

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 19 April 2017 in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.

Apologies: Mr Brown - away, Mrs Slator - away

Present: Mr Sole, Ms Newland, Mr Wheeler, Mr Barnes, Cllr Smith, Cllr Kindersley (after meeting in Orwell), eight members of the public and the Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr Wheeler, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police Report: PCSO Lindsay Gardiner was invited to attend and report. She was unable to attend the meeting, as she only works part-time and is not on duty today, but sent a report.

Since 11th April 2016 three crimes have been reported to us.

04/04/2017 00:00 - 08:00

Larkins Rd,

Theft from motor vehicle, unknown offenders have taken the victims motor home from their driveway.

14/03/2017 11:00 - 13:00

High Street, Burglary

02/06/2016 at 23:14 Attempted burglary at a local industrial site.

15/12/2016

Criminal Damage, to a vehicle

For regular updates on crimes which are reported in the south Cambridgeshire area please sign up to e-cops.org.uk. Updates are sent out every 24 hours; information sent out includes crimes in the local area, witness appeals, crime prevention advice, alerts on suspicious behaviour or scams and general updates on Police Events.

The South Cambridgeshire Policing team hosted a spring safety day on the 18th March; this was very well attended with approximately 70 villages represented. If someone attended from Croydon then I'm sure they could explain more. Everyone commented on how successful and informative the day was and due to popular demand the Area commander James Sutherland is hoping to organise another event similar.

At the event we had workshops/speeches from the following

1. Mr John Fuller- "Getting the Most out of your Neighbourhood Watch Scheme".
2. Fire Brigade : "Safe & Well: Beyond Fire Safety".
3. S/Inspector Paul Jenkins- "Speed Watch and Road Safety in villages
4. "Scams, Road Traders and Good Neighbours" Trading Standards

District Council report from Cllr Smith:

The Local plan has still not been adopted, so there is no Five Year Housing Plan for development. Because of this any planning applications made are in the developers' favour. The only reason plans are not passed is for heritage reasons. A site in Gamlingay, refused by SCDC planners was appealed by the developers, who won on appeal. SCDC did not defend their own planners' decision. - basically, nowhere is safe from development. On 4 May the county goes to the polls to elect a Mayor, who will have a huge amount of power over Peterborough and Cambridgeshire, and will ultimately be responsible for infrastructure, house building, skills and education. This is the result of the decision to accept Devolution. The City Deal rolls on - they have been given £500,000 to sort out the traffic problems in Cambridge. So far there is an idea to cut busways through the countryside, and the routes are causing protests from everywhere. The City Deal is going to be re-branded and hopefully have a new name and attitude. There will be links to the new settlements into Cambridge, but St Neots, London and Peterborough have been ignored. The A428 is going to be upgraded as the first part of the Oxford-Cambridge expressway and the consultation on this is open - please send in your comments. The budget is £830 million and there are not going to be any roundabouts. Abbotsley village is directly affected by one of the proposed routes.

The Petersfield School Governor - Linda Meredith, was unable to attend, but sent a report from both the children and the Governors.

Petersfield Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

Pupil Report to Parish Council - April 2017

This report has been put together following an interview with four Year 4 pupils, carried out by a Foundation Governor.

The children were very keen to let you know the following:

