

Christchurch Village Newsletter

May 2013

Welcome to the May edition of The Heron.

At last we can celebrate spring! We have all seen some welcome warmer weather over the past couple of weeks. The gardeners amongst you must be delighted with the sunshine, as gardens have been bursting into life with long awaited colour. Just in time for not one, but two, long bank holiday weekends for us all to enjoy this coming month, so weather permitting, BBQ's at the ready!

May in the village also holds a welcome date for all local gardeners with the Christchurch Village 'Gardening Club's Annual Plant Sale' on the 18th at the Memorial Hall, a excellent chance to stock up on local plants at excellent prices, and meet up with friends for a natter and a browse.

Also this month many will be preparing for the Christchurch Flower and Craft Festival the second weekend of June, which was a huge success last year raising much needed funds for our local church. Make sure you pop along and support this years entries, and if you miss them don't forget you can always see the photo's on our website www.theheron.info .

Don't forget to send us your views and pictures of village life to editor@theheron.info

Paul and Mandi

## A Message from local MP Steve Barclay

Cambridgeshire is currently investing £45 million to provide super fast broadband coverage by the end of 2015. Yet Fenland and East Cambridgeshire have very low numbers of people registered, and therefore some of our communities might miss out as more of the funding is directed instead to the south of the county.

I am therefore writing to ask if you would please help raise awareness with local residents through any local newsletters, parish notice boards, or liaising with community groups, to emphasise the need for them to register at

## www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk.

The best fibre broadband coverage will deliver real benefits to our local residents of all ages. This applies whether people are working from home, accessing public services online, or for life style options such as downloading web content.

I very much appreciate any support you can give me to raise awareness of this project and its benefits to North East Cambridgeshire.



### Further information:

Suzanne Lombardo
Suzanne@cambridgeshiremencap.co.uk
01354 651166

### **Fenland Branch:**

87 High Street March Cambridgeshire PE15 9LB

**Local support** for people with learning disabilities

## Could you spare just a couple of hours once a month to go to the cinema and change someone's life?

Cambridgeshire Mencap, a local learning disability charity, needs new volunteers to support its successful and growing befriending scheme. The befriending scheme started in Fenland 12 years ago and continues to grow. There are 20 adults matched with volunteer befrienders who each go out once a month for a couple of hours.

Vanessa Droy, Befriending Scheme Co-ordinator said "We are receiving more referrals than ever and currently have a growing waiting list of adults that would love to have a friend to go out and take part in all sorts of activities from going for a cuppa and a chat, playing snooker to going for a bite to eat, trips to the cinema and much more."

Having a befriender helps to encourage someone with a learning disability to make friends and spend time with new people which really helps to build their independence, confidence and life skills. The befriending scheme also helps to provide a break from their parents or carers.

Cambridgeshire Mencap offers full reimbursement of all travel and out of pocket expenses, a comprehensive training package, regular volunteer socials and lots of appreciation. Volunteers are matched based on similar interests, age and location. Befriending is flexible with no set days and times so it can fit around work and home commitments; with friends going out in the daytime, evenings or at weekends.

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Jane has been volunteering with Cambridgeshire Mencap for over 2 years, Jane said "To anyone considering becoming a volunteer, I would say go for it! You have nothing to lose and so much to gain from doing something worthwhile. There is so much help available for volunteers who, like me, had never done this kind of thing before and may be a little apprehensive. You don't have to do anything grand to make someone's life happier, and the reward is the smile on their face!".

If you would like to find out more about volunteering with Cambridgeshire Mencap, please contact Suzanne at

Suzanne@cambridgeshiremencap.co.uk. If you would like to find out more about accessing the befriending scheme please contact Vanessa at Vanessa@cambridgeshiremencap.co.uk or simply call Vanessa or Suzanne on 01354 651166. We would love to hear from you.

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Would you be interested in having a scheme in your street? Do you want to know more?

