



meeting. He had spoken to the Monitoring Officer and both the leader of the council and the portfolio holder. In his opinion it was a shameful ruling and unless it forms part of national legislation it should not be allowable.

#### 02.11.08 Reports from the councillors of NCC and BCKL&WN

Cllr Moriarty, prior to the meeting, had forwarded information regarding the Councillor Community Grant Scheme. Every Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk District Councillor will be given a grant budget of £1,000 to award for projects/initiatives/events that will offer community benefits in their own ward area. The main criteria is that projects/initiatives/events must benefit the community in the councillor's ward area. The minimum grant is £50 and the maximum £1,000 for each councillor.

Applications should focus on projects, initiatives or events that deliver a clear and demonstrative benefit to the people of west Norfolk, specifically in the ward area of the district councillor considering the request.

Cllr Moriarty therefore suggested that Flitcham should agree on a project that would benefit from the funding and put together a proposal ASAP. He would look at all the PC's requests within the councils he represents and prepare a fair breakdown of the £1k grant. **Action: All**

The Borough Council passed a motion on 9th September to recognise the scientific and moral need to act decisively on 'climate change' and have introduced a portfolio, policy and measures to significantly reduce its impact on its carbon emissions and the environment, with an intent to support these going forward with a specific budget. It is now the right time with this Council focussed activity well underway for us to now declare a 'climate emergency' to magnify the global message of the need for action to local residents, businesses and partners in West Norfolk and signal our strong commitment to help them make positive changes.

The Borough Council have set aside funds to help combat fly tipping. The plans would see this investment of around £190k per year to create additional resources for the council to address fly-tipping across West Norfolk through the creation of a single enhanced service. More incidents will be able to be investigated and cleared in a timely and efficient way. In addition, under the proposals, community-led litter picking initiatives would also benefit from more support in the form of guidance, equipment, and the free collection of bagged waste.

#### 02.11.09 Income & Expenditure/Financial Report

a)	Cheques paid between meetings not yet approved	
	573 Community Action Norfolk (Training TA)	£60.00
	574 Fenland Leisure Products (paint)	£76.80
	Cheques for approval at this meeting	
	575 Clerk's Salary including HMRC (Gill Welham)	£202.35
	576 Cllr T Allen (Dog Sign)	£53.76
	577 Cllr G Kilham (Paint for playground)	£140.50
	578 Royal British Legion (poppy appeal)	£30.00
	579 Mr S D Hinks (grasscutting)	£112.00
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	Total Expenditure	£675.41
	Balance in current account	£3,698.64
	Balance in business saver account	£364.15
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	Total balance remaining	£4,062.79

- b) It was agreed by all members that the Direct Debit mandate for the ICO licence should be signed. Two signatories signed the document. **Action: Clerk for onward transmission**
- c) The Annual review of the St Mary's Church donation was discussed and agreed by all it should remain at £150. The Clerk would ensure the payment would be put forward for the January payments. **Action: Clerk**
- d) The draft budget had been circulated in advance of the meeting. A decision regarding Precept request would need to be made at the January meeting.
- e) The USB Memory Stick was exchanged for safe keeping by the Chairman as per the Internal Financial Controls procedures.

#### **02.11.10 Playground Maintenance update**

TA had prepared a report prior to the meeting having inspected the Playground. He advised that the wood preservative was being applied but the absorption of the paint onto the wood meant that a lot of paint would be needed. An appeal had gone out in the Newsletter for helpers but currently it was just TA and GK taking on the work. AB would ask her husband if he was able to help. The inspection highlighted that 3 rails need to be replaced, this work was in hand, and there was a considerable amount of mole hills. TA was advised to contact John Farrow to see if he could assist with this matter. **Action: TA**

#### **02.11.11 Maintenance of Village Sign**

RW stated the next step was to get the sign removed. Having spoken to Edward Cross, he was advised to contact Paul Hunter to arrange the use of the teleporter. Although the Community Centre garage could hold the sign whilst being refurbished, it would be preferable to use the Community Centre lounge as it would be more comfortable for working in. RW would need 3 clear days in order to complete the work and would need to be advised of available dates which would not clash with functions. Several of the PC would be available to help with the handling of the sign and RW undertook to liaise with councillors. GK would check the Centre diary and liaise with those involved. **Action: GK**

#### **02.11.12 Dog Fouling**

TA advised the new dog bin was being used. However, the Clerk had received an email from the BC in respect of the bin as it is not licensed with them. It was agreed at the meeting that the paperwork for inclusion of the bin within the PC would be completed and forwarded to the BC. **Action: Clerk**

#### **02.11.13 Speeding Traffic**

TA presented a briefing note relating to speeding traffic in the village and the data downloaded from the SAMS unit. He has been in contact with his counterpart in Hillington who prepares the data from the unit and a proposal to consider would be to make the speed limit 30mph through to Hillington Road. He also feels the limit in Abbey Road should be reduced to 20mph. There is no path, narrow in places and although the SAMS unit hasn't highlighted speeding as a real issue – 30mph is too fast.

