

Appendix A

FINANCE REPORT

for WPC meeting 10 June 2009

		Current Account	Deposit Account	Lengthsman Account No. 2	
BALANCE	at 03.06.09	571.09	21,629.42		316.55
PAID IN since last meeting		Nil			
PAID OUT since last meeting		Nil			
PAYMENTS DUE at this meeting	<i>Clerk – expenses</i>				
	BB connec (vat 1.50)	11.50			
	Tel	1.55			
	Advt in R Gazette (VAT 4.48)	35.88			
	Postage	1.71			
	Miles (24 x 58.7p) (VAT 0.38)	<u>24.65</u>			
	Total	<u>75.29</u>			
	June salary (post-dated)	305.38			

CORRESPONDENCE

for 10 June 2009 meeting from 10.05.09 to 04.06.09

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

1. Notices of Vacancy on resignation from WPC of Mr G Jones
2. Notices about Euro Election on June 4th

HALC

LOCAL

1. Letters from Mrs Sweet-Escott and Mr Ayliffe in support of more recent use of Forest Green
2. Letter from Mr P Dewhurst about Forest Green saying that on daily passing the site for 13 years he has seen no evidence of usage. He questions the demand for such a facility in the locality and who is to pay for its upkeep

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The new editor for the Village News from July is Joanna Sparkes from Llangrove at jrsparkes@expedio.net Closing date for copy for July issue is June 17th £1 per single column cm.

Appendix C

PLANNING REPORT

for 10 June 2009 meeting from 10.05.09 to 4.6.09

H C Consents

1218 7, Walford Court Barns Listed consent

HC Refusals

New Applications

1223 Land adjacent to Coleraine Buildings, Coughton. Change of use from agriculture to seasonal workers' accommodation for up to 173 caravans/mobile homes for permanent retention, dressed hardcore access tracks and ancillary informal grassed recreation areas.

(to be considered at separate meeting 11th June at Bishopswood Village Hall 7.30pm)

1224 Cider Barn, Daycroft lane, Walford. Rear kitchen extension. (To be considered at this meeting)

1225 Land adjacent to Coleraine Buildings, Coughton. Erection of fixed, permanent steel framed Spanish polytunnels (9900 sq m) as plant nursery/propagation houses

(to be considered at separate meeting 11th June at Bishopswood Village Hall 7.30pm)

1226 Land adjacent to Coleraine Buildings, Coughton. Erection of agricultural plant comprising irrigation tank, pumphouse and banded liquid fertiliser store.

(to be considered at separate meeting 11th June at Bishopswood Village Hall 7.30pm)

(NB Applications 1223, 1225 and 1226 are part-retrospective)

Planning Enforcement Matters

Letter that was requested at the May meeting to be sent to Herefordshire Council about the development at Coleraine was not written since the first planning application for the land arrived with the Clerk the following day

Appendix D

Reports

1. Lengthsman Report – Cllr L Freeman

Lengthsman Report		Date:	Jan - March 2009
Date	Description	Hours	Cost
19.01.09	Clean bus shelters gullys Ley Hill just down from bad bend	1 x 5	£50.00
20.01.09	Clean signs on roads, Bull Hill, Deep Dean, clear grips	1 x 6	£60.00
21.01.09	Clean signs Lincoln Hill, Home Green, clean drain Walford	1 x 5	£50.00
22.01.09	Clean signs Bulls Hill also clean drive at Junction	1 x 4	£40.00
09.02.09	Clean grips and drain tops from post office up to Howle Hill water tank. Also clean drain by bus shelter back to lodge	2 X 6	£120.00
10.02.09	Cleaned along top Howle Hill and down Sharman gullys and drain tops	2 x 6	£120.00
11.02.09	Clean gully by Coberly House, also unblock drain so to stop water coming onto road where spring comes out of field, also unblock drain along Home Green. Have put sticks in front to stop old drink cans from going down them.	1 x 3	£30.00
25.02.09	Clean grips Bottom Deep Dean all the way up to Howle Hill.	2 x 4	£80.00
03.06.09	Clean road signs from vine tree to Bishopswood post office, clean rubbish out of bus shelter opposite Lumleys	2 x 4	£80.00
27.03.09	Clean grips from chicken house back to Home Green. Also cleaned drains under old railway bridge also grips at junction to Lincoln Hill.	2 x 3	£60.00
TOTAL:			£690.00

2. Herefordshire Voluntary Action Market- Cllr P Heath, the Clerk

A Parish Council stall at this well-attended event attracted interest.

