

Reply received from WBC regarding the issues raised with the Barkham highways:-

1. The two lights on the priority signs at Barkham bridge S181 & S182 are to be repaired.
2. The repairs to the road junctions of The Woodlands / Sandy Lane and also The Woodlands / The Junipers which are already crumbling away will be inspected and action taken.
3. The grass area at the junction of Sandy Lane / Barkham Road has been left in a mess from where the fallen tree was sawn up. This area is to be inspected and re instatement works undertaken.
4. The pavement along School Road opposite the school has become overgrown with brambles making the path very narrow. This area is to be inspected and letters sent to any properties where there is overhanging vegetation requesting that it is cut back.

Councillors to report any matters of concern with the public highways

It was reported that two cracks had appeared along Bearwood Road running from the Post Office up the hill on the evens side of the road. Clerk to report this to WBC.

The proposed lay-bys along School Road to improve parking outside the schools have made no progress at all. Clerk to write to Highways at WBC requesting an update on this project.

The Parish Cleanup will take place on Sunday 22nd April, Clerk to order the skip and borrow extra jackets and litter pickers from neighbouring parishes. Many posters have been put up around the parish advertising the event and requesting help.

07/934 Finance

Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I.	64	£49.95
BALC – annual subscription	65	£330.35
Allianz Cornhill Insurance – annual premium	66	£1156.70
WBC – 1 refuse vehicle and 1 skip for March 07	67	£259.68 (£221 exc VAT)
Arborfield PC – 50% of insurance premium for the war memorial and the bus shelter opposite Rickman Close.	68	£318.85
Neat Ideas – stationery	69	£40.82 (£34.74 exc VAT)
Standing Order for Clerk’s salary for April		£485.76
Standing Order for Royal Bor. Windsor – Pension Fund for Clerk for month of April (Employee & employer contribution)		£89.76

The standing orders for the Clerk’s salary have been amended to take effect from 1.5.07, the Clerk’s salary to be paid at SCP 23 with an increase in the allowance for home / office use to £30 per month, therefore the monthly standing order has been amended to £501.43 and the standing order in favour of the pension fund has been increased to £102.64 (the employers contribution has risen to 14% and the employee contribution remains at 6%). This was agreed in the Precept.

To date 819 books have been sold, an income of £4294.24, thus leaving 181 unsold, and the Council is now in credit to the amount of £328.57.

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None.

07/936 Correspondence

- a. D. French – Barkham Street / Church Lane Road Safety. It was noted that the hedge had been cut back to improve visibility, this to be monitored and when growth again makes the visibility difficult WBC to be notified.
- b. Stephanie Davis (aged 9) – lack of play facilities in Elizabeth Park. Clerk to write to Stephanie’s mother thanking her for the letter from her daughter and to arrange for Louise Morris the Youth Worker at WBC to meet her and discuss what could be available.
- c. WBC Response to the Consultation on Communications between Towns and Parishes and the Borough Council. Mr. Scott has offered to attend the next meeting of WDALC with Dr. Loader to express the displeasure of BPC with the new proposals. BPC suggest that no proposed changes should be implemented until they have been discussed by WDALC, and agreed at the next District Parish Conference.
- d. Keep Mobile – invitation to AGM to be held on 28 April 2007. Mrs Stubbs will try to attend.

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07/937 Councillors Forum

Mrs Stubbs thanked Mr. Clark who will not be standing again for the Parish Council for his 10 years of dedicated work for the good of the Parish.

Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Next meeting of full Council will be held on 8th May at 8 p.m.

Next meeting of Planning Committee will be held on 24th April 2007 at 7.30 p.m.