

## UNADOPTED

A meeting of Holt Parish Council was held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at the URC Hall.

**Present:** Cllr. Becky Stevens, Cllr. Andrew Pearce, Cllr. Jane Grant, Cllr. Helen Quilliam, Cllr. Barbara Tucker, Cllr. Steve Siddall, Cllr. Bob Mizen, Cllr. Basil Ash, Cllr. Martin Moyes.

**Apologies:** Cllr. John Fletcher.

**In Attendance:** Cllr. Trevor Carbin, PCSO Andrew MacLachan.

**Open Meeting:** The Chairman expressed thanks to PCSO Andrew MacLachan for attending the meeting and for his comprehensive report. There have been three incidents of theft from the same premises on The Midlands Industrial Estate during the month, theft of signs from Holt Manor, violence against a person in form of verbal, racist abuse and two minor road traffic accidents. The issue of verbal abuse was quickly resolved by local resolution and the other issues are ongoing. It is likely that the person responsible for the theft of signage from Holt Manor is a local person or persons, and it was stressed that it is unacceptable for people to take matters into their own hands

- Rogue traders continue to operate in the Bradford-on-Avon area, attempting to get householders to part with their money for a normally below standard service. Residents are urged to be aware and to call the police on 101 if they suspect a caller is bogus.
- On a similar note, there have been recent incidents of pedlars knocking on doors trying to sell their wares. One such male was reported to the Police in Winsley and was reported for not holding a pedlars license.
- There has been a series of car related crime, mainly in the Holt area in December, and are not covered in this report as they occurred prior to 19<sup>th</sup> December. Most incidents were in The Midlands car park with cars either broken into and items stolen from within, or their catalytic convertor stolen from the exhaust system.
- Shed thefts are a very regular occurrence throughout the sector. Residents are urged not to store valuable items in their shed, such as bikes, and to consider shed alarms, security lights, etc.

### Success Stories:

Considerable overt and covert police operations took place in Holt to catch the person responsible for the car related thefts and an arrest of a male was made. The crimes have now ceased. However, the police urge you all to be alert to car crime and to always lock your car and do not leave any valuable inside.

Parking issues at Staverton are a Police priority at the moment.

PC Lee Pelling can be contacted on 0752 897 2004 and PCSO Andrew MacLachlan on 0752 897 2236 when on duty. These details to be published in the Magazine.

Cllr. Basil Ash expressed concern that people, other than residents of The Elms, use the parking spaces at the main road end of The Elms. Parking issues have been decriminalised and the Police can only act if a vehicle is parked in such way as to cause an obstruction. The Clerk to follow up.

The Chairman stated that this Council condemns any action by anyone against another persons property; such issues should be brought to the Parish Council or reported to the Police.

PCSO Andrew MacLachlan reported that he was not aware of a van theft for which a ransom was demanded; however, a stolen builders van, complete with contents, has been found and returned to its rightful owner.

Cllr. Jane Grant thanked PC Lee Pelling for attending a Youth Club session in Holt; a good rapport has been established with the young people.

Mrs. Caroline Metz, the new Good Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for the Bradford-on-Avon area (Jo Ecclestone is now working in the Melksham area) introduced herself and gave a short resume of her work; she aims to offer help to older people to enable them to live independently. The scheme is funded by Wiltshire Council. She's happy to attend coffee mornings, give talks, etc. and asked for suggestions of where she can best promote the scheme. She can be contacted on 07557 922031.

Mr. Mike Hawkins offered congratulations for the excellent development of affordable housing in Station Road. He asked if the grit bin at the end of The Gravel could be moved to the end of Bradley Lane, as the problems with ice and snow are greater there than in The Gravel. The Chairman explained that when the Council submitted a bid for a grit bin, only one was allocated to Holt and The Gravel, where the children walk to school, was deemed to be the best place. Mr. Hawkins questioned whether the bin is used in its present position. The Council to decide what action should be taken.

Mrs. Heather Morris said that the Neighbourhood Plan formal application is now ready to be submitted. Thanks were offered to Cllr. Andrew Pearce for his work on the drafting process. The application will be posted on the Wiltshire Council website for six weeks to allow for comment and it is anticipated that the process will be straightforward.