A number of people requested to be put on the list for borrowing the Walford Parish Record for 2000 AD (Clerk to arrange).

Mrs Merrick suggested utilising Fowbridge Gardens for building if required and queried the new policy for filling vacancies at Fowbridge Gardens with people from outside the parish. (Parish Council was not consulted.)

The parish web-site needed up-dating. (D Wadge contacted).

A Rights-of-Way map was needed in the Village Hall. (There was one in Walford Village Hall but the numbers of the paths are difficult to read) *Would an overhead light improve this? JP*

Poor state of some of the minor roads, e.g. at the top of Howle Hill before the cross-roads where deep ruts had developed. (Clerk reported).

Mr and Mrs Exton would like to see an old map of Bulls Hill (Clerk to arrange)

3. Rights of Way –Cllr M Downey

The 3 major contracted paths have been strimmed once this year and we are now starting on strimming all the major paths in the Parish. If anyone knows of any particular path that they think needs urgent attention please let me know.

4. New Footway between Whitings Lane and Green Colley Grove – Cllr L Freeman

I have obtained a budget estimate for the footpath works running from Whitings Lane with the footpath at Green Colley Grove in response to the letter copied to me as per the attachment. If the path is constructed with a stone finish then the budget price would be £12 000 + VAT. If it is required to be tarmaced then that would be an additional £4500 + VAT.

5. Parish Plan – Cllr L Freeman

I met with John Jarvis regarding the parish plan and he was going to speak to the council to see if they still required the amendments requested previously. If they do then I was going to obtain a quotation from a consultant to complete the plan so that it could be adopted.

6. Forest of Dean Forum 27/5/09 -Cllr H Evans

This was hosted at Symonds Yat Car Park & Visitor Centre by Rob Guest.

There was discussion about funding, with Sue Middleton discussing the 'Overlooking the Wye' heritage Lottery Funding project of £2.8million. This was in conjunction with Forestry Commission, Natural England & 'other partners'. This includes funding of scheduled monuments, access & information boards.

The approximate cost of the new path, suitable for disabled access, to Yat Rock, was £75,000, and the new bridge across the road, £55,000.

There was discussion about development versus tranquillity within the statutory Forest, recreation sites ('honey-pot' sites), mining, etc. There is the need to preserve heritage. As we walked to the look-out point, the new resin-bonded walkway was pointed out – the non-slip surface & wooded structure blending well into the background area (or not – depending on one's point of view).

Steven, from the RSPB, then talked about the birds of the area – particularly the peregrines.. There are now 10 breeding pairs at Symonds Yat. Within the FOD there are 40 breeding pairs of Goshawks, 10% of the British population! Red kites overfly, but have yet to settle in the area.

6. Forest of Dean Forum (continued)

Ben Lennon spoke about environment & planning within the AONB, scheduled ancient monument & SSSI , while taking 5 different local authorities into account. The fact that the landscape is the result of development & management over hundreds of years was pointed

out. There are areas where minimum intervention is carried out, allowing natural processes of regeneration after tree clearance work. However, there are also areas where high levels of dead wood are left for many years as well. Controlled neglect is sometimes required. Less management in the long term can lead to failure to meet biodiversity criteria. There is also a conflict of interest with archaeologists, RSPB, dormice.....

The 'wild boar' subject was raised. They are apparently becoming a big problem, & there was mention of control – destruction or not may be a District Council decision. They may be managed like the deer? They are a road hazard, damage verges, picnic areas & sports fields, & have interfered with pig pannage over the last 3 years.
The meeting ended around 9.30 pm.

7. Walford Cycle Links Project – Cllr P Heath

The meeting with representatives of Herefordshire Council is imminent. The time-table for negotiations with land owners should be known at the next meeting.