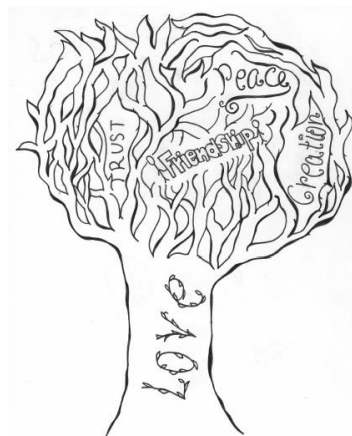
- They have been enjoying a newly introduced creative curriculum. Currently, the topic in Y4 is *Food Glorious Food*. This involves a lot of cooking and some eating. They like the fact that other subjects are taught through this topic and it often involves writing. They were particularly enthusiastic about some art work they had produced based on the Italian artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. He is best known for making portrait heads with fruit, vegetables, flowers, pictures and even books.
- The children felt it was important to let you know that they often visit the church. They have visited Orwell and Wimpole for Lent, Christmas and Harvest Services. Also, they have had sessions of REActive Church. In key stage 1 the children do a Nativity in church.
- They would like you to know that they all very much enjoy school and this year they have found that maths has been more interesting and challenging, with more things to do. There have also been new things introduced in English - DUMTUMs (date/underline/miss a line/title/underline/miss a line). These are 'non-negotiables' and have greatly improved presentation in books.
- A huge amount of enthusiasm was shown for the new computing curriculum. They said this was the biggest improvement since last year. They use Lego to make computer programmes and build working models. (I observed the class making models of frogs out of Lego, following a programme, that they remotely controlled using Bluetooth.)
- Playtimes and lunchtimes are greatly improved due to the introduction of clubs. There are a variety of activities on offer, including a book club. If it is rainy or wet it 'prevents me from getting cramped under the roof or wet'.
- The children also wanted to let you know that the PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education including Citizenship) curriculum has improved, with more regular sessions. A very important part of this is the launch of the revised school values: love, creation, peace, trust and friendship. These were chosen from a selection of 18 Christian Values. Children, staff, parents and governors had a vote.
- Each class now has a Bubble Box. If a child has a worry or concern then he/she can write a note and place it in the box and then the letters are collected and the head teachers will meet the child for a chat. This is a good idea 'otherwise the worry might stick to you'.

This is just a flavour of the children's lives at school, they had much more they would have liked to say, we, sadly, ran out of time.



Petersfield Annual Report - March 2017

Following a year of many changes in 2015-16, this year, as a school, we have taken the opportunity to reflect and consider what is most important to us all. As a result, we have agreed our new **School Values**. After considering the eighteen Christian Values, parents, pupils, staff and governors voted to shortlist these values to nine. On 8th February, parents, grandparents and governors were invited into school for the afternoon. Pupils worked in buddy groups with the older pupils working alongside the younger ones to present one of the nine values to the rest of the school. Everyone present then had a vote and our new school values were selected. Our new school values - illustrated here by one of our talented pupils - are love, trust, friendship, peace and creation. The choice of this illustration was deliberate as trees remain a



constant theme at Petersfield because they grow and change whilst reaching for the sky, just like whole school and the people in it.

We are delighted to report that:

- We were awarded a 'Gold Award' for completing Bishop Stephen's Lent challenge in 2016. This year we are again rising to the challenge set by Bishop Stephen in Lent.
- We received an award from the Royal British Legion for our contribution to fundraising.
- We are incredibly proud of our pupils who have participated in and in some cases organised a significant number of charity events including Stand Up to Cancer, Allyance, Macmillan Coffee Morning and our Harvest collection.
- Thanks to the local community, we conducted an exciting 'Petersfield archaeological dig'.
- Our pupils continue to represent us in local competitions including art, sporting and maths challenges.
- Classes continue to visit fun and exciting places to support our work on the school curriculum. These have included Ely Cathedral, the Tower of London, Paradise Wildlife Park, Stibbington science, the Fitzwilliam and Wimpole to participate in 'Scene: a new way of looking'.
- Along with many other schools in the country, we celebrated Roald Dahl Day in September.
- We welcomed author and illustrator Matty Long into school for World Book Day where all pupils learnt to illustrate.
- Our class assemblies are always a highlight as they showcase pupil enjoyment and learning.
- Our pupils are demonstrating a sound understanding of E-Safety, essential in today's computer literate world.
- We are working on our School Travel Plan. Pupils learnt about road safety and our youngest had the opportunity to improve their balancing skills using special bikes and other pupils will learn the vital life skills in "bikeability" sessions.
- We are lucky to have an on-site swimming pool so our pupils learn to and improve their swimming skills in the warmer months.
- We continue to develop the wider curriculum during lunchtimes and after school with multisports, football, street dance, drama, archery and French lessons.
- We have trained our year 4 and 5 pupils to be Playleaders.
- Our School Council continues to be active and we value our pupil voice.
- Children in KS2 have benefitted from Lego Programming donations from TTP (a local company). A highly skilled computing volunteer works weekly with our pupils upskilling their programming skills
- The standard of Homework from our termly project challenge has been incredibly high and pupils (and staff!) have learnt so much from each other.