Cllr. Bob Mizen asked if the Bowls Club fencing could be discussed next as Mr. Don Gray was at the meeting. This was agreed. The Bowls Club wishes to remove the Leylandii hedge adjacent to the tennis court fence and erect a fine, green net material in its place. This would be to a height of 2 meters and would continue along the fence line to the Pavilion. The Bowls Club also offered to bury the electricity cable which runs to the second tennis court to a

deeper level. This was agreed. Eventually a replacement hedge will be planted, as previously agreed.

Cllr. Trevor Carbin reported as follows:

- The Wiltshire Core Strategy is moving forward and a pre-hearing will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Maybe completed by the end of 2013.
- Pavement adjacent to the Playing Fields – poor state of pavement reported. It would be useful to know the long term plans for the footpath inside the Playing Fields hedge, as this will have bearing on work done to the pavement.
- Application for works to trees – followed up but no response to date. The Clerk has also followed up the issue and not received a response.

The Chairman reported that the appeal by Holt Manor for new signage and laybys in Summer Lane had been turned down.

Posts on verges at Holt – an email received from Sarah Marshall, Solicitor, Wiltshire Council, stating that nothing has yet been done and that Wiltshire Council has to prioritise and posts on a rural highways verge would have a slightly lower priority than matters concerning the immediate safe passage of highway users. Resources are limited and staff are faced with doing a difficult juggling act. Arrangements have been made to meet with Mr. Cadwallader next week to clarify the ownership of the verges where it is unclear from the historical records obtained and survey highway records. The Council cannot undertake enforcement action in respect of any posts that are not on the highway verge. Cllr. Martin Moyes stated that residents have expressed concern of the safety of cyclists on that road and also he believes that Highways have power over verges along the highway regardless of its ownership and so considers that there should not be a dispute over ownership of the verge with regard to the posts. It was agreed that the Parish Council should be represented at the meeting next week. The Clerk to contact Sarah Marshall. If a proper response is not received then the Council will consider approaching the ombudsman. The Clerk to clarify how an approach to the ombudsman should be made.

Cllr. Steve Siddall wishes to raise the matter with the Area Board. At the July meeting of the Area Board support was expressed and safety issues relating to the situation were discussed. A letter to be sent to the Area Board stating that seven months has passed with no conclusion being reached. Sarah Marshall's response to be attached.

**Minutes of the Meeting Held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012:** The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed with amendments as proposed by Cllr. Steve Siddall. Amended minutes to be circulated.

**Councillors' request for Dispensation for Precept Setting:** The Code of Conduct adopted in July 2012 means that councillors cannot vote on the

precept without first applying for dispensation. It was agreed that the dispensation should expire on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and the requests for dispensation were duly signed by all present.

**Matters Arising:** The Clerk has contacted Wiltshire Concrete regarding the way in which their lorries are driven through the Village and they have agreed to speak to the drivers.

Cllr. Martin Moyes has reported an incident of dangerous driving by an MJ Church driver to the Company and has not received a response.

Kerbstones, Station Road – ongoing.

Manhole covers The Street and Ham Green – repair work will be carried out in due course. Winter work is taking priority. Cllr. Andrew Pearce reported a damaged manhole cover outside the Village Hall – the Clerk to report to Highways.

Bradford-on-Avon intend to carry out an Origin and Destination traffic survey and Cllr. Steve Siddall has asked that a similar survey be done in Holt. Cllr. Martin Moyes to consider this with the Traffic Plan.

Cllr. Andrew Pearce reported on the recent CATG meeting – the Origin and Destination survey has been extended to the whole of West Wiltshire and it will be combined with the freight survey that has already been proposed for Holt. Consultants are being sought regarding the way in which the study should be done. It is hoped that the survey will be done in May or June of this year.

A meeting of HVRL Committee will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

The Council has indemnity cover of £250,000 and cover of £15,000 towards the cost of tribunals/hearings. Cllr. Jane Grant to consider whether councillors should have individual insurance cover. Cllr. Bob Mizen expressed the view that if individual cover was deemed to be necessary, then the Council should pay the premiums.

Trees, The Midlands – ongoing.

Cllr. Martin Moyes requested that Accounts should be discussed prior to some other items. This was agreed. Cllr. Martin Moyes said that the Management Accounts as circulated show £350 of donations received for the war memorial. Parish Council general expenses will be over budget, partly because total audit fees were underestimated by £231 and also because of reduced income from the Recreation Ground. There are a number of under spends and discretion needs to be exercised for expenditure for the remainder of the year. The audit fees were greater than expected because of increased funds from the pavilion account and other sources.

