



*Christchurch Village Newsletter*

**November 2013**

### **Welcome to the November edition of The Heron.**

Hopefully you all have enjoyed the last month as we saw the last few days of our warmer weather wave us all goodbye, and autumn winds and rain arrived with a bluster.

Remembrance Sunday falls on 10th November this year and we are sure to see the familiar splash of red poppies on many peoples lapels. A special remembrance service will be held on the day at the War Memorial at 9.30 am.

The clocks have gone back bringing us darker evenings and now we find ourselves at that time of the year again counting down the days to Christmas.

Lots of preparation in November, the church Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd November is definitely a date to set aside in your diaries.

Another is a super fund raising evening of Curry and Quizzes at the school on the 15th. I am sure you will all be looking forward to swatting up to be the champion quiz team.

Lots to do and it will be yuletide December before we know it.

Have a good month.

Paul and Mandi.

### **Heron Committee Meeting**

A closed meeting of The Heron Committee members will be held on November 18th (details to be discussed). An agenda for the meeting will be sent out prior to the meeting for all members to familiarise themselves with and return postal votes if they are unable to attend, (we will also accept Skype and phone voting on the night).

Thank You

### **Can you help ?**

I have had stolen a iridescent glass globe from the front of my house, although this doesn't sound much, it is of great sentimental value to me. To anyone else it would just seem a decorative item.

This was bought when my son passed away (he was 15 months old) and every year on his anniversary and birthday I light a candle in this for him. It has been stolen from a plant pot a the front of my house. I would like whoever took this to do the right thing and return it please.

Louisa at no. 31, The Croft

*I hope to hear and be able to print in the next edition that this item has been returned. You all owe it yourselves and the village to find and return this item, this is not the sort of news we want to be reporting on !*

*ED.*



## **MEMORIAL HALL**

At a Memorial Hall Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October 2013, 10 members were present with 2 apologies.

The meeting was called to discuss storage of items to be kept for use at the future New Village Hall (refurbished Pavilion or new build) also what is to be done with items no longer needed.

After some lengthy discussion, a list was compiled of items for storage and it was decided to have a "Closing Down Sale" to dispose of the remaining items.

The sale is scheduled for SATURDAY JANUARY 4th 2014 – 10am – 1pm when it is hoped that most if not all items will find a new home. All monies raised will be donated to The New Village Hall fund.

At some stage in the new year, there will be a final Memorial Hall AGM (open to all Parishioners) Date and time of this meeting will be announced when the finances are balanced and independently audited.

This concluded the purpose of the meeting.

If you or someone you know can offer secure, dry storage for a few items – namely - 2 x transport trollies complete with tables, each approx 3ft w x 6ft long, all crockery (packed in containers) and the screens (which stand upright)

The Committee will be only too pleased to speak to you.

Please contact The Sec/Treasurer a.s.a.p., on (01354) 638343 if you can help.



## **Parish Church Christmas Fayre**

Saturday 23rd November  
Village Memorial Hall, 2pm-4pm  
Bottle Stall      Cakes  
Bric-a-Brac      Games

Father Christmas will visit us from  
2:30-3:30



## **Cambridgeshire County Council needs you to help change the lives of local children and young people.**

Foster Carers provide a stable family support network for local children and young people when they are unable to live with their own family. Every year we have over 425 children and young people looked after by Cambridgeshire County Council.

The shortage of Foster Carers means that children and young people are placed with (independent foster carers or residential units some outside of Cambridgeshire) they may also be looked after within the county children's homes. We need to recruit more Foster Carers in order to give them the best possible future.

Foster Carers come from all different kinds of backgrounds. It may be that you have your own children or you may have worked with children before. You may have no experience of children or possibly considering a career change?

Every child is different so we need different Foster Carers, if you can offer stability, security and the positive experience of a loving family then we want to hear from you.

You might be:

- Married, in a civil partnership, single or living with a partner
- From an ethnic background
- In a same sex relationship
- In work, unemployed or retired

Recruiting local people will mean that children and young people can live in their own community, continue to attend the same school and maintain contact with their family and friends.

We offer generous allowances including a start up package, 24 hr support and full training.

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email **fanda@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

### **Recycle Banks**

The clothing bank is back on the playing field car park in Christchurch.