If so, contact:

Dave Harrowing Tel: 01945 870963 Email theharrowingfamily@hotmail.co.uk Julie Coales Tel: 01945 464509 Email coalesnhw@btinternet.com



## **DO YOU PLAY GOLF?**

I recently retired and took up golf and it seems, from my conversations in the Dun Cow, that a number of people would be interested in getting a Christchurch Golf Society up and running so to that end I am canvassing to see just how popular the idea is.

Quite simply the idea is to get together a group of people who either fancy a game or maybe a match.

If you're interested mail me at keith.b.hill@btinternet.com and let me know:

Your name

Your email address

Your location (e.g. Christchurch, Welney, March etc.)

How often you play

When (e.g. week days, week ends, both)

Your handicap (don't worry if like me you don't have one yet just put 28).

Where you mostly play (so we can compare courses)

Your preference (e.g. matches, looking for a golf partner for weekday or weekend games)

If I get enough interest I'll take it one step further and arrange a get together in the Dun Cow to talk about what we do next.

If I don't get sufficient interest I promise to mail those who took the time to contact me to let them know.

Good golfing,

Keith.



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Do you have something you would like to share with the community, or have any comments on articles published in The Heron? If so please feel free to contact us by mail, e-email or telephone, we would love to hear from

you.

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The Memorial Hall committee
would like to thank
Mrs Jean Cowells for making and
providing cushions and seat pads
to make the hall chairs much
more comfortable.
Jeans donations has been very
much appreciated by us all.

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Jill Bliss Hon Treasurer Secretary

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## 200 Club 'Draws to an End'

It is with regret that due to dramatically falling ticket sales, Peter Norman (200 Club organiser/manager) has found it necessary to terminate The 200 Club as at the conclusion of the twenty week draw which took place prior to The Memorial Hall AGM 16/4/2013.

Peter would like to thank everyone who was involved in collecting money from ticket holders each 20 week session etc and anyone else involved since he took over running The club in October 2004.

During that nine years approx £7500 has been raised for hall funds.

The Memorial Hall Committee would like to thank Peter and his faithful group of helpers for their untiring work over the years. Well done all.

It is hoped that The 200 Club will be "kick started" again some time in the future by The New Village Hall Management Committee.

Jill Bliss Hon Treasurer/Secretary Memorial Hall.

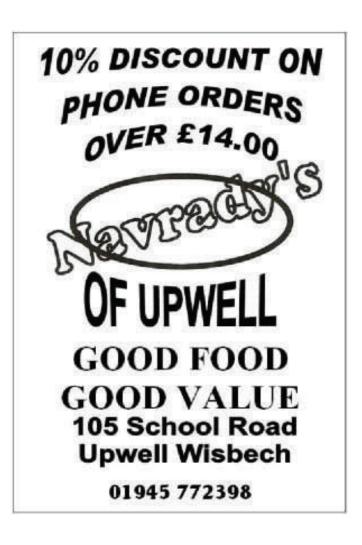
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## Garden Club April 23rd 2013



April has been interesting, very worrying for everybody, everywhere. We can't get on with the usual garden plans, our spring

displays were slow to start but at last spring has sprung and people are seeing a few changes, but still the blossoms are a wee bit shy. Vegetables and the farmers are waiting for just a few gentle( lots of) showers but Mother Nature thinks our area is still needing cold store, but if you look at your fruit trees the little buds are tucked up in the leaves and those leaves will unfold when the icy cold moves on I promise you. Bubbles

This month our speaker, Mr Dunham continued his talk on "The Bee's" and we all felt as if there hasn't been a gap from his previous visit, there were questions and answers throughout the evening, and of course the latest big government debate and decisions are crucial to everybody.

Mr Dunham's informative knowledge kept us going for our club meeting, and when I eat my honey and enjoy myself I will recall both of our "Talks on Bee's".

**Now** please note. Due to lack of support all **coach** trips are on hold, and we will keep anyone informed each month, if and when a trip can be rearranged.