**Planning Committee Report:**

**Applications:**

W/12/02154/FUL

**Parish: Holt**

**Ward: Holt And**

**Staverton**

22.11.12

Full Plan

Kenny Green

Case Officer: Mr

Applicant:

Change of use of Studio 6, from a workshop/studio (Class B1) to retail (Class A1)

Glove Factory Studios 1 Brook Lane Holt Trowbridge Wiltshire

Grid Reference: (E) 386019 (N) 161974

Glove Factory Studios LLP

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Planning Cttee Decision: No comment

Clerk actioned: 20 Dec 12

W/12/02195/TCA

**Parish: Holt**

**Ward: Holt And**

**Staverton**

28.11.12

Tree(s) in

Conservation Area

Chris Kirk

Case Officer: Mr

Applicant:

Reduce group of Leyland Cypress and Yew Trees back to past pruning points and trim sides into hedge

13 The Elms Holt Wiltshire BA14 6RP

Grid Reference: (E) 386188 (N) 161989

Mrs SARAH DIXON

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W/12/02196/TCA

**Parish: Holt**

**Ward: Holt And**

**Staverton**

28.11.12

Tree(s) in

Conservation Area

Chris Kirk

Case Officer: Mr

Applicant:

Remove epicormic growth of Rowan (T1829)

Land West Of 3 Avonfield Holt Wiltshire

Grid Reference: (E) 386531 (N) 161803

Mrs SARAH DIXON

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W/12/02197/TCA

**Parish: Holt**

Fell Goat Willow (T1840) and treat stump

**Staverton**      **Ward: Holt And**      Land Adjoining Starfield Station Road Holt  
Wiltshire  
28.11.12  
Tree(s) in      Grid Reference:      (E) 386484      (N) 161814  
Conservation Area

Case Officer: Mr  
Chris Kirk

Applicant:      Mrs SARAH DIXON  
Planning Cttee Decision: To all above : No comment  
Clerk actioned:

**Decisions:**

**Application No:**      W/12/02037/TCA  
**Site Address:**      Land North Of 399 Ham Green Holt

Wiltshire

**Proposal:**      Crown lift group of trees by 2.5m and reduce to give  
5.5m clearance over

**Applicant:**      Wiltshire Council (Highways)

**Case Officer:**      Mr Chris Kirk

**Category of**      Tree(s) in Conservation Area

**Decision: No Tree      Decision      03/12/2012**  
**Preservation Order**

**Application No:**      W/12/02038/TCA

**Site Address:**      Land South Of 55A Leigh Road Holt

Wiltshire

**Proposal:**      Crown lift group of trees to 2.5m and reduce to give  
5.5m clearance above

**Applicant:**      Wiltshire Council (Highways)

**Case Officer:**      Mr Chris Kirk

**Category of**      Tree(s) in Conservation Area

**Decision: No Tree      Decision      03/12/2012**  
**Preservation Order**

**Application No:**      W/12/02039/TCA

**Site Address:**      Land North West Of 377 Ham Green Holt

Wiltshire

**Proposal:**      Crown lift group of trees by 2.5m and reduce to give  
5.5m clearance above

**Applicant:**      Wiltshire Council (Highways)

**Case Officer:**      Mr Chris Kirk

**Category of**      Tree(s) in Conservation Area

**Decision: No Tree      Decision      03/12/2012**  
**Preservation Order**  
**be made**

**Application No:**      W/12/01897/FUL

**Site Address:**      Copse Farm Great Chalfield Holt

Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 6FW

**Proposal:** Retrospective planning application for two agricultural buildings, one is an extension to an existing stock building and another is a replacement for a former stock building.

**Applicant:** Mr J Ovens

**Case Officer:** Charlotte Douglas

**Category of** Full Plan

**Decision: Permission**

**Decision**

10/12/2012

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**Application No:** W/12/02096/TCA

**Site Address:** Play Area The Street Holt Wiltshire

**Proposal:** Crown reduce Balsam Poplar (T1) to 4m and fell multi-stemmed Horse Chestnut (T2)

**Applicant:** Holt Parish Council **Case**

**Officer:** Mr Chris Kirk

**Category of** Tree(s) in Conservation Area

**Decision: No Tree**

**Decision**

10/12/2012

**Preservation Order  
be made**

**Application No:** W/12/02052/CLE

**Site Address:** Glove Factory Studios 1 Brook Lane Holt Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 6RW

**Proposal:** Certificate of Lawfulness to regularise the existing cafe as ancillary to the Glove Factory Studios workhub (Class B1).

