

Next year's financial budget and spending for the year to be put on Agenda for next meeting.

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- (a) Pre – school agreement to hold money for a similar project. GT read out the signed agreement from 2009 when remaining monies from the Village Hall Pre-school were passed into the Parish Council's care. The Playing Field was mentioned as a beneficiary if another pre-school was not set up. A decision on whether a pre-school would be set up at the school will be made by the middle of 2012.
- (b) MH gave details of his breakfast meeting at the Holkam Estate on 17th Jan. MH mentioned the hedges around Castle Acre whilst at the meeting and LF had already been contacted by the Estate Office.

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- (a) Letter received by Jim Hughes about the tractors running up the banks around Archer Lane. The Clerk had contacted the Holkam Estate and passed on the complaint. The Estate Manager had forwarded the letter to the relevant Farmer. **LR to ask Holkam Estate to repair the damage on St James's Green when the weather is better.**
- (b) Fig tree on the corner of High Street and Massingham road. The Clerk contacted the owners and suggested trimming was in order but had **received no reply as yet.**

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- (a) Frank Moister and street lamp outside Church Gate Tea Rooms. The Clerk is in touch with Mr Moister and would **arrange a meeting with a street lighting technician** within the next month and present findings to the PC.

93. Matters requested by Councillors - Signatories

A form was passed round from the Parish Council's Bank and signed by members of the Council and the new Clerk giving them authority to sign cheques. Those who signed were Gwyneth Thorneywork, Linda Roast, Tim Hubbard, Steve Barnfield, Martin Hickey, Laurence Fisher and Helen Breach.

94. Correspondence

GT read letter about Parish Clerk training should the new clerk wish to attend. Neighbourhood Planning meeting available to join in Swaffham on 29th if councillors wished to attend.

LF - part of correspondence had been asking about sponsorship being put in Nar Valley News but this was declined.

GT read out letter about the coppicing of trees around the old tennis court which would be carried out.

95. Reports

Nothing to report from Playing Field or from the School. Friends of the School holding a quiz night in the Village Hall on Friday 10th February.

Highways (MH): Traffic direction sign at Newton Road has been put in place and volume of lorries using Town Lane has decreased. Lorraine Corral has kindly noted the registration of vehicles that have ignored the sign. **LR to contact Farms and Haulage contractors in the area and ask them to take notice of the sign.**

The Jubilee Bridge has been given drainage channels to stop flooding.

The Road sign at the junction of Massingham Road and Newton road has been moved back.

South Acre Ford – MH reported that South Acre is in Breckland but does not have either a PC or Parish meeting, so we can not consult. As the PC have agreed in principle to stop the Ford as a crossing for cars he would draft a letter to Graham

Plant. Suggested that a campaign be started to change the use and that this could be part of the rethinking of the area as stated in 5 year plan. PC agreed
Village Sign: SB told the PC that the sign had been carved from Birch and that where it had been filled as part of the restoration, it may show in years to come. The sign would be painted soon. 3 plaques to choose from to go beneath the sign. The Bronze resin on oak was chosen.

96. Planning

Albert Victor - revised plans submitted by Gary Bolton for review. SB declared an interest. This discussion was opened to the public. Parking on Stocks Green was an issue. Two letters from residents had been previously viewed by the councillors. The draft plans left with the Clerk and revised plans would subsequently be submitted before going to BCKLWN.

Meadow House Back Lane - plans submitted to council and discussion opened to the public. HB declared an interest. The planning to built had been sought on an area which had been previously deemed as unsuitable for development.

The plans for Costcutter/Post Office Fish shop plans were not on the Agenda but had arrived that day. It was decided to call an extraordinary meeting on the 16th to give the council time to look at them and get back comments to the Planning dept. **The Clerk was requested to ask JM to call the plans in before the Planning Committee.**

97. Accounts

Mr Laurie Fisher proposed and Mr. Mike Dwyer seconded that the following accounts be paid:

E.on Energy (Electricity January)	£ 45.49
MBH Services Ltd (Street Light Maintenance)	£ 168.00
Martin Hickey (expenses - website)	£ 23.25

Agreed.

98. Village Maintenance

(a) The Clerk to find out when the Grass cutting contract for the greens is due for renewal

(b) Street Lighting – the Clerk presented a maintenance quote but it was agreed to keep lighting on a call out basis only.

(c) The Clerk reported that she had spoken to a proposed contractor who said he would produce a quote for the 10 Ash trees off North Street.

(d) SB presented a complaint about the amount of posters in village.

(e) CW suggested photo of Cllrs be put next to names in PC Display case and on the website.

99. Questions from the public

On Agenda for next meeting highways sign for Castle Car park.

**With no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.
The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 1st March 2012
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**