Please make use of it for all your unwanted articles of clothing shoes etc if it is not seen to be required we may lose it again.

There is also 2 bottle/glass banks, a book/video bank and a newspaper/magazine/paper bank.

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## ***CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS***

### **Minutes of the October 2013 WI Meeting**



Minutes of the Monthly WI Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on October 8th 2013

Peggy welcomed members, speakers and one new member.

Apologies: Margaret S, Beryl, Tracy, Belinda and Margaret H.

Finance: Books will be closing at the end of November for Audit.

Correspondence: March St. Marys WI – An invitation to their annual dinner.

Magpas – Xmas Draw.

No Sickness or Birthdays: President thanked members for get well cards following her recent stay in hospital.

Speakers: Janet Townsin and Rosemary Higgs gave an illustrated talk on their visit to China. It included visits to Beijing, Hong Kong and the Terracotta army. They showed slides of the Great Wall and their trip up the Yangtze River. They also brought along a number of colourful artefacts for members to see. Members then shared some holiday memories. Some pleasant and others not so pleasant.

November Meeting: "The Swinging Sixties" Sue Stephenson.

Competition: An article from the 60's

Raffle Prize Rota: Alma, Anne, Val, Sandra K.



### **CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB**

The meeting of the October craft club was a fun evening where all members enjoyed decorating wooden boxes with paints or decoupage. The evening raffle was held and everyone had a very enjoyable evening

At the November meeting on 5th November, we will be making Angel Dolly Pegs, bring along your sewing kit, all other materials will be provided.

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. For more information ring **Wendy Yates on 01354 638448.**





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# Adult social care needs YOU!

Many people require homecare to enable them to feel safe, happy and independent.

To achieve this we are recruiting compassionate and caring people to start their career in care through our unique apprenticeship programme.

Our apprenticeship programme will enable you to "earn while you learn" by supporting you to get a job with a local homecare provider whilst being paid the standard rate of a carer worker.

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- ▶ Pay at the same level as any other care worker
- ▶ Nationally recognised qualifications in adult social care
- ▶ Paid study time every week
- ▶ The chance to apply for a permanent position.



Your age and background doesn't matter. Somewhere in your community there's a job that you can do to help others. If you are looking for a career in care and want to make a positive difference to people's lives then our apprenticeship offers a worthwhile job that can turn into a rewarding, long term career.

## Sounds great – What next?

To register your interest please contact Emma Laskey-MacRae our Apprenticeship Project Coordinator at [Emma.Laskey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Emma.Laskey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or on 07917 615360 for an initial commitment free chat.

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)



### **Did we get it right?**

The Cambridgeshire Health and wellbeing board has been reviewing local pharmaceutical services – services that help you get and use medicines or medical equipment safely. Our views about these services are written up in the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

We want to know if you agree with what we have written.

We are asking for your feedback during 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014. You can give us your thoughts by completing a questionnaire, either at your local pharmacy, dispensing doctor surgery, or online at [www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/JSNA/PNA](http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/JSNA/PNA)

### **Stay independent, safe and well this winter**

If you or someone you care for needs advice about keeping independent, safe and well this winter, the County Council's adult social care websites Your Life, Your Choice [www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk](http://www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk) and AskSARA online advice and equipment guide [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asksara](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asksara) provide information about keeping warm, preventing falls and the help that may be available to older and vulnerable people if they are unable to get out and about. If you are unable to access the Internet staff and volunteers in the library can help you to find the information you need or you can contact adult social care customer services on 0345 045 5202.

### **You can now 'AskSARA' about daily living advice for disabled children too!**

Since it launched in February last year, AskSARA Cambridgeshire's online guide to advice and equipment has been visited by nearly 4,500 people looking for information and advice to enable them, or someone they care for, to remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

After the success of AskSARA for adults, a children's version has recently been launched. AskSARA for children is a quick online guide for finding information about products and services to help children with daily activities in the home and when they are out and about. Information and advice about funding, equipment and carer support is also provided. To visit the children's site, use the link at the top of the web page at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asksara](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asksara)

### **Adult social care needs YOU!**

Homecare workers required

More older and vulnerable people are requiring homecare to ensure they feel safe, happy and independent. To achieve this, the County Council is recruiting compassionate and caring people to start a career in care through a unique apprenticeship programme that enables them to "earn while they learn" by supporting them to get a job with a local homecare provider whilst being paid the standard rate of a care worker.

