen Cowell (Clerk) – phone 661374 e-mail christchurchcambspc@googlemail.com

Village Tidy Up and Councillor Walk Round

Parish Councillors will be taking part in a tidy up of various areas in the village and going on their annual village walkabout to meet residents on the morning of Saturday 6th July.

They will be starting with a tidy up at the Recreation Ground at 9:30am and then moving on round the village.

If you would like to help with the tidy up or would like to have a chat about anything concerning the village please feel free to join them at 9:30 or catch up with them as they walk through the village.

Parish Clerk Vacancy

The current Parish Clerk will be leaving the Council in August and the Council is looking for a new Clerk to work for on average 6 hours per week. Please apply via e-mail to christchurchcambspc@googlemail.com or by letter to 34, County Road, March, Cambs, PE15 8ND including details of experience in general office work and meeting arranging. The job is home based. If you require any further details please ring the Clerk on 01354 661374.

Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of one of the Council a vacancy has arisen. If you would like to join the Council please write to the Clerk with the reasons why you would like to be a councillor and what you could offer the village. Please apply via e-mail to christchurchcambspc@googlemail.com or by letter to 34, County Road, March, Cambs, PE15 8ND.

**MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL AGM
MONDAY 13th MAY 2013 – MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH AT 7:30pm**

Present: Councillors – Nigel Russell (Chair), Jill Bliss, Simon Freeland, Hannah Poole, Wes Poole, William Beswick, Jacky Wincote, Mac Cotterell MBE (FDC) and Will Sutton (FDC).
Stephen Cowell (Clerk) and 1 member of the public were also in attendance.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The outgoing Chair Cllr. Wincote welcomed all to the meeting.
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Yeulett (FDC) as he was attending a County Council meeting and PCSO Dave Russ.

2. Election of Chair

The outgoing Chair explained that she was resigning from the Parish Council and thanked long standing councillors and District Councillor Sutton for their help when she first became a councillor. All current councillors and Clerk were also thanked for their help and support whilst she has been, first Vice-Chair, and more recently Chair.
Cllr. Russell was nominated and seconded for the position as Chair and in the absence of any other nominations accepted the position.
Cllr. Russell said that it was a shame that Cllr. Wincote was leaving the council and thanked her for her work in her time as a councillor. Other councillors joined in these thanks.
Jacky then left the meeting wishing the members success especially in their endeavours with getting a new village hall.
Cllr Russell signed the Acceptance of Office form.

3. Election of Vice-Chair

The Chair nominated Cllr. Hannah Poole, this nomination was seconded, and in the absence of any other nominations Cllr. Hannah Poole accepted the position of Vice-Chair.

4. Signing of minutes

The minutes of the 8th April meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting.

5. Disclosure and Declarations of Interests

None.

6. Update on action points from previous meeting

The Clerk reported that:

- He has informed the Highways Officer dealing with the HGV complaint of the further comments regarding them being driven through the village and copied the information to the local MP as well as Parish Councillors.
- Clarification has been received that a better quality bulb will be fitted to the light pole near to the Upwell Road/Church Road/Green Lane junction during the light replacement programme.
- Cllr. W Poole and he have fitted two 'No Dogs' signs (one large and one small) at the car park end of the recreation ground as requested.
- FDC still have not responded regarding the missing Clothing Recycling bank. It was suggested that the Clerk contacts Mark Matthews at FDC. The Clerk reported that he has contacted the British Heart Foundation about their Book Bank being full following a request by Cllr. Bliss.
- The roots protruding into the pavement along Church Road have been dealt with and the missing lettering on the road sign near Tipp's End has been reported.
- Cllr. Russell reported that the street light in Euximoor Drove is still not working. It was agreed to asked FDC how much it would cost to get it fixed.

7. Decision whether to have any Committees

Following a brief discussion the Council decided that it has the capacity to deal with all its business in the monthly Council meetings and decided not to form any Committees.

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8. To agree representatives on the Recreation Ground Charity Committee

The Clerk explained that until the new Charity is formed Cllr. W Poole, Cllr. Russell and Cllr. Beswick sit on this committee and do not take part in any Council discussions regarding the Council's financial support of the Charity. Cllr. Bliss attends these meetings as she is a signatory on the bank account. The Council decided to keep to this arrangement.