Cllr Moriarty advised this could be an ideal project to put forward to the County Council for funding from the £1m put aside for Road Safety measures that will be forthcoming over the next 4 years. The first year West Norfolk are being prioritised, but the applications are due in now and funds must be allocated during the current financial year. A joint application may have more weight but it is essential we start the process now. It was suggested that Flitcham put something in writing to Cllr Dark immediately, Hillington are holding a PC meeting at the end of the month and by alerting Cllr Dark in advance of that meeting it may assist the application. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk advised that many other PC's put the SAMS data onto their website for members of the public to view should they so wish. TA would discuss with his Hillington contact to see if this was possible. **Action: TA**

#### **02.11.14 Village re-numbering**

It was obvious that this was very emotive subject and that the councillors were unlikely to agree the move forward until there was clarification regarding the voting issue. TA therefore proposed that the PC should not spend any further time discussing this matter until further clarification had been received. This was agreed.

#### **02.11.15 Flitcham Footpaths**

GK/TA/RW attended two meetings with Edward Parsons with what was believed to be a positive outcome. One of the two routes proposed by GK had a favourable response: a path from the Apple Store to Appleton would link with the public roads to make a circular route. RW made the point that this was likely to have been an historical route because the parish council name is Flitcham with Appleton. Mr Parsons also offered a branch route from this path across to the brow of the hill on the Icknield Way. A formal offer is awaited but will, in any event, be for a one year trial period and involve permits being issued by the PC to residents. RW was concerned that if the bridle path past the Church to the Apple Store was also accepted by us as a permissive path joining up with the above, it could undermine our claim that it was a long standing Right of Way. TA said that the status of this path as a RoW had specifically been put to Mr Parsons, pointing out that the Estate sign on this path referred only to keeping animals under control etc whereas all other paths from the village are "Private". We would expect that the permission from the Estate would, therefore, only apply to the path from the Apple Store to Appleton.

The PC has also been notified of applications for RoW status to be confirmed for four paths: the green lane between Abbey Road and Anmer Road, the two footpaths across the pasture leading to the gate into

Hillington Road and one across the corner of Hillington Estate with the entrance near the cricket pitch and, at the other end of the path, the gate opposite Station Road.

**02.11.16 Correspondence**

- ~ Norfolk ALC – Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
- ~ BCKL&WN – planning meetings PC update
- ~ Lord Leitenant – commemorative plaque
- ~ OTN update

**02.11.17 Business Extra to the Agenda**

GK asked whether the Rangers were going to resolve the issues with the pathway on Hillington Road. The PC had received a response to the previous email. The work was within their plans, but would not be carried out imminently. The path is not wide enough because the Holly Hedge on the perimeter of Flitcham House alongside the path is overgrown and needs cutting back. Following discussion it was felt the first course of action would be to write to the occupants of Flitcham House to ask if they were able to cut this back. **Action: Clerk**

The email received relating to the OTN update, the Clerk was asked to arrange for emails to the relevant parties as requested. **Action: Clerk**

NFuller asked if she could attend training as she had seen that training was available for new councillors. The Clerk was asked to look at options and advise NF. **Action: Clerk**

NF also requested that it be noted she had been offended by the comments made by the Chair regarding her co-option. The Chair responded that he was sorry they had got off on the wrong foot.

The Clerk advised that the PC were in need of a new Internal Auditor as NF had now become a councillor and was no longer eligible to do the job. AB suggested the Clerk contact John Beasley to see if he would be in a position to take this on. **Action: Clerk**

**02.11.18 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7:45 pm**  
**Meeting dates for 2022 to be issued: Action: Clerk**

**02.11.19 Action to be taken by the next meeting:**  
**Clerk**

- Advise BCKL&WN details of new councillor
- Forward DD mandate for ICO
- Raise cheque in January for St Mary's Church
- Complete paperwork for additional dog bin
- Compose email to S Dark re traffic initiative
- Contact Flitcham House re Holly hedge
- Forward info re OTN
- Training for N Fuller
- Contact J Beasley re Internal audit
- Issue 2022 meeting dates

**G Kilham**

- Check Community Centre diary for Village Sign

**T Allen**

- Contact John Farrow re moles
- SAMS data for Flitcham website

**ALL**

- Review suitable project for funding initiative

**Items for next Agenda**

- Cheque for St Mary's Church
- Speed Limits

**02.11.20** The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.