If you want to make a positive difference to people's lives and would be interested in a career in care, contact Emma Laskey-MacRae, Apprenticeship Project Coordinator on 07917 615360, email [Emma.Laskey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Emma.Laskey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) for more information about this unique apprenticeship programme. Your age and background doesn't matter, if you are looking for a career in care somewhere in your community there's a job you can do to help others.



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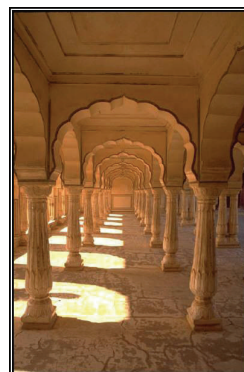
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### **Care Fees**

Your whole family may be able to benefit by possibly defending against some potentially estate stripping deductions that local authorities can make on your older relatives' assets.

Worrying about inheritance tax could be taking your eye off the ball, with average care fees of £482\* per week that is £25,064 per year. This can do far more damage to a potential inheritance over 4 or 5 years than inheritance tax may ever do. Elderly relatives do not choose to go into care, it suddenly happens as the only option available. Then the decision about, who pays, and how, follows straight on. Even if the Local Authority pay initially, they will usually have the right to demand it back. Maybe you, or relatives of yours, can do something to protect the equity in the home.

\*Institute of Public Care report December 2010 "Estimating the number and distribution of self funders of care in England"



# Curry and Quiz Night

to be held in Townley School  
on Friday 15 November 2013 at 7.00 for 7.30pm start.

Chicken Curry, Rice & Naan  
OR  
Vegetable Curry, Rice & Naan

Bring your own drinks and snacks  
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Raffle at half time.

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## **Garden Club October 2013**



A very enjoyable evening Peter and Shirley (who are members) enlightened us with 'OWLS'

These elusive birds came with them, all very different, as Peter presented each one, explaining the culture and ways of the owl.

We didn't hear 'T'wit or T'woo' but the owls all had their own characteristics, particularly when each in turn puffed up the feathers when Peter's 'hawk' was introduced. The whole evening was intriguing, especially when we could be so close, to touch them, or even don a glove and have an owl on your arm. To be with these creatures was a bonus.

Maureen gave us all another surprise, arriving with 40 varieties of apples in little baskets, pears which grow in her garden, plus 2 boxes of more apples for eating or cooking. Members were all given tasters if required, plus every apple was put into bags for members to take home. We were all quite stunned to see such an array of apples.

Thank you Maureen for making our evening complete.

? How do we follow that?

See our next month's report after our November Club Meeting.

November 26<sup>th</sup> see you all then.

### **NOTE**

#### **Christmas Shopping Trip**

This year it will be a **Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>** and we are going to **Springfields** and **Baytree** for the day.

Cost will be £7.50, coach will pick up 9.30 am from Christchurch. Non members are very welcome to join us for this happy spree.

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*Bobbes*

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## Did you join in?

Hopefully you were all made aware of the amazing 'Big Knit' by The Innocent Smoothie Company to raise money this winter for Age UK.

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If you didn't get the chance to join in the knitting, don't worry, you can still join in the drinking.

Make sure you look in the shops and marvel at the woolly wonders people have created all in the name of keeping our elderly warm this winter

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*Big Knit Hats by Mandi Warren*

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## **MEMORIAL HALL CLOSING DOWN SALE**

**SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY  
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Curtains, Portable Halogen Heater,  
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Please note all purchases must be cleared by 2pm on the day

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## TOWNLEY SCHOOL

Christchurch, Wisbech, Cambs. PE14 9NA

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Website: [www.townleyschool.org.uk](http://www.townleyschool.org.uk)

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On a Tuesday afternoons' Class 2 take part in a variety of outdoor activities, using our new woodland area.



There are lots of pictures on our website showing them completing their first Woodland Challenge, 'The Pirate Scavenger Hunt.'

They have looked at old sailing ships and as part of the challenge had to find a 'crow's nest' and select a tree that would make a good mast. Whilst fun, the activities help focus their attention on the woodland environment.