<u>Our next important event</u> will be 'Garden Club Plant Sale' which is on May 18<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday in our Village Memorial Hall. We know this will be enjoyed by one and all, run by the Club Members, and all helping throughout the day from early morning until we finnish at 3.30 pm with a raffle draw.

If you fancy a cuppa at a time to suit you and a friend, come and join in, while you sit and watch, or enjoy a scone with strawberry jam and cream during the days proceedings. Lots of plants will be available and the Garden Clubs prices. The date again is **May 18**<sup>th</sup> all day long, see you then

Next club meeting is May 28<sup>th</sup>, a Tuesday, and we look forward to your cheery faces coming through the door to yet another unusual evening all about Fungi.

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# Minutes of the April WI Meeting held at the Lamb and Flag on 8th April 2013



The President welcomed 18 members and 1 guest to our 85th Birthday Dinner held at the Lamb and Flag.

Apologies were received from Margaret Sparrow.

Business was kept to a minimum. During the evening names were taken for a trip to London, a computer course and a day on machine embroidery. Birthday greetings were sung to Alma Hughes. A very good meal was served, that everyone enjoyed.

Next Month: Resolutions and social time.

Competition: A garland of flowers.

Raffle Prize Rota: Sue N, Sue Q, Beryl and

Belinda.

Peggy Warby President





## CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB

April's meeting of craft club was an enjoyable evening of 'bring and make' along with our usual exciting raffle, followed by tea and biscuits.

May's craft club evening 7th May, will welcome Janet Townsend (from W.I) demonstrating an evening of,

> *`Mystery Patchwork'*. (All materials provided just bring your sewing kits.)

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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Friends of Townley organised an Easter

Disco and an Easter Bonnet competition.

Well done to everyone who took part.

We also had an Easter Egg hunt after our Easter Assembly.

# 1001 books Read and tested!

## Diary Dates

6th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed 13th -16th May – Year 6 SAT Week

20th / 21st May – Year 5/6 'Bikeabilty' Training 23rd May – School Sport's Day 1.15pm (reserve date - 6th June)

27th - 31st May - Half Term

3rd June -Teacher Training Day - School Closed

11th June – Area Sport's Day

25th June – Year 6 – Neale Wade Sport's Day 1st / 2nd July Year 4/5/6 Mepal Residential Visit 4th July - Neale Wade Induction Day + school 'Jump Up' day

16th July – Internet Safety Play

23rd July – Whole School Visit + last

22nd July - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly day of term

Using the online AR Reading Scheme, since September our pupils have read and been tested on 1000 book! That's a massive **7,664,822** words

Year 2 SATs will take place during May It is very important that children attend school during these dates



### **Across**

- 1. Requested the presence of someone (7)
- 5. Prominent (5)
- 8. Closest (7)
- 9. Compete for something (3)
- 10. Expressed mirth (7)
- 11. Scope (5)
- 12. Started (5)
- 14. Mentally responsive (5)
- 19. Inexpensive (5)
- 21. Imaginary creature (7)
- 23. Pasture (3)
- 24. Bulwark (7)
- 25. Pay out (5)
- 26. Proposition deducible from basic postulates (7)

#### **Down**

- 1. Models of excellence (6)
- 2. Speculation (7)
- 3. Impart skills or knowledge (5)
- 4. Is afraid of (6)
- 5. Actual (7)
- 6. Corvine bird (5)
- 7. Cricket team (6)
- 13. Had a lofty goal (7)
- 15. Adult male chicken (7)

- 16. Weighing machine (6)
- 17. Pinnacle (6)
- 18. Apprise (6)
- 20. Efface (5)
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## **Parish Church Services**

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5 <sup>th</sup> May	11:00am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	All-Age Worship

12<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am Alex Henderson Morning Prayer

19<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm Revd K. Fitzgibbon Evening Prayer

26<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am Revd M. Jones Morning Prayer

(Please note time and it is also a JOINT service at WELNEY.)