9. Review of Assets

The Clerk reported that he has issued a list of all the Council's assets, to councillors, and that the list includes insurance arrangements for those assets. It was agreed that following the Street Light Project work it is now apparent that the Parish Council does not own 33 street lights the number is much lower. The Clerk was asked to amend the Asset list.

10. Review of the Council's Insurance Arrangements

The Clerk summarised the Council's insurance arrangements stated that it held two policies that gave it protection against fraud by the Clerk or a Councillor, protection against property damage and Public Liability cover. The Council was happy with these arrangements and will review them again when the policies are due for renewal.

11. Review of the Council's Standing Orders

The Clerk reported that no changes have been made to the a copy of the Standing Orders they were sent last year and that they are based on Model Standing Orders provided by the National Association of Local Councils. The Council decided to leave them unchanged.

12. Review of Complaints Procedure

The Council decided to leave it unchanged.

13. Review of the process for managing requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998

The Clerk reported that during the last year the Council had received some requests for information that have been dealt with. The Council decided to leave the process unchanged.

14. Public Adjournment

The member of the public raised the following:

- The bin near to the recreation ground was not emptied recently by FDC. Cllr. Sutton informed members that he has reported the problem.
- Players from the youth team warm up near the properties bordering the field and kick balls into their gardens. The Clerk to e-mail the organisers to ask them to warm up elsewhere.
- Dog walkers still use the recreation ground to walk dogs. It was asked if a large sign with the words 'No Dogs' can be fitted to the Crown Drove end of the field? The clerk was asked to look into costs.

15. Police Update

The Clerk has distributed PCSO Russ' report that had just one item on it this being the breaking of a car window with what was believed to be an air rifle pellet.

16. Correspondence Received

The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors:

- The recommendation from the FDC's Conduct Committee to use an independent member in any appointment panel if one of the applicants is a member of the Council.
- The safety report on the Play Parks, copies of which have been sent to all councillors, which reports no major safety issues. The Skateboard Park requires painting but no response have been received from the Payback Scheme to his latest requests for help.
- The Internal Auditors report which was read by members prior to the start of the meeting which had no concerns reported within it.
- Storage container hire details should items need to be stored during the pavilion refurbishment.

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17. Finance

17.1 The Clerk explained the details of the Internal Audit and the External Audit Report which were discussed as were the Annual Accounts, which had been sent to all Councillors before the meeting. It was agreed to accept the accounts and the External Audit report was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

17.2 The following items, listed on the agenda, were agreed for payment

17.2.1 Clerk's Salary £183.78

17.2.2 The Heron £70.00

17.2.3 Play Safety Ltd £199.20

17.3 One additional payment was sanctioned – The payment to the Internal Auditor £100.00.

18. Planning Applications

There were no applications to review.

19. Parish Plan – Update

Cllr. Russell updated members on the sale of two of the building plots on Upwell Road being sold to fund the Pavilion renovation. He reported that the buyer pulled out of the sale citing the lack of written agreement to the lifting of the Cambridgeshire County Council covenants however after some discussions and liaison with Cllr. Wincote and Cllr. Sutton the deal is back on at a slightly reduced price but with the purchaser having to pay for dyke filling work. Contracts have now been signed with a 6 month time limit to completion.

20. Raising of Village Concerns

The following items were reported/discussed:

- Dog fouling.
- The Bootle Banks are full.
- Quad bike riders are beginning to use local bridleways and nearly caused an accident in Green Lane – the Clerk was asked to make PCSO Russ aware of this. Riders are not wearing helmets.
- Cllr. Russell showed members photographs taken of the lack of a roadside verge near to the Wheatsheaf Bridge along the 16 Foot Bank Road and those taken of the recent work near Bedlam Bridge – where the resident taking the pictures questioned the need for such a large barrier costing a lot of money when there is yards of verge before the riverbank is reached.

The Clerk informed members that the Council will need to seek to co-opt another member following the resignation of Cllr. Wincote. He told members that if any resident wished to be co-opted they should write to the council with the reasons why they wished to become a councillor. Notices will be placed in the local Newsletter and on the Notice Board.

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8:37pm

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