Some key developments this year are that:

- We appointed our Deputy Headteachers - Mrs Langley and Miss Smith from September 2016.
- Miss Smith has taken on the role as Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo).
- We have appointed Mrs Peachey as our permanent Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS pupils aged 4-5) and Key Stage 1 (KS1 pupils aged 5-7) Leader.
- Mrs Goldring and Mrs Farrell are now class teachers.
- We have appointed a new staff team to run our Puffins, out of school hours, club. This has gone from strength to strength following Mrs Bonfield's appointment as Play Leader. Cooking, sports, arts and crafts are just some of the activities that are regularly planned and the provision is now oversubscribed on some nights.
- We now have 137 pupils on roll. We have 6 classes in school.
- Our governing body has continued to expand. However, we currently have several vacant positions. We have a Whaddon foundation governor vacancy and two co-opted governor positions we are actively trying to fill. If you would be interested in joining our Governing Body to support the work of the school and be part of the team responsible for shaping the strategic direction of the school, please do contact our Chair of Governors via the clerk to the Governors clerk@petesfield.cambs.sch.uk.

- New governors have attended courses and settled in well. Governor visits are increasing as we are better placed to challenge and monitor.
- Academisation is still a watching brief but governors still believe it is of no benefit to the pupils or teaching and learning.
- The National funding formula as proposed (in consultation period) seriously jeopardises Cambridgeshire's government funding for the next decade and we are actively making our views schools heard. There is still time to write to your MP about the unfairness of funding for Cambridgeshire and we urge you to do so.
- The building work in February last year was complete and this and the new fencing and the planting in the beds at the front of the school (made possible by the fundraising done by the pupils on the School Council) have transformed the entrance to the school.
- Our PTA continue to work tirelessly to raise money for reading books, staging and the Athletics online resource
- Our kitchen is now a 'production' kitchen, which means all meals are made on site each day from raw ingredients.
- We need to recruit a caretaker. If you, or anyone you know, maybe interested, please do contact us.

Our thanks are offered to so many people and organisations locally, for which we remain incredibly grateful. Due to support volunteering to read with pupils, supporting sports lunchtime clubs or forest schools, running the school book club, and providing art work for display and projects, we continue to be able to provide the very best for our pupils only because of the support from each and every member of the community who give so willingly to help our school.

Our thanks also to parishioners in all our local villages and in our all-age communities for their continued interest, support of our work at Petersfield and contribution such as by playing the piano. We continue to work closely with Rev. Felicity as Collective Worship and Religious Education remain a key part of school life. RE-active sessions at Church and GenR8 led Collective Worship have continued to be very popular with pupils.

We continue to extend the invitation to you to visit our Collective Worship, Assemblies and to be part of our PTA events such as the Summer Fair, details of which are published in our weekly newsletter which can be seen on our school website. www.petersfield.cambs.sch.uk

If you wish to contact us or find out more, please do not hesitate to do so by coming into school, calling 01223 207382 or emailing office@petersfield.cambs.sch.uk. We look forward to welcoming you.

