

1. **APOLOGIES:** Daniel Robertson

Present at Meeting: Trevor Gill, David Hutt, Chris Campbell, Alastair Whetstone, Clerk,
Councillor Chris Williams, Public: Lily Hope-Frost, David Human,

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None

2.1. **St John's Ambulance:** Lily Hope-Frost introduced David Human, explaining that he and his wife work for St John's Ambulance and he was attending the meeting to outline the Community First Responders scheme. The scheme's aim is to provide first aid. Rural communities benefit from the scheme because of the longer travel times from ambulance bases. St John's ambulance's role would be to help recruit and train volunteers as well as to assist in fund raising to equip volunteers. The defibrillator, which is used to restart the heart, can increase survival rates.

An alternative way to operate the scheme is to locate a defibrillator within a village and be available to people who are on the scene. The machine then gives voice prompts to operate the machine.

David Hutt thanked David Human for his outline of the scheme and said that it was worth investigating further to identify volunteers. Defibrillators cost around £600-800.

Councillor Williams commented that the problem with the scheme is the availability of volunteers on a 7 day a week, 24 hours a day basis.

Trevor Gill explained that when he spoke to Karen Atkins from Fenny Compton, they had discussed the two villages working together to make it viable for both.

Trevor raised the possibility of having a stall at the Avon Dassett Country Fete to highlight this scheme and to see if volunteers could come forward and to test overall support. David Human said that he could organise to have equipment present at the fete to demonstrate the scheme. **ACTION: Trevor Gill to liaise with David Human to sort out a St John's Ambulance stall/first Responders at the Avon Dassett Country Fete.** LHF and DH left the meeting at 7.50pm.

3. **CONFIRM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Approved by the Councillors, signed by David Hutt.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Community

- a) **Community Policing/Neighbourhood Watch.** Nothing to report.
- b) **Playground** including inspection report. Alastair Whetstone confirmed that he had looked at the play area. On looking at the slide he confirmed that there was a gap at the top of the slide that could be a hazard. He recommended contacting Wicksteed to discuss this design fault and see what they are prepared to do to rectify the situation. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Wicksteed to investigate repairs to slide. Trevor Gill to provide Clerk with information.**
- c) **Superfast Broadband.** Trevor Gill confirmed that he had attended a meeting and the contract has been won by BT. Trevor subsequently wrote expressing his unhappiness that the villages appear to be overlooked in this scheme. He has spoken to Keith Hicks who is the Broadband Champion in Fenny Compton who agrees that the villages are being overlooked. Leigh responded by saying that this was not the aim and that Trevor's comments had been noted.

Councillor Williams confirmed that the rural areas do have a strong need but that priorities have not been decided yet.

Roads

Traffic, Roads and Drains: Road closure notice has been circulated displayed on the ADPC website.

Trevor Gill thanked Chris Williams and Patch Byrne for their efforts in organising the repairs to the road in time for the soap box derby.

Trevor noted that grants are currently available for flood defences. Councillor Williams explained that any grant applications needed to outline the cost and benefits of any work, including how many people would be affected.

Trevor Gill explained that there was an area of concern within the village and Councillor Williams said that he would initiate a feasibility study to assess the cost for the area outlined by Trevor Gill.

- d) St John's: Nothing to report
- e) **Street light replacement:** Clerk confirmed that she had placed an order for lights 2 and 3 to be replaced. It is hoped that the work will take place over the summer.

Communication/Administration

f) **Reading room supplementary heating and installation:** The storage heater in the kitchen area has been disconnected and the electric heater has been installed and used successfully.

5. **COUNCIL REPORTS:** Cllr Chris Williams Member for Kineton Division – WCC & Member for Fenny Compton Ward – SDC

1. **Planning at District Council –** As from 30th May 2013, there have been some important changes to planning rules. The reason for these changes is:-

- a) to make it easier for home owners and businesses to invest in homes and premises
- b) simplify the change of use system
- c) support sustainability by promoting the reuse of buildings
- d) facilitate the provision of new state funded schools
- e) facilitate the swift roll out of broadband

Fundamentally, the existing regime for 'Permitted Development':-

- a) will allow for single storey extensions greater than the present restrictions (currently 4m beyond the rear wall for any detached property) to be up to 8m beyond the rear wall.
- b) No Planning Permission will be required and the only consultation to take place will be with the adjoining neighbours.
- c) Approval can only be refused if it is considered that it will have an adverse impact on the amenity of the neighbour.
- d) Any extension has to be no more than 50% of the gross floor space of the existing building, or 100 sq.m.
- e) Industrial Buildings will also be allowed to increase the dimensions of the building by 50%.