2<sup>nd</sup> June 11:00am Revd K. Fitzgibbon All-Age Worship

**7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June** Flower Festival and Craft Exhibition

Any matters concerning the Parish Church please contact Rev'd Kevin Fitzgibbon on 01354 680969.

## **Christchurch Parish Council News**

## Draft agenda for the Parish Council's AGM meeting 7:30pm, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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 April 2013
- 3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- 4. Disclosure or declaration of interests
- 5. Update on actions from previous meeting
- 6. Public Adjournment (time to raise issues affecting you with the Council)
- 7. Police Update
- 8. Correspondence
- 9. Finance
- 10. Review of Planning Applications
- 11. Parish Plan
- 12. Reporting of Village Concerns

#### Your Parish Council and how to contact us

Nigel Russell – phone 638279	Jill Bliss – phone 638343
Wesley Poole – phone 638622	Jacky Wincote – phone 638575
Simon Freeland – phone 638802	Hannah Poole – phone 638622
William Beswick – phone 638758	
	Stephen Cowell (Clerk) – phone 661374
	e-mail christchurchcambspc@googlemail.com

### Police Update

The Wisbech South Rural Forum took place on Thursday 28th March 2013 at Friday Bridge. The New Horizon Outreach Vehicle was located in Maltmas Drove. It will be next at Christchurch on 28<sup>th</sup> May from 8:30am until 10:30am.

At the forum the 80 questionnaires completed across all the villages in the South Rural Area were reviewed, and priorities for the next 6 months were agreed.

Whilst the main priority identified was speeding in the rural villages, other issues and concerns that were highlighted will be tackled. Some issues raised involve other agencies and details of these concerns and issues will be passed to these partner agencies for their attention, these issues included dog fouling and Fly Tipping / Litter.

As regards speeding in rural location we are keen to set up local speedwatch groups, local groups will be able to borrow the speedwatch equipment and undertake speedwatch checks using their local knowledge of problem times and locations. The speedwatch teams will be supported by an experienced volunteer co-ordinator. The equipment can be collected from the Police Station at Wisbech or alternatively the Co-ordinator has kindly stated that he is prepared to deliver and collect the equipment if necessary, and of course offer assistance.

The information and data collected by speedwatch teams will then be used to identify areas where full enforcement action can be taken.

We will be contacting all those individuals who highlighted on their questionnaires that speeding was a problem in their area, to see if they are interested in becoming speedwatch team members in their area.

Police Community Support Officers will continue to undertake speedwatch, and we have already prepared dates for the rest of the year, to ensure that all 12 rural locations are monitored on a regular basis.

If you are interested in becoming a member of a speedwatch group please e-mail me at dave.russ@cambs.pnn.police.uk.

## MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 11th MARCH 2013 – MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH AT 7:30pm

Present: Councillors – Nigel Russell (Chair), Jill Bliss, William Beswick, Wes Poole, Hannah Poole, Simon Freeland, Will Sutton (FDC) and Fred Yeulett (CCC).

Stephen Cowell (Clerk) and 6 members of the public were also in attendance.

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr. Wincote, Cllr Russell took the Chair and welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Wincote, Cllr. Cotterell MBE (FDC) and PCSO Dave Russ.

### 2. Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the 11th February meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting.

### 3. Disclosure and Declarations of Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Hannah Poole and Wes Poole declared interests in the rent payments to Mrs Seaton and Mrs Negus being related to them.

## 4. Update on action points from previous meeting

It was reported that:

- The pot holes along Euximoor Drove have once again been reported and the two street lights in Euximoor Drove have been reported as faulty. Cllr Russell updated the meeting to say that one of the street lights has been fixed but the other has been taken away. The Council asked the Clerk to look into the matter.
- Cllr. Sutton reported that he has made temporary repairs to the manhole cover in the recreation ground car park and that a builder has been asked to make permanent repairs.

### 5. Public Adjournment

No items were raised for discussion.

