



S/0048/15/FL Erection of single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling at 1 Meadow Cottages, West Wickham Road for Nash is in hand.

#### 6.2 District Council

S/2448/14/FL Detached dwelling with garaging including change of use of land to garden land at The Stables, Haverhill Road for Hills was withdrawn.

### 7. Finance

#### 7.1 Receipts

Nothing has been recorded as received since the last meeting up to the end of last year.

#### 7.2 Payments

There have been no payments since the last meeting up to the end of last year. Since then there has been one petty cash payment of £7.44 for a book of first class stamps and two cheques, which need the approval of the parish council: (1) Ken Potter, Grass Cutting Village Green, Church Green and Burial Ground, £680.00; (2) Cambridgeshire ACRE, Membership, £54.00 = £45.00 + £9.00 VAT.

The parish council approved (1), which was virtually the same amount as the previous year. After considerable thought and discussion Denise Lindsell proposed a resolution not to renew the annual subscription for membership to Cambridgeshire ACRE. The motion was seconded by Ninian Bickerton and it was passed unanimously.

#### 7.3 Account Balances

On 29/12/14 the balances of the accounts were:-

Petty Cash	£59
Treasurers Account	£22,164
S106 Agreement	£8,415
Burial Ground Access Fund Account #1	£780
Burial Ground Access Fund Account #2	£22,067
Village Sign Maintenance Fund Account	£4,386
Total	£57,871

#### 7.4 Pay Increase for Part Time Clerks

A pay increase for clerks was announced jointly by NALC and SLCC in November 2014. On 1 January 2015 the hourly rate for a part time clerk on pay scale LC1, Spinal Column Point 25 will increase from £11.296 to £11.545.

Ninian Bickerton proposed the motion that the parish council approves the pay increase for the parish clerk. It was seconded by Anita de Klerk and passed unanimously.

#### 7.5 Precept 2015 to 2016

The parish council discussed the precept with the aid of the latest version of the budget account provided by the clerk. For the last two years the precept has been increased from £7,700 to £10,200 to pay for the traffic pinching work that is still in hand. The clerk pointed out the payment of £8,450 from an S106 Agreement that arises from the affordable housing in Audley Way. Also the sum of £1,000 will be transferred from the Treasurer's Account to the Burial Fund Access Account shortly. If Highways agrees to accept the scheme for a lay-by to the Burial Ground as a minor road improvement then the parish council will at long last know exactly how much money it needs for this project. The figures in the budget account show that the financial position is good and that we should carry on for one more year with the precept set at £10,200.

Denise Lindsell proposed the motion that the parish council sets the precept at £10,200. The motion was seconded by Richard Southwell and was passed unanimously.

#### 7.6 Spending the S106 Payment

The following open space areas were identified for spending the money: Cricket Ground (New Fence); Children's Playground; Audley Way; Cardinals Green (Post Box Area).

### 8. Any Other Business

8.1 *Annual Parish Meeting* The date of the APM will be Friday 24 April.

8.2 *New Web Master* John Miles agreed to take over the post of Web Master from Tori McKillen.

8.3 *Allotment Gate* Denise reported that the allotment gate post has been damaged and needed repairing.

8.4 *High Speed Broad Band for Horseheath* There is still no firm launch date.

**9. Date of Next Meeting** The next meeting will be on Monday, 9 March 2015 at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8:40 pm.