

Payments were also due for the following:

- Insurance - £349.30
- HALC Subscription - £155.13

These payments were also approved.

The Clerk had taken the 1029/20 accounts to the internal auditor and collected them earlier in the day, the following points arose during the audit: -

1. Website – I see from your minutes that the Council has set a new website. Unfortunately, I cannot access via Google (the most popular search engine not by Yahoo).
2. Minutes – A couple of minor points (a) the 1st April minutes are not in your bound folder. This needs to be rectified please and (b) the minutes of 23rd September – the intervening pages have not been initialled.
3. Notice of Public Rights – In order to test compliance with the Council’s requirement for the exercise of public rights, I have checked the Council’s calculation of its public rights period and that the Council’s website that the required items has been published. The External Auditor has confirmed that, in order to pass this test, a Council must be able to demonstrate via its website audit trail that all the required information was uploaded the day before the public rights period commenced, and that information remained on the website for the duration of the period. The Council’s website does not have this facility, I have, therefore, assessed that test as “not covered”.

The last point is a new criteria for audit and requires a screen shot to taken to show that the notice of public right of inspection was posted, including a date stamp, and removed, again including a date stamp. As this was not understood in May 2019 when the accounts were completed and available for audit, this was not completed but will be actioned in 2020.

The Internal Auditor also asked for a copy of the AGAR form, signed by the Chairman at the next full council meeting in July.

Action: Clerk to ensure screen shots are saved for audit

Action: Clerk to forward signed AGAR form to Internal Auditor after next meeting

Councillor Curtis Hayward asked about the additional 3 year of budgets and how the increase in precept had been calculated, the Clerk explained that a 5% increased had been planned to ensure funds were kept in line with increasing costs. The Clerk also explained that the Lengthsman Fund had been approved for 2020/21 and 2021/22 but may not continue after that due to cost cutting at Hampshire County Council (HCC), this may require the Parish Council to find funds for this work.

The Vice Chair asked about the Clerk’s salary and suggested that an incremental increase be added, the Clerk thanked the Councillors for this consideration but declined. In 2019/20 a proportion of the Lengthsman administration funds were paid to the Clerk for the work completed to administer the Cluster and the Clerk suggested that the Councillors look at this again for 2020/21.

1241 CVC Update

The CVC remains closed and is being checked on a weekly basis to ensure all is safe and secure. The Committee are using this time to ensure maintenance work required is being completed and areas such as the garages are being cleaned out.

1242 Flooding

Jantiene and the Chairman are still working with HCC and the Environment Agency to ensure the plans are in place and work on some parts including Ellisfield flood pits is due to start in June.

1243 Website

There is an issue with the website connected the initial domain name being set up with IONOS and transferred to GoDaddy, which means that it will not publish. The Clerk has been looking to correct this but is still having issues.

Action: Clerk to inform Councillors once website is published.

1244 Planning

Lock's Barn

There have been several comments made by residents about the work being carried out at Lock's Barn prior to any planning consent being given for the current application (20/00205/HSE). The Clerk has emailed the Planning Team at Basingstoke & Deane to get their comment on this action>

Action: Clerk to inform Councillors of response to email

Southern Water

A Planning Application Consultation, (20/00937/OOBC) for the installation of a water pipeline on the land in Itchen And Candover Valleys, was received by the Parish Council on 21st May and required a response within 7 days. The Chairman made the following comments:

"Candovers Parish Council (CPC) was notified of the above application by B&DBC on 21 May and given 7 days to make representation. This does not allow CPC to consult residents fully on a matter that will impact them for several years to come. Communication between HCC and B&DBC has failed and as a result our community suffers.

CPC objects to the above application on numerous points -

- *Environmental impact to the verges & fields within Candover Valley*
- *Local disruption caused by engineering work*
- *Residents of CPC were not informed of any previous consultation by Southern Water*
- *Failing to make use of current infrastructure & storage facilities at Totford but wishing to build new facilities on greenfield site at Kites Hill*

Importantly, it appears no consideration has been given to making use of the existing natural features of the water meadows that run through The Grange Estate in the Candover Valley.

This option MUST be considered by Southern Water before any decision is made by HCC. CPC understands that it has the support of numerous stakeholders including landowners, EA, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, amongst others."

Following this email, the case officer, Lucy Page, responded asking when the next Parish Council meeting was due to be held and therefore when a more detailed response could be given. The Clerk informed Lucy that the next meeting was on 2nd June.

Councillor Foote suggested that there may be an impact on bore hole water if too much water is removed from the aquafer. The Chairman has been speaking to Jantiene Klein Roseboom, who is an expert in this field about the plans and agreed to include this concern with the response.

Action: Chairman and Clerk to prepare a more detailed response.

The Parish Council have also had an application for the same project from Hampshire County Council (20/00731/HCS) from Lisa Kirby-Hawkes, who the Chairman at Northington Parish Council has also spoken to. This application is for:

Construction and operation of a raw water supply pipeline (approximately 7.5km) with permanent below ground sections and a temporary above ground pipeline and other temporary accesses, hardstandings, plant (including a water booster station) and equipment capable of installation, removal, storage and reinstallation in advance of and operation during severe drought events over the period to 2030 at Land in Itchen and Candover Valleys, Hampshire (with part of the application within South Downs National Park).

This application is dated 1st June and requires a response within 7 days. The Clerk has sent the initial response sent to Basingstoke and Deane to HCC.

Action: Clerk to ensure response from Parish Council is also sent to HCC.

1245 General correspondence

Nothing to report

1246 Any Other Business

The Chairman has been sorting out the garages at the CVC and it appears the canvas for the Parish Council marquee has been eaten by rodents. The marquee was originally purchased in 18/5/2012 for £906.95 and the quotes for a new canvas are:

- Top only (PE) - £198.98
- Top and side (PE) - £468.98
- Top only (PVC) - £486.98
- Top and sides (PVC) - £954.98

All these prices include a pack of 50 additional toggles.

The Chairman suggested that this be included in the budget for 2021/22.

Action: Clerk to ensure it is included with budgeting meeting item in November

The Clerk informed Councillors a date is being planned for defib training for all residents of the valley later in the year.

The Vice Chair informed the Councillors that the Wayfarer's Walk has been littered with "Doggie Do" and is being increasing undesirable to walk. It was agreed that signs be created and displayed to inform dog owners about how to deal with this issue.

Action: Vice Chair to create a poster and Clerk will print and laminate.

1247 Date of meeting in 2020

- Monday 27th July 2020
- Monday 28th September 2020
- Monday 23rd November 2020