- Continued dog fouling in the village even to the extent that it is being left within yards of the dog
  bins provided. Cllr. Sutton reminded all that if names of offending owners are given to the police
  they will take action. Councillors Sutton and Beswick reported on their meeting with FDC that
  resulted in FDC sending people in to clear up dog mess and general rubbish the following day but
  they cannot afford to do this just because some people are too lazy to use bins provide or take
  rubbish home.
- An update on the sale of building plots was requested. Cllr. Russell reported that offers have been
  made on two plots and the purchaser is in the process of trying to obtain permission to build one
  house on the two plots.
- An update was requested as to whether the recreation ground pavilion is to be extended or a new building built. The Clerk reported that a meeting of the New Village Hall committee is to be held immediately after the Council meeting to make that decision.
- It was asked if the Recreation Ground Charities Objects have been changed to allow funds to transfer to it from the Memorial Hall Charity. The Clerk reported that the matter is in the hands of a solicitor who on receipt of basic information his initial recommendation is to amalgamate the two Charities. Once he has reviewed all the information he will make a final recommendation.
- A resident reported that he feels the Upwell Road/Church Road junction is too dark. Following a
  discussion the Clerk was asked to look into costs of a new style lamp, which casts more
  light, being fitted to the column nearest the junction when the other street light work is
  undertaken. Cllr. Russell informed those present that the Street Light project being run by County
  would have reduced the number of County Council lights in the village but the Parish Council has
  agreed to fund the maintenance etc of all the lights affected so no reduction will be made.
- A resident reported a rotten tree at Syringa House, one branch of which has already fallen into the street, he has spoken to the owner who did not seem keen to act on the matter and asked the Council if they could do anything. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact County Highways as the tree may fall in the highway and Cllr. Sutton will speak to the District Council's Tree Officer to obtain advice.

- It was reported that the 30mph speed limit is working well. It was asked if more repeater signs might help as there are more in Guyhirn for example. Cllr. Sutton reported that the Council that is responsible for Guyhirn raise a much higher Precept to pay for such things and a resident commented that repeater signs may not be required as most people driving through Christ-church are locals and know the speed limit.
- A resident reported a tree obscuring the Halfpenny Toll Road sign and asked if it can be cut back. Clerk to discuss with Highways.
- Cllr. Yeulett reported that the second phase of the Bedlam Bridge work would soon commence.
  Cllr. Russell felt that the overall cost of work on that one project was too high and felt that
  some of it could have been spent on minor improvements to other junctions such as Upwell
  Road/Sixteen Foot Bank at Christchurch as requested by the Parish Council several times. Cllr.
  Yeulett said that the project was part of the work relating to all the Deep Drain accidents and
  was targeted as a result of accident statistics but that he would feed Cllr. Russell's view back to
  the Project.

## 6. Police Update

PCSO Russ's report was circulated to members before the meeting.

The report included details to two reported thefts in the village one being the theft of a power unit from a solar panel array. The Speedwatch once again showed no one speeding at the time.

The report included details of the New Horizon Outreach Vehicle (previously Crime BUSter Bus) will be located in Maltmas Drove Friday Bridge between 11.30 and 18.00 hours with the meeting taking place between 18.00 and 19.00 hours on the 28th March.

Cllr. Yeulett informed the meeting of the Police Commissioner wishes to consult with PCSO's and the Community over how best to use PCSOs. Cllr. Russell reported that PCSO Russ is to be joined by another PCSO to help police the area and that PCSO Russ has put survey forms in the village shop to obtain residents' views of what they want from the police. It was confirmed that these forms can be posted if anonymity is required.

During this item Cllr. Wes Poole left the meeting due to illness.

#### 7. Correspondence Received

The Clerk reported that notice has been received to say that the next RoSPA inspection on the Play Parks and Skateboard Park will take place during April.

Cllr. Russell passed an e-mail he had received regarding Community Transport Scheme funding opportunities to Cllr. Beswick who is involved in the Christchurch Scheme.