### Diary Dates

28th October - 1st November - Half Term  
4th November - Teacher Training Day  
7th November - 'Bedtime Read'  
8th November - Special Remembrance Assembly at the village memorial  
25th - 27th November Year 4/5/6 residential visit to Burwell  
9th / 10th December - School Christmas Presentation  
17th December - Christingle Service  
18th December - whole school visit to see 'Beauty and the Beast' (Cressett Theatre)  
20th December - last day of term  
7th January 2014 - Spring term Opens



Our School have now elected this year's School Council.

Congratulations to Lois, Jodie, Ashley, Frankee, Ellesse, Dionne and Ciara



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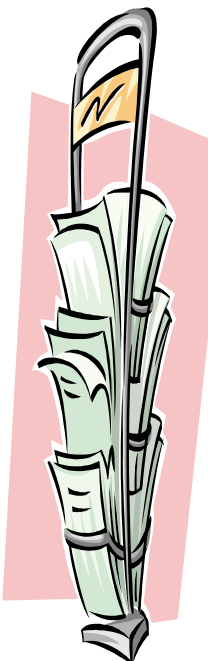
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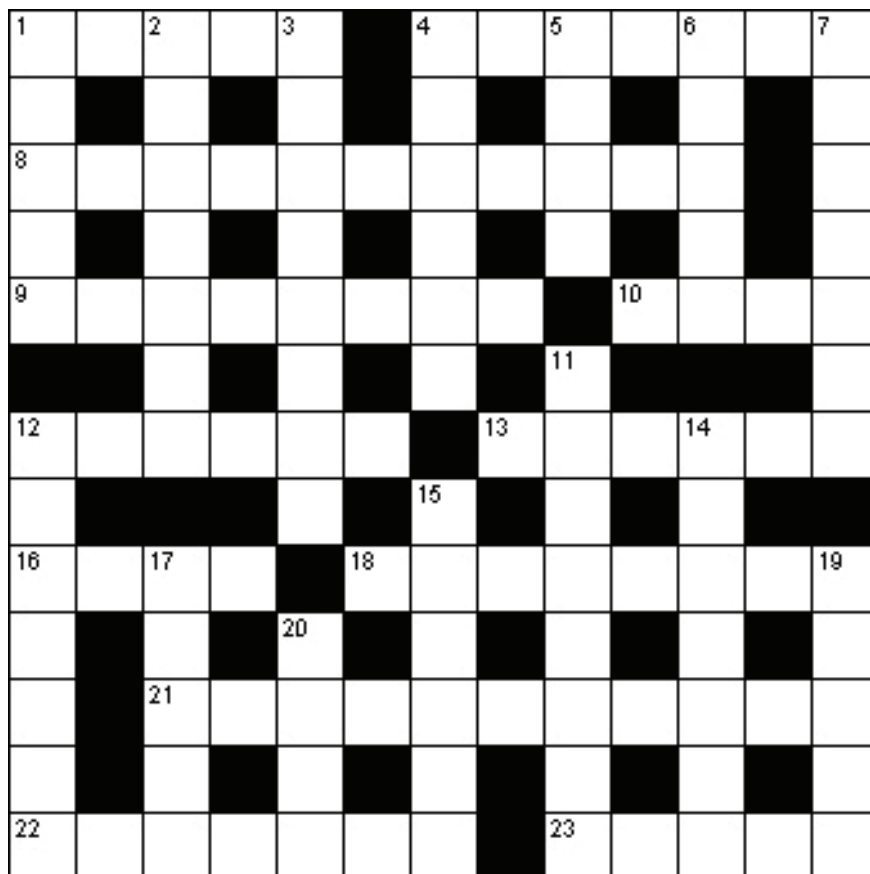


## Across

1. Young person (5)
4. Sharp pointed implements (7)
8. Butterfly larva (11)
9. Exhilarated (8)
10. Yield (4)
12. Humble (6)
13. Ineffectual (6)
16. Movable barrier (4)
18. Drover (8)
21. Glorious (11)
22. Scaling devices (7)
23. Surface boundaries (5)