**Applicant:** Glove Factory Studios LLP

**Case Officer:** Mr Kenny Green

**Category of** Existing Lawful Use/Development

**Decision: Grant Certificate of**

**Decision**

17/12/2012

**Lawful Use**

An application to move the National Trust shop within in the confines of the Glove Factory has been approved.

A planning application has been received for 330 The Street. Substantial changes are proposed, including the removal of some trees, unspecified, and paving over of the front garden for parking. Previously objections have been made to all applications for the paving over of gardens in the conservation area. It was agreed that objections should be raised on C18, the conservation policy, re the paved area for parking and information requested regarding which trees will be removed. FOLLOW UP.

Affordable housing – future allocations: Cllr. Steve Siddall has been advised by Louise Jones, the Advertising and Lettings Co-ordinator for Homes for Wiltshire, that Homes for Wiltshire do have the capability to advertise properties that have a section 106 local connection restricted to a specific area. To ensure that such properties are always advertised with a connection, Homes for Wiltshire would expect the landlord who owns and manages the properties to advise them of a required connection at the point of advertising, Homes for Wiltshire would then be able to restrict the advert to only those with a connection stated in their application. Cllr. Steve Siddall has since written to Homes for Wiltshire asking who is responsible for ensuring that legal obligations are met when allocating housing; he has not received a reply.

Jephson Housing have contacted Cllr. Steve Siddall, as the matter was referred to them by Homes for Wiltshire, and they explained that when a tenant leaves a property Jephson Housing tells Homes for Wiltshire to advertise, chose a tenant and pass them to Jephson Housing who then either accept or reject the application. Cllr. Steve Siddall has looked back at the planning permission and there is supposed to be a signed legal section 106 agreement between the developer and Wiltshire Council setting out the exception rules for the allocation. It also states that the Parish Council should be consulted in setting out the document. It is unclear as to whether the agreement was ever drawn up, which would mean there is no legal restriction on the properties at Station Road. Cllr. Steve Siddall said that an exception site agreement is done under section 106. Cllr. Steve Siddall to follow up with the Planning Department.

Regarding further housing on the site at Station Road, Jephson Housing say they intend to hold on to the land; should a need for further housing be established they would then have to go to Wiltshire Council for approval. Wiltshire Council New Core Strategy states no more than ten affordable homes should be built on a site.

National Trust parking spaces at the front of the Trust shop – three parking spaces were allocated for the shop in the original planning permission and it has been confirmed that the parking spaces will be restored when the shop moves within the site.

Cllr. Bob Mizen raised the issue of work recently carried out at the Glove Factory Studios to improve land drainage; there is an increased risk of flooding in the area as a result of the work done. Planning permission should have been applied for before the work was done and cannot be given retrospectively. Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and agreed, one against, one abstention, that a letter should be sent to Wiltshire Council asking ‘what happens next and when?’

#### **Village Facilities Committee Report:**

##### **i) General Report:**

- War Memorial – donations of £350 have been received for work to the war memorial. Mr. Paul McNeil has offered to paint the railings free of charge - the Council to provide the paint. It was agreed that the concrete base of the memorial needs to be replaced and quotes have been obtained. A new concrete base would cost £1820 and a granite base £2940. A granite base was considered preferable and further funding will be sought for the work; a grant application to be made to the Bradford-on-Avon Area Board.
- Cherry trees – work to be carried out.
- Benches – two benches to be repaired and costs will fall within the £750 budgeted for the work. Two concrete bases – cost £338, metal bash times two - cost £250 and paint times one - cost £90.
- BMX track – consideration is still being given as to how this project should be carried forward and whether it should be left for the new Council to decide after the May elections.
- Bowls Club to be asked if they intend to restore the bench which they are using. The Clerk to follow up.
  - The path on the far side of the children’s play area needs woodchips.
- Moss on the safety surface in the play area needs to be scraped away. A working party to be formed in February/March.
- A gate is needed where the second sports court fencing meets the fencing around the Children’s play area. HSRC to be asked to provide a gate.
- Cllr. John Fletcher has asked for the grass in the Orchard to be cut differently. The Clerk to follow up.
  