#### 8. Finance

The Clerk reported that FDC have confirmed the Concurrent Function grant as £2,750.00 for the coming year, the same as this year. Cllr. Sutton reported that due to District Council budget constraints that these grants would be reduced by 10% per year in coming years and that the Parish Council would need to consider this in the 2014/15 budget setting process.

The Council confirmed the appointment of Mr Ivan Cooper as the Council's Internal Auditor. The Clerk reported that Mr Cooper is currently the Finance Officer for Chatteris Town Council and has many years finance experience and is well versed if local council requirements.

The proposal to purchase an additional Dog Bin, to be placed at the Padgett's Road/Church R oad junction, at a cost of £150.00 was approved unanimously. The Clerk was asked to liaise with FDC on this matter.

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

- **8.1** Clerk's Salary £183.58
- 8.2 The Heron £65.00
- **8.3** Christchurch PCC £120.00
- 8.4 Recreation Ground Insurance £883.52

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Additionally the following payments not included on the agenda were authorised:

Mrs Seaton £206.25 (Rent)

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Fenland District Council £502. 50 (Planning Fee for plots adjacent to the Recreation Ground)

Total bank balances of £53,403.71 are held, with cheques written amounting to £2,582.69 to come from this. Of this the Council has as earmarked funds (funds that must be spent on spe cific purposes) a little over £33k.

## 9. Planning Applications

None to consider

## 10. Parish Plan - Update

The Clerk reported a solicitor is being consulted with regarding the change of charitable objects for the Recreation Ground Charity to enable it to manage a community building as mentioned in item 5. Council members agreed to the proposal to amalgamate the Recreation Ground Charity, for which they are Trustees as Body Corporate, and the Memorial Hall Charity.

## 11. Raising of Village Concerns

The following items were reported/discussed:

- A tree is encroaching of the footpath near to Albert House. A member of the public reported that it is Middle Level land and he is prepared to prune the tree. He was thanked for his kind offer.
- Recent heavy rain caused the road to flood near Simon's Corner/Toll Farm. Cllr. Russell said he
  would look to see what needs to be done next time there is heavy rain fall.
- Brushwood is building up in the dyke at the recreation ground. It was agreed that this can only be removed when the ground dries out a bit more.
- Scott's Road surface is breaking up and many pot holes are being formed. Cllr. Russell reported that he will look at the problem.
- Cllr. Bliss read out a letter on behalf of the Memorial Hall Charity Trustees to the effect that until the Recreation Ground Charity Trustees change the objects of the latter charity and confirmation has been received in writing from the Charity Commissioners no money would be transferred from the Memorial Hall Charity to the Recreation Ground Charity. Councillors confirmed they are aware of the requirement to do this and the Clerk stated that this cannot happen anyway until the Objects are changed. Cllr. Russell expressed disappointment that if the Memorial Hall Charity Trustee have issues with the matter they ought to attend a Council meeting to discuss them rather than ask Cllr. Bliss to read out a note from them.
- Cllr. Russell expressed personal concern about the recent newspaper article that suggested that someone other than the Parish Council was responsible for the reduction in the speed limit through the village. The work was undertaken, and paid for, by the Council after many years of liaison with the Highways Department.
- Councillors Sutton and Yeulett reminded those present to consider making comments on the Core Strategy issued by FDC for consultation as there are recommendations within the strategy that restrict growth in small villages like Christchurch to infill only.
- Cllr. Sutton requested on Cllr. Cotterell's behalf that the Memorial Hall Management Committee or the Council support the return of the Golden Age Surgery by either not charging it for the use of the hall or by paying for it on behalf of the Surgery. Members agreed to pay for the costs if the Memorial Hall Committee felt the need to charge.
- During this agenda item a member of the audience received a phone call to report another break in at the Sports Pavilion where Easter Eggs have been stolen.

Chair closed the meeting at 8:28pm

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