## Down

1. Luxury craft (5)
2. Articulated (7)
3. Innocuous (8)
4. Disturbances (6)
5. Snakelike fish (4)
6. Big (5)
7. Earnest (7)
11. Sudden unexpected event (8)
12. Sorcerous (7)
14. Mass of frozen water (7)
15. Furniture items (6)
17. Diffident (5)
19. Days of the month (5)
20. Fiend (4)



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## **Parish Church Services November 2013**

3 <sup>rd</sup> November	11:00am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	All-Age Worship
10 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial followed by Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> November	3:30pm ( <b>not</b> 6:30pm)	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	Evening Prayer
24 <sup>th</sup> November	11:00am	Mr S.E. Tooke	Morning Prayer
1st December	11:00am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	All-Age Worship

Thank you to the staff and pupils of Townley School who raised £69-91 from their school Harvest Festival service.

The Harvest Supper on 12<sup>th</sup> October raised £168 for church funds. Thank you to Helen, Karen, Ruth and their young helpers for providing such a delicious meal (lots of compliments about the food!). Thank you to Steve Waye for the entertainment. Thanks also to Mary and Sheila for organising the raffle which raised £110 for Milton Children's Hospice. And finally thank you to all those that came and supported the occasion.

A reminder that on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, there is the Christmas Fayre from 2-4pm, see separate notice for further details.

**Daphne and Andrew.**

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**Draft agenda for next Council meeting 7:30pm, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013  
Memorial Hall, Church Road.**

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The Public Adjournment.**

1. Open, welcome and apologies
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# **MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2013 - MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH 7:30pm**

Present: Councillors - Nigel Russell (Chair), Jill Bliss, Hannah Poole, William Beswick, Wesley Poole, Simon Freeland, Roger Gladwin, Fred Yeulett (CCC) and Will Sutton (FDC).  
Stephen Cowell (Clerk) and 5 members of the public were also in attendance.

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies were received from PCSO Russ.

Cllr. Russell welcomed the new councillor Mr Gladwin, District Councillor Sutton, County Councillor Yeulett and the residents present.

### **2. Signing of minutes**

The minutes of the 12th August meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting.

### **3. Disclosure and Declarations of Interests**

The Clerk briefly explained this item to Cllr. Gladwin.

The Clerk also reported that there were some additional payments to be added to the list of payments to be made these being the renewal of the Council's Insurance policy, a quote for which was received after the agenda was issued, and payments for rent due to Mrs Negus and Mrs Seaton due early next month.

The Clerk confirmed that no planning applications have been received for consideration.

Councillors Hannah Poole and Wesley Poole declared interests in the rent payment as the recipients are family members.

### **4. Update on action points from previous meeting**

The Clerk reported that:

- Cllr. Sutton had been able to locate material to fill the large pot hole in the un-adopted part of Crown Drive and had filled it with the help of a friend. Before and after photographs have been sent to councillors. The Council thanked Cllr. Sutton for undertaking this work.
- Cllr. Bliss has spoken to the contractor who prunes the willow trees in the Recreation Ground and he has confirmed that he is willing to prune the trees overhanging resident's gardens bordering the Recreation Ground.
- Following discussions with the leaders of the junior football club regarding them compensating the Bowls Club for their losses due to break-ins the football club felt that the fault lay with the Council for not having easily lockable doors. The Clerk suggested that as the Bowls Club's rent is due that he invoices them for a lower amount to recompense them for the losses and reminds all users that valuables are left on the premises at the user's risk. This was agreed by the Council.
- Cllr. Russell has obtained quotes and drawings from Fenland Leisure Products to compare to those provided by Wicksteed. Sharman's are not able to provide like for like quotes. It was agreed to review the FLP drawings and proposals after the meeting. It was also agreed that the Clerk should check the Financial Regulations to agree how many quotes should be obtained for this level of spending.
- FDC have apologised for the lack of action regarding the Clothing Bank and have confirmed that one will be installed in the very near future.

### **5. Public Adjournment**

The following subjects were raised and discussed:

- The pavement near to the Village Notice board is uneven and a trip hazard. Cllr. Yeulett offered to look at it after the meeting and take appropriate action.
- A street light in the Norfolk part of Green Lane has been removed due to the bracket being rusty. Cllr. Sutton reported that according to Cambridgeshire County Council records it belongs to the Parish Council. A quote is being obtained for it to be replaced. Councillors agreed that once the quote is received the Clerk should discuss sharing the costs with the Upwell Parish Council.

