

CLERK'S REPORT – 7th January 2019

Agenda Item 5. Financial Matters

Miss Davies Garden – The original documents relating to the bequest are being sought. Once these have been found a decision regarding the funding going forward can be made based upon them. However, it will be helpful to make a decision in this respect prior to agreeing the budget and setting the precept.

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NJC New Pay Scales – New pay scales for implementation from 1st April 2019 have been issued. The Parish Council will need to approve their use.

Agenda Item 5. Grant Request for Lifeskills Charity – You have received a request for Grant support from this charity which I am obliged to put before you. However, in order to make a grant of this sort you do need to be satisfied that it is for the benefit of at least some of your electors. You are not permitted to give grants unless there is a benefit to the Parish.

Agenda Item 6. GDPR Compliance and Data Privacy Policy – The Data Privacy Policy is not yet complete but must be presented to the next meeting for adoption so that councillors prior to the new council year.

Agenda Item 6 - Equipment and Facilities – Checks by Councillors to report

Agenda Item 6 – Village Playground – Alternative quotations for various works are being sought to obtain best value. It may be possible to agree actions going forward.

Agenda Item 6 – Neighbourhood Watch – The next PCSO meeting at the Wheelwrights is on January 28th at 11:30.

Agenda Item 6 – Phone Box Church Lane / Mill Lane Junction. - A progress report so that an account to Community Empowerment Fund can be made within the next few weeks, is needed, as the grant must be shown to have been spent before the end of the financial year. Various items were agreed to be purchased at the previous meeting. If these can or have been purchased an account can be prepared for supporting the grant.

Agenda Item 8 – Proposed re-routing of the National Cycle Route 24 through Monkton Combe School - Documents have been circulated regarding this so you can make any formal response from the Parish Council.

Agenda Item 10 – Correspondence Received - B&NES Council has produced a draft Community Asset Transfer (CAT) policy and guidance which will be considered by the Council's Cabinet on the 6th February. Community assets are land or buildings that have current or future potential use for community value. They can be brought into community ownership through a number of routes and can involve different organisational structures and terms of ownership. The policy provides a framework and criteria for organisations wishing to apply. It follows the principles set out in the guidance document produced by Locality on Community Asset Transfer and examples taken from other local authorities including Bristol City Council, Isle of Wight and Wigan Borough Council.

We would welcome any views or comments that you may have on the draft policy by completing the on-line form here, deadline 25th January 2018. The draft policy will be presented to the CTE Scrutiny Panel on the 21st January 2019.

Dates for Future Meetings – Agenda Item 12

Dates for future meetings for the coming year need to be agreed, the following suggestions are made:-

Monday 4th March 2019

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday April 29th 2019

Annual Parish Council Meeting: May 13th 2019