This relaxation of the Permitted Development regime does not apply within a Conservation Area. I will keep the Parish Council advised of any changes that will undoubtedly be implemented as a result of these changes in the regulations.

2. **Draft Core Strategy –** This is now at an advanced stage and it is anticipated that it will be supported by the full Council on 22nd July 2013. In essence, the planned period is 2008-2028 of which fifteen years remain. Taking into account work that has been undertaken and approved in the last five years we still need to identify locations for a further 5,300 new houses during the remaining fifteen years to meet our target of 9,500 homes. We have identified where 3,250 of these homes will be built at six locations in three five year phases between now and 2028 as follows:

Alcester - 300 homes
 Southam - 350 homes
 Stratford Brownfield Regeneration – 700 homes
 New Settlement at Lighthorne Heath - 1,900 homes
 Balance of some 2,000 homes will come from local service villages and windfall development

I must stress that these development proposals will be phased over a 15 year period and have been calculated on a 'Predict and Provide' basis rather than previous systems which worked on the principle of Provision and no prediction.

3. **Chancellor's Budget Statement 26th June 2013 -** The Chancellor in his statement indicated that local authorities will be receiving 10% less funding in the future than that which they currently receive. For Warwickshire and Stratford this will have significant implications. In the case of Warwickshire CC, we will have £70 million less to run the council. Education and Public Health are ring-fenced and will not be affected. We have already introduced some £60 million of savings in the last three years and to meet this new target of savings the way the Council operates will need significant changes. It is not as if we can operate at 90% of previous levels. Certain services provided by the authority will have to stop. I will keep the parish council updated as proposals are developed. The District Council, with its much smaller budget, is not affected to the same extent although this will have an impact on the level of service provision also.

June 2013 1st Quarter budget update (including expenses up to End May 2013)

| | <u>Budget £</u> | <u>Spend to date £</u> | <u>% of Budget</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Expenditure | 8963 | 1543.43 | 17.1% |
| VAT | | 119.07 | |
| RR Ins | 935 | | |
| RR Rates | 103 | | |
| RR Clean | 165 | | |
| RR Maintenance | 400 | 50 | 12.5% |
| Clerk Pay | 2700 | 513.88 | 19.0% |
| Admin | 400 | 76.28 | 22.4% |
| PC Training | 150 | | |
| WALC | 90 | 90 | 100% Annual charge |
| Xmas Cards | 0 | | |
| Elec supply RR | 550 | 480.69 | 87.4% Annual charge |
| Street Light Supply | 825 | | |
| Other: Street Light replacement | | | |
| Playground Rental | 150 | | |
| Website | 0 | | |
| Playground | 150 | | |
| Other | 0 | | |
| Mowing | 1800 | | |
| Audit Fees | 200 | 60 | 30% |
| Safe Fees | 20 | | |
| Coffee Morning | 125 | 22.55 | 18% |
| Election Fees | 200 | | |

Other Funds held by ADPC:

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| Neighbourhood Watch | £ 185.00 |
| St John's Steps appeal Funds | £ 125.04 |

9. **MEMBER REPORTS:** Post Offices surveys have been coming in.

Trevor Gill suggested that there could be a village tidy up before The Avon Dasset Country Show and Open Gardens.

Request MFM to cut as close to w/c Monday 22nd July if possible, weather permitting and pick up the grass too. **ACTION: Clerk to contact MFM Services to organise a cut of the grass close to the Fete event.**

10. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 5th Aug 2013, 2nd Sept 2013, 7th Oct 2013, 4th Nov 2013, 2nd Dec 2013

The meeting closed at 9.20pm