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- A resident questioned whether it would be better to just chop all the trees down in the Recreation Ground that border resident's gardens so the problem of pruning them does not return. The Council were unwilling to chop trees down just for this reason and felt for environmental reason they should remain.
- A car has been parked in Crown Drove for many months and is never moved. It was asked if the police could remove it. The Council heard that it belongs to a resident so it was agreed that Cllr. Russell would speak to the owner and that the Clerk would make the police aware in case it was parked illegally with no tax.
- A resident raised an issue of impaired visibility when turning out of Scott's Road due to an overgrown Rose bush and an 'Eggs for Sale' sign. The Clerk was asked to write to both residents
- A resident questioned whether the Council was looking at village infrastructure or had a transport plan as the village was without an adequate Bus Service. Following a discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Yeulett would inform the Clerk of the name of the County Transport coordinator so the Clerk can liaise with that officer on a review of the Bus Service needs of the village.

## **6. Police Update**

The Clerk reported that he has distributed, to Members, PCSO Russ's report that only included one item being the break in at the Bowls Pavilion.

Cllr. Russell reported that he has discussed the lack of police presence at Council meetings and the lack of police support regarding the break-ins at the Pavilion with the local MP and he was assured that there would be police presence at this meeting. As no member of the Police Force has attended he will be taking the matter further.

## **7. Correspondence Received**

The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors:

The Clerk reported that the only correspondence received other than the e-mails passed on to councillors during the month were two letters regarding the impaired vision already discussed under item 4.

## **8. Finance**

8.1 The Clerk reported bank balances of £50,639.13 with cheques issued to the total of £3,141.79 to be paid from this.

The Clerk reminded Members that around £32k was earmarked for Play parks and also reported that the next payment of Precept was due to the Council.

8.2 The Clerk reported that most expenditure items were within budget but that the Office Expenses will exceed budget due to the costs of advertising for a new clerk and paying for the hall or interviews. The Parish Council renewal quote has been received and even though the Council is in a five year term with the providers they have offered a revised new five year term with a renewal cost of almost £140.00 per annum savings. The Council approved the acceptance of the quote after the Clerk had assured them that additions to the policy can be made during the five year term. The Clerk reported that the only income item not likely to meet the budget is the recycling item.

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

8.3.1 Clerk's Salary £183.78

8.3.2 The Heron £70.00

8.3.3 Hall Hire (July - Sept) £42 .00

8.3.4 Hall Hire (Clerk interviews) £14.00

8.3.5 Postage £6.00

In addition the insurance renewal at £760.80 and the rent payments to Mrs Negus & Mrs Seaton of £206.25 each were authorised

## **9. Planning Applications**

None to consider.

## **10. Parish Plan – Update**

There were no updates.

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## **11. Raising of Village Concerns**

The following items were reported/discussed:

1. A dog walker who regularly uses the Recreation Ground despite it being a no dogs area was asked to leave the field by Cllr. Sutton and he did so. Cllr. Sutton was thanked for his intervention.
2. Cllr. Beswick expressed concern at the increasing number of HGVs driving through the village.
3. Cllr. Gladwin suggested that before the white lines are painted on the resurfaced Sixteen Foot Bank Road the Highways Authority should be approached suggesting that solid white lines be used at junctions to indicate no overtaking.
4. Cllr. Russell again expressed concern about the lack of action in filling pot holes along Euximoor Drove and the number of signs left on the side of the Sixteen Foot Bank Road after work has been completed. Cllr. Sutton said he would look into the matter of the signs and that he is trying to get a Highway's Officer to inspect Euximoor Drove with him. Cllr. Russell also expressed concern of the waste of gravel on the recent resurfaced Sixteen Foot Bank Road due to a lack of tarmac being applied and the gravel not sticking to the surface.
5. Concern was expressed at the poor quality of the Minor Highways work at the Padgett's Road and Upwell Road junctions with the Sixteen Foot bank as the reflective posts were very flimsy. The Clerk was asked to look into the scheme of works to ensure that it had been done as agreed by the Council.

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8:27pm.

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