- Football income is significantly reduced this season as Trowbridge FC did not use the pitch. Mr. Paul Naylor contacted the Council at the beginning of the season because he considered molehills had made the pitch unsafe. Cllr. Bob Mizen flattened the molehills and thought that was the end of the matter. Unknown to the Council TFC did not use the pitch.

Cllr. Basil Ash left the meeting.

**ii) New Litter Bin Adjacent to 98D The Street:** A resident has requested that a rubbish bin should be provided outside 98D The Street; a lot of litter accumulates near the bus stop. A request to be registered with Wiltshire Council.

Cllr. Jane Grant asked that a request also be registered for a grit bin on the slope at the entrance to Hawcroft.

#### **.Traffic Committee:**

##### **i) General Report;**

- Double Yellow Lines, The Midlands – Mr. Jamie Mundy, Wiltshire Council, has confirmed that this work is on the list for new parking and waiting restrictions in West Wiltshire.

- Bradford-on-Avon Town Bridge, weight restriction signage – funding has been secured to replace the existing signage but not for new signage, so a sign at Chalkeymead roundabout in Melksham will not be supplied.
- Increase in HGV speed limits – a request from interested stakeholders, the freight companies, are asking that the 40mph speed limit for 7.5 tonne vehicles on single carriageway roads be increased to 50mph because it is cost effective for them to go faster. The Traffic Committee to consider and make recommendations.
- Pavement adjacent to Playing Fields – Wiltshire Council is unwilling to spend money on repairs to the path if a footpath is to be put inside the Playing Fields. Cllr. Martin Moyes noted that the full scheme which was proposed was that the existing footpath be taken away and relocated into the Playing Fields, and that the pavement opposite the Playing Fields widened to a proper width; cars would be protected by a build out and the carriageway would be the same width as now. Wiltshire Council to be informed that this Council would be happy to proceed in this way.
- Rural roads review – this Council supported a 50mph speed limit from Forewoods Common to Cemetery Lane, Bradford-on-Avon; this has been enforced since 14<sup>th</sup> January and Staverton Lane now has a 40mph speed limit.

ii) **Holt Manor & Road Signage:** Previously dealt with.

iii) **Traffic Plan:** Cllr. Martin Moyes reported that progress has been slow; a good body of Holt residents are now willing to participate and he has requested representatives from Police, Wiltshire Council Highways, the National Trust and from Holt Village Regeneration Committee. He is in communication with Heather Morris because the Traffic Plan has to be a subset of the Neighbourhood Plan if it is to have any effect on things in the future.

iii) **Footpaths & Greens:** Cllr. Bob Mizen said that he intends to speak to Mrs. Barbara Burke, Senior Rights of Way Office, Wiltshire Council, at the end of this month at which time a generous six weeks for public consultation will be up. Report to next meeting. Cllr. Jane Grant expressed concern that there is a two year limit for rerouting footpaths and that the timetable has to be adhered to. Cllr. Martin Moyes confirmed that time is not out yet.

**Pavilion Refurbishment Project Committee Report:** Nothing to report.

**Bradford-on-Avon Community Area Board:** Cllr. Andrew Pearce attended the recent meeting of the Area Board; there was nothing on the agenda which affected Holt.

Cllr. Andrew Pearce also attended the Bradford-on-Avon Community Area Traffic Group which was held on 7<sup>th</sup> January. It is unlikely that decisions will be made in the time running up to the May elections. Once the Origin and Destination study has been carried out traffic may be directed around Holt,

rather than through it: at that time new traffic signs may include a sign at Chalkeymead roundabout, Melksham re Bradford-on-Avon town bridge.

Holt Manor Road Signage - it is clear that the Planners do not want to take action, however, the signs are considered to be misleading and the Police are to be officially asked if they consider the signs to be so misleading as to be distracting and need to be removed.

**Holt Village Regeneration Liaison Committee:** A meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Cllr. Steve Siddall said that the last Committee report should have stated that HVR Ltd. do not believe they will do anything to help with the National Trust parking issue; the Council should consider the issue with the National Trust.

