

be announced in February. WODC would also liaise with the County Council regarding improvements to the drainage along Akeman Street and look at the reinstatement of ditches. The bund behind the Lower End houses had been constructed.

A letter of congratulation had been received from Dick Williamson that no water had been flooding down the High Street after recent downpours.

88. Planning

a) Applications received from West Oxfordshire District Council
09/1431/P/FP Green Pastures, Wilcote Lane.
Erection of extension and conversion of garage Applicant: Mr John Oldham
to form additional living accommodation No objection.

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b) No decisions had been received from West Oxfordshire District Council

c) WODC planning enforcement update

Heath House Nursery: The PC understood from WODC that Mr Power has applied for leave to appeal to the High Court in respect of the outcome of his latest appeal, so enforcement procedures are on hold.

89. Committees

a) Inspection of playground safety book

See item 83

b) To receive minutes and information from the Committees

Having received the notes from Simon Hoare (SH) on the informal joint meeting on 26th June, the PC checked the accuracy of point 4 (responsibility for payment for works) against the deeds. The deeds state that responsibility for payment rests with the management committee, not the 'purchaser' (custodian trustee). Points 4 and 8 from the meeting were therefore factually incorrect. The PC would write urgently to those present at the meeting to correct the misapprehension.

A further cheque had been received in respect of the Silent Auction and would be paid to the PFC. A request had been received from Paula Biggs to pay the funds in the PF Project Account to the PFC. In view of the VAT advantages that would be lost, this would be referred back to the PFC first.

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c) To discuss the report from Ramsden Poors Allotments Committee (RPAC)
SM gave an update on behalf of the RPAC. The PC noted the position and thanked the RPAC for updating the meeting. Extra questions were raised and there are other issues to be investigated. The RPAC is pursuing these, and will meet again in January.

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90. Financial matters

a) Financial Summary

The financial summary and bank reconciliation was discussed. The position was satisfactory.

b) To review Newsletter advertising fees

The accounts were reviewed and an outline budget for 2010/11 considered. It was agreed to increase the rates from January 2010 for large advertisements to £8.50 each, £65 annually (10 issues), and £6.50 and £45 respectively for medium advertisements.

c) To review burial fees

It was agreed to increase the burial fees to the figures recommended by the Church of England for 2010, with effect from 1st January 2010.

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d) To set the Precept for 2010/2011

Agenda Item 11a (consideration of WODC Tree Officer's comments on the lime tree) was brought forward: *(TS withdrew for this item.)* The WODC Tree Officer did not want the lime tree pruned by 25% unless a fault had been identified. The PC considered various options. Resolved:

- To instruct Nicholson's to undertake a climbing inspection and report, and removal of dead wood, at a cost of £765 + VAT.
- To request the work to be done as soon as possible.
- To reassess the situation when the report was received. (Major work could still be

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required should a problem be identified.)

- To make provision in the budget for further work on the lime tree.

Precept: Income from interest on the reserve account was expected to be insignificant in 2010/11 because of low rates. Figures for the 2010/11 budget were then finalised and agreed.

Resolved: To set a precept of £9,800 for 2010/11.

g) Accounts for Payment

PFC £140.50 (Funds to PFC re Silent Auction, Minute 89b); Edwin Millin (Wreath for Remembrance Day) £16.50 (agreed as a s.137 payment); Lewis Landscapes Ltd (Churchyard hedge and yews) £540; Kev Grant & Son (mowing) £1684.74; Clerk salary, expenses (Nov); Clerk salary, expenses (Dec, dated 16/12)

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91. Churchyard and Cemetery

a) Consideration of Tree Officer's comments on the lime tree
See minute 90.

92. Highways and Footpaths

a) Dog fouling

A complaint and pictures of fouling in Lower End had been received. The dog bin at the top of Wilcote Lane was full and would be reported to WODC. It was understood that the PFC was considering measures for a more permanent 'No Dogs' sign on the playing field as 4 signs had now disappeared. The PC would write to dog owners who were exercising their pets on the field and also highlight the dangers in the Newsletter.

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93. Correspondence and consultations

a) Formal consultation on 50mph speed limit on B4022

The PC was strongly in favour of the proposed speed limit. A response would be sent.

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b) Akeman Rise questionnaire

A satisfaction questionnaire received from Cottsway was completed.

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c) Proposed music festival event in August at Cornbury Park

Details were noted. The PC did not anticipate any problems with this.

94. Any Other Business – for information only

Information received about Crimestoppers would be publicised.

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Correspondence from Cllr Warwick Robinson on the Cotswold AONB was noted and would be suitably acknowledged.

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The meeting closed at 10.40pm.

Dates of Next Meetings:

Wednesdays 20th January, 17th February, 17th March 2010 in Ramsden Memorial Hall
No meeting in December.

All