Colin Wilson, Chair of Governors

Karen Gwynn and Laura Penrose, Co-Headteachers

Report from Mrs Diana Walters - Chair of the Reading Room Trustees

The Reading Room has again had a much quieter year this year following previous year's extensive work inside and out. The Reading Room remains independent and self-sufficient. The new fence is now complete and the trees and bushes cut back. We have a Key Lock to help with lettings and are now awaiting the outside landscaping to start. We have approached Mr Farrer about the pond and the possibility of getting The Fresh Water Trust to survey and tidy it up, but at the moment he is not keen. We have applied for a Community Chest Grant from the District Council to put in new low energy, flexible lighting - inside and out and have obtained three quotes for the work. We have had the carpets cleaned & had repairs to the gutter, roof and now sealed and re painted the damp wall. Bookings have been down and we lost our newly appointed Booking Clerk but are fortunate to have Janet Wheeler to fill that post. Malcolm Kennerly - our previous booking clerk has moved on to greater things, but his Jazz Band continues to use the Reading Room for practice and more recently, Martin Cusak has expressed an interest in using the Room. Wear and tear is an ongoing feature requiring constant maintenance and help - we are still hoping for the door handle to be put back on the Disabled toilet door. The Committee are hoping for increased local interest in The Reading Room, hopefully attracting New Trustees and support. The Bingo planned for 11th November 2016 had to be cancelled due to lack of interest, but ideas for other social events such as a Pop Up Pub are in the

pipe line. We are still recovering from the last two years' expenses, but are now working with a slightly better bank balance and we hope bookings will now increase making 20017/18 another successful year. My thanks to all the Trustees, and the continuing support of the Parish Council, whose contribution to this year's projects has been invaluable. We welcome interested Villagers to become new Trustees and welcome all feedback and ideas.

TRUSTEES

Chairman & caretaker; Diana Walters
Secretary; Janice Horsford
Treasurer; Chris Elsley
Frank Sole
Rev'd Felicity Crouch
Janet Wheeler; Project Manager & Booking Clerk
Valerie Barnes
Judith Pillinger

Mr Ralph reported on the work of the Croydon Village Community Led Plan Implementation Group Report to the Annual Parish Meeting - 19th April 2017

The Implementation Group (IG) is now about fifteen months old and it is pleasing to be able to report that steady progress has continued under the main headings of Action Plan.

Taking these headings in turn:

1. Village Development: The main opportunity currently remains in the field opposite the Queen Adelaide. Periodic contact has been maintained with Hill and contact established with the landowners' agent. A communication in January from the agent confirmed there was still the desire to see the land brought forward for housing and that "active negotiations" were continuing, however, since then the IG has not received any significant news. Several areas of potential IG activity relating to village development are therefore on hold.

A second development is being contemplated at the west end of the village and in this regard there has been an open dialogue with the landowner including both the IG and District Councillors. The scale and nature of this development are not as yet fixed though it has been scaled back as compared with early thoughts. The landowner has also indicated that community benefits would feature as part of any proposal. Preliminary discussions are continuing and, even though there are as yet no firm proposals, it is understood that a relatively early decision about whether to proceed is likely to be made.

2. Village Environment: Some good success to report here. With PC support we had a very good first litter pick day on October 22nd when around ten or so people turned out and large amounts were collected – 14 black bags, four wheels and tyres and a car bumper. A second village tidy day is planned for 6th May and if we get enough people the aim is to broaden the objective to include cleaning road signs, clearing pathways, cutting back branches etc as well as picking litter. Please gather at the Reading Room at 10am for marching orders! The litter picking equipment for these village days is provided by SCDC and in addition the PC has provided funding for some pickers to be retained in the village for general use. Thanks to Elaine for leading this work area, thanks also to SCDC for their equipment and support and to the PC for funding some equipment.

3. Facilities - Display boards: On behalf of all interested groups in the village the IG made a successful bid to the PC for funding for the purchase of a suite of display boards. After careful research about suitable designs and one false start, finally a suite of display boards was chosen and purchased. They are currently stored in a locked cupboard in the church vestry. Anyone wishing to use these on loan should contact Val on 208532. Thanks to the PC for funding, thanks also to Val for leading on this.