Area of Opportunity – Wiltshire Core Plan hearing to be held in May 2013. At the Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012 the following policy on the Area of Opportunity was voted:- 'This Council will expect all developments to fall within the Village envelope; however where it is in the interest of the community, the Council will consider extensions to that planning envelope.' The Council to consider how to respond to the proposal to extend the Village Policy Limit in The Midlands.

**Neighbourhood Plan & Localism Bill:** Cllr. Andrew Pearce reported that the initial scoping plan is now written. The next step is to gain formal agreement from Wiltshire Council to be designated a neighbourhood area. A form to be completed showing which areas are to be included in the plan and setting out in some detail what the plan should cover. Comments to Cllr. Andrew Pearce or Mrs. Heather Morris

One of the major problems in the area is the movement of traffic, and it is necessary to liaise with surrounding towns and parishes to form a view as how best traffic can be controlled in the future. Cllr. Andrew Pearce and Mrs. Heather Morris will attend the meetings of the Bradford-on-Avon Planning Group which has just been set up.

Cllr. Andrew Pearce proposed that the application to Wiltshire Council stating that Holt wishes to produce a neighbourhood plan should be endorsed by the Council. The reasons for producing a plan are the importance the Village places on the Village itself and the surrounding rural area and the volume of traffic which goes across the parish, but does not stop in it. A vote was taken and all present were in favour.

Cllr. Jane Grant reported that the community infrastructure levy draft charging schedule is out for a four week consultation period. Adoption Summer 2013.

Cllr. Andrew Pearce has read in the press that the Government has stated that any parish with an agreed neighbourhood plan should be awarded 25%, without upper limit, of the community infrastructure levy from any development within the plan.

Cllr. Andrew Pearce noted that there will not be a neighbourhood plan until the Wiltshire Core Strategy is completed, probably in 2014. Cllr. Steve Siddall said that a draft plan carries some weight.

**Precept:** Cllr. Martin Moyes said that about £25 per household is collected for the precept. The number of properties in Holt from which money is collected has been reduced by fifty, because of changes to the way in which council tax is charged. This year a grant will be received from Wiltshire Council to make up the shortfall created by these changes. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that a total precept of £17247.00, made up of a top grant from Wiltshire Council of £1342.61 and £15904.39 should be submitted to Wiltshire Council.

**Emergency Response Plan:** Cllr. John Fletcher has circulated a draft plan to Councillors for comment – responses are awaited.

**Website – Posting of Minutes:** In future unadopted and adopted minutes will be posted on the website.

**Correspondence:** Mrs. Marsha Nicholson has requested that unadopted minutes should be posted on the website.

The Tuesday Friends, Hilperton has asked for a donation to towards their group. In line with Council policy, a donation will not be given.

Miss Jacqueline Sharpe has asked if she may hold a hand fasting ceremony on the Village Green on 4<sup>th</sup> May. There were no objections to this request, but it to be stressed to Miss Sharpe that this will be entirely at her own risk.

**Caretaker's Report:** The Village Inspection Report was hampered by snow. Cllr. John Fletcher's report to be circulated. Mr. Garry Aland to be asked to remove leaves from the pavement by the green in Leigh Road. Cllr. Helen Quilliam to carry out the February inspection.

**Accounts for Payment:** The following accounts were approved for payment:

Society of Local Council Clerks/Annual Sub	£100.00
EON	£ 26.01 (VAT £1.24)
G. Aland/Ground Maintenance	£ 452.43
G.Aland/Caretaking	£ 253.33
JM Beale	£ 811.36
Remuneration:	£689.24
Fixed Expenses	£ 68.52
Photocopying/Stationery	£ 31.40 (VAT £6.26)
Postage	£ 7.20
Telephone Call & Line	
Rental	£ 15.00

**Any Other Business:** May Elections – the Chairman urged councillors to each find at least one person to stand for election. The Clerk to place an article in the Magazine.

Cllr. Martin Moyes thanked the Chairman for putting out bollards in The Midlands for the past year. Thanks were also expressed to Mr. Nick Kirkham for providing more permanent bollards, which are working extremely well.

Cllr. Martin Moyes expressed concern about the lack of response that this Council receives from Wiltshire Council. Mrs. Jane Scott, Leader of the Council, to be invited to speak at a Council meeting. The Clerk to follow up.