

- (ii) He required 16 further bushes to fill in the gaps in the Central Kickabout planting in front to the Elder Close garages.
- (iii) The recess in the Elder Close Garages wall required planting with mature pyracanthus plants. The wall is 31 yards long.

MM will obtain quotes.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received:
- (ii) No applications had been approved.
- (iii) No applications had been refused.

JG reported that:

- (iv) He had attended a planning training session for councillors which had been worthwhile. A briefing on Appeals procedure had been particularly good.

d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) Play Equipment inspections were up to date.
- (ii) The five-a-side goal (minute 867 d) (ii) refers) had now been included in the Allianz Insurance policy. This change had attracted no additional premium for the remainder of this year.
- (iii) WCC had been unable to remove the graffiti on the Davis Kickabout play equipment because their chemicals are not effective on soft wood.

e) Transport

KT reported that:

- (i) He had attended the Passenger Transport Forum that had included a presentation on Bus Routes. The Park & Ride bus service has been sub contracted to Stage Coach.

f) Parish Website

NTR

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank statements and reconciliation for November 2009 were signed by **KT**. The cleared balance on 1 December 2009 was £41,880.81. There was one un-presented cheque to the value of £20.00.
- (ii) The refund of bank charges of £35.00 had been credited to the account on 9th November. Minute 876 g) (ii) page 650 refers.
- (iii) The application for a precept of £27,900 for 2010/11 had been forwarded to WCC on 14th December 2009.
- (iv) At the end of the third quarter of the financial year (31 December 2009) actual income & expenditure compared with budgeted income & expenditure will be:

Income				
Category	Budget to date	Actual to date	Shortfall	Surplus
Precept	27,600.00	27,600.00		
Other Income	187.50	29.37	158.13	
Total Income	27,787.50	27,629.37	158.13	
Expenditure				
Category	Budget to date	Actual to date	Overspend	Surplus
Business	3,250.00	3,501.59	251.59	
Clerk Salary	4,910.25	4,747.92		162.33
Donations	1,575.00	950		625.00
Litter	1,126.50	1,034.40		92.10
Open Space	465.00	210.00		255.09
Play Equipment	1,039.50	445.87		593.63
Whiteshute Ridge	6,750.00	5,616.31		1,133.69
Total	19,091.25	16,506.09	251.59	2,861.84

The net Surplus is therefore £2,452.12. Council **AGREED** that the situation is entirely satisfactory.

h) Community Project

MM reported that:

- (i) Trustees of the BF & OB RCA had decided that due to poor attendance the Community Centre User Group Meetings will in future only be held three times a year in March, July and November.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

NTR

j) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) Further to the dog bin discussions at the last meeting (minute 876 j) (i) page 651 refers) the dog warden had marked the spot on 6 November and SERCO will complete the work in the week beginning 14 December.
- (ii) The graffiti sprayed on the seat on the Ridge was removed by WCC on 12 November.

k) County Council Rep

CB was unable to attend but had forwarded a written report covering:

- (i) Closure of St Cross Road. The road will be closed between 4th January and 15th March while Rail Track enlarge St Cross bridge to allow larger containers to be transported.
- (ii) Bushfield. The Village Green application has been sent to public consultation. Comments can be made at www.bushfielddown.co.uk
- (iii) Drainage. HCC has allocated additional funding to drainage projects.

l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) Closure of St Cross Road. Romsey Road will also be subject to road works whilst the bus stops are altered at the same time as the St Cross Road closure.
- (ii) Barton Farm. The planning Application has now been submitted and the consultation period finishes on 1st January 2010.
- (iii) Harrow Down. He had received a request for an extra grit bin to be sited in Harrow Down. Council have already discussed this issue and decided against the proposal – Minute 862 page 640 refers.
- (iv) WCC Emergency Planning Informal Scrutiny Group.

m). Notice Board Rep

NTR

n). Newsletter Rep

NTR

o). WDALC

NTR

884. Speed Limit Reminder Signs

MM reported that he had been tasked at the last meeting to investigate the provision of Speed Limit Reminder Signs for possible deployment in the Ridgeway and Meadow Way. He reported that he had spoken to WCC Transport (Neville Crisp – 01962 848484) and that:

- a) These signs, which light up with a speed limit roundel and the message “Slow Down”, are deployed by HCC in partnership with WCC. The signs are battery operated and normally deployed for two to three weeks, after which the batteries are recharged and the sign erected in a new location.
- b) There is currently a waiting list of about seven months.
- c) There is no cost associated with the use of WCC signs.

Council **AGREED** to apply to go onto the waiting list. **MM** Action.

885. Donations

MM reported that:

- (i) The S.137 limit of expenditure for the financial year 2010/11 remains unchanged at £6.15 per elector. This equates to a maximum annual spend of 1,929 electors times £6.15 equals £11,863.35.

He had received the following requests for donations:

- (ii) Oliver’s Battery Pre-School had asked for a contribution towards a new carpet and general maintenance. Council **AGREED** that a donation was not appropriate.
- (iii) Hampshire County Youth Band Association towards the cost of new instruments, music and event promotion. Council **AGREED** that **MM** should seek clarification about the number of young players from Badger Farm involved in the band before making a decision about a donation.

WH declared an interest in the next item (Donation to BF & OB RCA) and took no part in the discussion.

- (iv) Oliver’s Battery Parish Council made a regular contribution of £500 per year towards the production costs of the Community Newsletter whilst Badger Farm PC does not contribute. Council **AGREED** at the last meeting that in principle it was appropriate to support the funding of the newsletter but matching Oliver’s Battery’s contribution would be overgenerous. **MM** had established that the actual costs of production are £3,644 per year. This includes **JD**’s salary. Council **AGREED** that a donation of £400 was appropriate.
- (v) Brendon Care Clubs to contribute towards the running costs of the Badger Farm Friendly Group. Council **AGREED** that a donation of £200 was appropriate.

MM noted that:

- (vi) The Carroll Centre had still not applied for their annual donation.

886. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Southampton Running Club have been given permission by **MM** to hold their annual Cross Country 6 club meeting on Whiteshute Ridge between 08.30 and 10.00am on Sunday 17th January. The club has third party accident insurance cover and Sainsbury have given permission for the use of their car park.
- b) HALC will shortly be seeking Parish Council’s views on whether Hampshire should remain in membership of NALC. It is the county association’s view that subscriptions do not represent value for money and that about a third of the County’s £90,000 contribution will be wasted. Badger Farm’s contribution this year will be about £100. NALC theoretically provides lobbying services, legal services, events and information but these services have been consistently ineffective and HALC provides better legal advice anyway.

In response NALC have written to all Parish Councils lobbying for their support and suggesting that HALC’s position is based on inaccurate assumptions although their arguments are less than persuasive.

Council will be asked to form an opinion and respond to a questionnaire at the January meeting.

887. Payment of Accounts

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
The following payments were approved and signed:				
1442	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 421.33	-
1443	Brendon Care Clubs	Donation	£ 200.00	-
1445	BF & OB RCA	Donation	£ 400.00	-

888. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2124.

Signed

Date