4. Sustainability: The "village" is now signed up to the SCDC Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership (SPEP). Judith Pillinger has volunteered to be the main contact and SPEP information is being received. Through the SPEP a thermal camera was loaned for a weekend - more as a trial run – but several houses and some offices were surveyed. The trial worked well and we already have some houses on a list for next Autumn/Winter. Anyone wanting their house/offices to be added to the list and checked out for heat losses then contact Malcolm 01223-208939.

During the year the Sustainability Team visited the Gamlingay EcoHub hosted by Bridget Smith. From this visit it was suggested that the Reading Room Trustees invite Bridget to a meeting to discuss their own plans. We understand that from this meeting the RR Trustees are bidding for Community Chest funding for a low energy LED lighting system.

5. Communications: An important piece of work was the communications survey which was compiled and sent to every household. The completion rate was close to 65%. In brief, there was strong support for an e-mail/internet based information system (90% of respondents), for an up to date website, and for the Benefice Magazine which reaches 95% of responding households though some improvements were sought which have been passed on to the PCC. The key findings have been reported previously.

As a result of these findings, preferred e-mail addresses have been gathered from about 65% of households and we are very close to being able to send out the first message. It is expected that the number of participating households will grow over time once the system is up and running. The Comms team has also worked to help reinvigorate the website and provide better support to the webmaster. In this area thanks go to the Comms team and especially, Elaine, Judith & Garth.

Community Award: Finally, as most of you know (since the PC made the nomination!) the Implementation Group was nominated for a SCDC Community Award. Jonny & I duly smartened ourselves up a bit and, escorted by Jackie, set off for what we thought would be a small gathering only to find ourselves walking into a packed main Council Chamber complete with a full programme for the evening, a keynote speaker, food, drink, official photographer and a traditional Cambridgeshire steel band! Not all nominees received an award but, as it turned out, on behalf of the whole Implementation Group, we were called up to receive a second place award in the Environment Category. Jonny & I wish to be on record thanking all our colleagues in the Implementation Group and thanking also the Parish Council for their nomination.

Thank you.

Malcolm & Jonny - Implementation Group Co-Chairs

Appendix 1

Implementation Group

Jonny Firth – Co-Chair

Malcolm Ralph – Co-Chair

Claire Hurst – Management team

Val Barnes

Keith Buchanan

Lizanne Firth

Elaine Hughes

Maggie John

Percy Mark

Jennifer Norie

Judith Pillinger

Sue Slator

Vivien Taylor

Tim Walters

Janet Wheeler

Anne Wood

Appendix 2

Terms of Reference of the Implementation Group:

“In cooperation with the Parish Council, the role of the Implementation Group is to implement the expressed wishes of Croydon people as presented in the Community Led Report & Action Plan, and consulting further where necessary”

Chairman of the Parish Council - Mr Wheeler gave his report to the meeting.

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen - welcome to this year's Annual Parish Meeting. 2016 - 2017 has seen some changes to the Croydon Parish Council with the welcome arrival of Jackie Newland and Peter Barnes.

We had our seventh Car show last year which, as always, was a great success. This year's event is under some doubt at the moment owing to issues with the parking, but I hope these can be resolved.

There continues to be a number of issues that we are working on as a Parish Council.

Planning: There have been a number of plans submitted in Croydon which have come to the attention of the Parish Council and we have fed back our views on the merits or otherwise.

The proposal for a small development on the High Street is still being worked on but there is no news yet. Other options for the village are being considered should this proposal not go ahead.

Dog Fouling: The number of complaints are less which is good news.

Queen Adelaide: As you know, the Village Pub is still closed. However there are signs of refurbishment continuing and hopefully, once the services have been installed for the new houses, the pub will re-open in the summer.

Website: The Implementation Group have decided to keep the current site working for now, but will ensure that frequent and current information is provided to the village web master. So far this seems to be working well with no adverse feedback reported.

Croydon Community Fund: The funding provided by the Solar Farm has had its first use with the purchase of a set of display boards which can be used for Exhibitions, Art Shows etc.

Thanks: I would like to thank the Chairman of the Reading Rooms and the trustees for their efforts in ensuring the Reading Rooms are continually maintained. I would also like to thank the members of the Implementation Group for the work they are undertaking. Finally I would like to thank everyone who has helped with village matters over the past year, the councillors who give up their spare time and patience and especially to Marian for her unfailing enthusiasm and dedication that she puts into her position as Clerk.

Parish Council Finance: The Clerk gave a report of the financial activities of the Parish Council during the last year, as below.

Receipts		Payments	
Precept	£3,580.00	Insurance	£403.71
Push Energy	£4,935.00	Reading Room	£133.25
Interest - NSI	£10.59	CLP RR Rent	£94.25
		Churchyard Maintenance	£400.00
Receipts	£8,525.59	Subs to Associations	£55.00
		RBL wreath (2017)	£17.00
		SCDC Election expenses	£105.00
		Frames for Stock Certificates	£49.13
		Website	£39.99
		Auditor	£20.00
		Fete Toilets	£204.00
		Clerk (including petty cash)	£1,170.18
Restricted Funds		Total	£2,691.51
Community Benefit Fund			
Total received to date	£9,870.00	Restricted Fund Purchases	
Total expenditure to date	-£2,901.16	Rap Industries - Display Boards	£1,514.40
Balance remaining	£6,968.84	Croydon Reading Room - improvements	£1,222.00
		Litter Pickers and Hoops	£164.76
			£2,901.16
		Balance at 31 March 2015	£9,270.75
Balances at 31 March 2016		less 2015 RBL cheque (cashd in April 16)	-£17.00
Investment Account	£1,773.21	add receipts	£8,525.59
Bank Account	£10,413.46	less payments	-£5,592.67
Total	£12,186.67	Total	£12,186.67

Bank account is comprised of:-				
£6968-84 (Community Benefit Fund) + £3444-62 (General Funds) = £10413-46				

There were no questions from either Councillors or the floor on the accounts.

County Council report from Cllr Kindersley: Cllr Kindersley had been attending a meeting at Orwell and apologised for his late arrival.

Cllr Kindersley is coming to the end of his third term and is standing for re-election in May. Cllr Kindersley has enjoyed being the Chair of the County Council for 2 years. He undertook many exciting engagements on behalf of the County Council, meeting the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge being just one of them.

Cllr Kindersley represents many villages and this is Croydon's report. The trees on the corner as the village is entered from Croydon Road, Arrington were cut back, taking most of the Highways budget for that month. Cllr Kindersley was involved in helping to settle the problems at the entrance to the Queen Adelaide. The speed limit on Lower Road has been reduced, with the help of a Minor Highways Improvement Grant. Larkins Road is definitely in need of speed reduction. Now the road has been improved the traffic is much too fast.

County Council has to reduce the budget yet again - Libraries, Children's Centres are at risk. Although the funding for education has been increased it is better than it was but Cambridgeshire is still in the bottom 20%. The new formula does not benefit everyone - and smaller rural schools are suffering. Cllr Kindersley thanked the Parish Council for the work it does.

All Saints Church – Fabric Report to the Annual Parish Meeting – 19th April 2017

Summary

A year of managing between the failed Heritage Lottery Fund grant application reported last year and the next major Quinquennial Inspection Report which is due later this year. Nonetheless, we have managed to make progress in some areas.

Full Report

The failed grant application reported last year was for funding to the tune of around £150k to £200k. This was to investigate cracking at the Tower base, cracks also in the Chancel Floor which covers the Downing vault, repairs to the stonework of several fragile windows, various external wall and internal plaster repairs and repairs to the Roof ridges where areas of tiles had fallen. Also included were several items designed to improve the use and comfort of the building, eg a servery, water supply and heating. You may recall that last year I reported that the HLF agreed that the repairs were necessary and that the community benefits were significant, however, they simply had insufficient funds at that time to support the works and we were advised to apply on a repeated basis.

Once the grant decision was known the PCC took the decision that a further application would be better timed after the upcoming Quinquennial Inspection, also that the roof repairs could not be delayed any longer so emergency work was carried out and paid for from existing funds. Without past fundraising these repairs would not have been possible. Other than these repairs, all other items remain outstanding though with a couple of updates, as follows.

From the structural perspective there are two items worthy of report. The first is the south west Nave Window about which the PCC has become increasingly concerned. Work is in hand as we speak to prepare, and then install, an internal wooden supporting framework which will have to remain in place until permanent repairs become possible.

The second structural item to report relates to the cracks to the Chancel Floor which overlays the Downing family vault. Currently nothing is known about the design and condition of the supporting structure. The entrance door has long been suspected to be along the outside of the south side Chancel wall and a small dig has been undertaken at a chosen spot and the old underground entrance has indeed been located. Furthermore, some very small holes have been drilled in this uncovered wall below ground level and the vault penetrated and viewed with a miniature camera. Unfortunately, even though the camera incorporated integral lighting, the views obtained were indistinct and further investigations are planned using additional lighting. As the vault is the last resting place of the Downing family, who were builders of Downing Street in London and bequeathed

the estate to found Downing College in Cambridge, any works in this area will be of great local and even national interest.

Turning now to the Churchyard, some of you may have already seen that two lovely new signs have recently appeared, a main noticeboard along the entrance path to the church and a second small sign identifying the new churchyard. For both of these welcome additions, thanks go to Judith Pillinger and family as these have been generously given in memory of Colin and both will feature a small dedication plaque.

Churchyard Maintenance: After very many years of cutting the churchyards, at the end of last year Keith Fowler decided to retire and hang up his shears! We all owe Keith a debt of gratitude for his long service and dedication. Since Keith's retirement, Michael Norie has been engaged for this season as it is most important not to let the growth get out of hand. On behalf of the whole community, grateful thanks go to the Parish Council for the continued financial support given towards the upkeep of the churchyard. Without this support, finding the resources would be difficult.

Finally, a huge thank you once again to all in the parish who contribute financially in any way whether by regular giving or indirectly by helping to organise, or support fund-raising events and notably the summer Vehicle Show and the Christmas Bazaar. Sadly, as we speak, the prospects for the summer show are looking bleak as the top car park will not be available this year. If an alternative car park cannot be found then the show will be cancelled. This will have serious consequences for both Church and Reading Room funds.

Finally as for future grant applications, there is yet more uncertainty as the grant programme specifically dedicated to listed places of worship has been killed off and it now appears that even small country churches will be in open competition with all other, many and varied, applications to the HLF. This is a far cry indeed from the old world of English Heritage support through national government funding. All we can do is our best to keep this gem of a mediaeval building open and functioning and we have been through hard times before and managed to come through.

Thank you for your time.

Malcolm Ralph Chair of the PCC Fabric Committee

Community Benefit Fund:

Mrs Slator asked that this item be included in the agenda; the items purchased so far using the fund were already itemised in the Financial report, so there was nothing further to report.

Public Session:

No matters were raised from the floor.

Council Matters Requiring Attention:

Planning:

Brickyard Farm S/1121/17/FL

Application to build a replacement dwelling further back from the road. Plans were perused by Councillors. It was proposed by the Chairman that no objections be raised. All in favour.

Clopton Farm S/1127/17/VC

Application for variation of Condition 2 of planning permission S/2581/11

Application for a change to the windows from the original plans. Mr White was able to pinpoint the changes for Councillors and after discussion, it was proposed by Mr Sole and seconded by Mr Wheeler that no objections be raised. All in favour.

Date of Next Annual Meeting: 18 April 2018 in the Reading Room at 7.30pm

Date of Next Meeting: 17 May in the Reading Room at 7.30pm - Annual Parish Council meeting

As there was no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting formally closed at 9.12pm.

Signed

Date

