

FINANCE REPORT

for WPC meeting 9 September 2009

		Current Account	Deposit Account	Lengthsman Account No. 2	
BALANCE	at 02.09.09	934.32	20,634.88		1,137.80
PAID IN since last meeting	VAT refund A & L Bank interest (2 mths)		284.12 3.58		
PAID OUT since last meeting	B Vine. Mileage to 2x SAM mtgs (agreed at Aug mtg)	35.57			
	BV H hire (under-charge agr'd at Aug mtg)	38.00			
PAYMENTS DUE at this meeting	External Audit Fee (VAT 20.25)	155.25			
	<i>Clerk – expenses</i>				
	BB connec 2 mths(vat 3.00)	23.00			
	Tel	3.24			
	Postage	2.74			
	Miles (99 x 58.7p) (Vat 1.37)	58.11			
	Advt Ross Gazette (VAT 7.80)	59.80			
	Advt Hfd Times (VAT 20.57)	<u>157.67</u>			
	Total	<u>304.56</u>			
	Sept salary (post-dated)	305.38			

Notes

1. The Bank Reconciliation for 30th June 2009 was carried out satisfactorily
2. The External Audit by Mazars Ltd was carried out with no adverse comments. The papers are now posted for public view.

CORRESPONDENCE

for 9th September 2009 meeting from 08.07.09 to 2.09.09

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

1. Posters concerning change of rubbish collection system
2. PACT (partners & communities together) – Wednesday 7 October Larruperz Centre 7.00 pm. Make your voice heard if you have any particular local issue to raise. Members of police and Hfd Council are present to answer questions or to find out if not known.

HALC (Herefordshire Association of Local Councils)

1. HALC has moved office to Berrow Business Centre, Bath Street, Hereford HR1 2HE
2. Training grants available again via DEFRA/CRC/National Training Strategy for Councils with annual turnover of under £25K. Forms available from HALC office.
3. Future Cross-Border Event to take place at Wyastone Leys, Ganarew on 26th October 2009, sponsored by GOWM. Service delivery aspects will be of interest to border councils and their Welsh counterparts. Details to follow in Sept.
4. New Standing Orders are expected from NALC. Recommended that all councils review their S O's after receipt.
5. Southern Area Meeting 27 July 09 (B. Vine is our representative)
6. Charles Arnold-Baker 'Local Council Administration' Eighth Edition now available. Standard price is £67 but member councils can obtain a 20% reduction. (C A-B died on 6th June 2009 aged 90). **Do you wish to purchase a copy?**
7. **New Office- Open Day for HALC members. Thursday 1st October.** Drink and nibble bet. 10.00am and 4.00pm (See No 1 – first floor)
8. Clerks' and Chairs' Informal Evening. 29th September Brockington 7 – 9.00 pm
9. NALC -Strengthening Local Democracy. Policy and Parliamentary Consultation. Responses to Nalc by 18 Sept or direct by 2 October. Document at <http://tinyurl.com/15hbr8>
10. CiLCA Training : Sat 24 Oct. 9.30 – 3.00pm Roles and Responsibilities
Sat 7 Nov . 9.30 – 3.00 pm Procedures and Finance
Sat 28 Nov. 9.30 – 3.30 pm Planning and Community Action
11. Parish Polls- L18-07-replacing a 1999 NALC briefing. Should have local issues to discuss, not national.
12. Meetings of Parish Meetings- LTN 6

LOCAL

1. **Would you like to adopt your local red telephone kiosk for £1? 1)** at Bishopswood Stores (0 calls in 12 mths) GR 359535, 218395 2) opp. The Mill Race Walford (11 calls in 12 mths) GR 358729, 220071.
BT would remove the telephony and ownership would be transferred. New uses have included miniature art galleries, local information booths, meeting points.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Glasdon catalogue – litter bins, seating etc
2. Festival Housing Group- building successful communities. First year report.

PLANNING REPORT for 9th September 2009 meeting from 08.07.09 to 02.09.09

Application not required

1231 Orchard House, Coughton Proposed dry fodder store.
1227 DCSE2009/1319/F Paddocks Farm, Deep Dean. Single storey conservatory.
Considered to be permitted development

H C Consents

1224 Cider Barn, Daycroft Lane . Rear kitchen extension
1223, 1225, 1226 Land near Coleraine Farm Bldgs.Coughton Accommodation site for seasonal workers, polythene tunnels, agricultural plant. Many conditions.

HC Refusals

1220 The Cider Barn, Howle Hill. (Because of its massing, appearance and position in relation to main dwelling) Appeal has been made against decision

New Applications

1228 SE2009/1511/F Vine Tree Cottage, The Dam, Bishopswood. Removal of condition no.3 on Planning Consent for DCSE2004/3946/F (1014) to allow to lease out the accommodation of granny annexe from garage and new storey instead of being solely ancillary to residential use of Vine Tree Cottage. (WPC objected to this application on grounds of forming a new dwelling in open countryside.)
1229 CATS Nursery, Leys Hill. Proposed dormitory accommodation (Response to be considered)
1230 Hazeldean, Deep Dean. Conversion of lean-to bldg to reception room and bedroom; 2nd storey extension to rear to provide bedroom; rear gd floor extension to kitchen. Timber-framed Garage/store. (To be considered)

Planning Enforcement Matters

Myrtle Cottage, Howle Hill. Check requested to check on time elapsed on planning consent for a garage/store to be converted to guest annexe. Also query on new drive. (Permitted in previous consent)

Thorny Orchard, Howle Hill, WA 50

Copy of letter:

**WA50 RIGHT OF WAY AT THORNY ORCHARD, HOWLE HILL, WALFORD
DCSE2009/1992/F REFERS**

I refer to your letter of 20th July, 2009 and received on 27th July, 2009.

I can appreciate the frustration of the Parish Council on this long-standing matter. Nonetheless the responsibility for the restoration of the footpath remains with the developer/landowner. Similarly it is for the Rights of Way Manager to offer the appropriate advice for this restoration.

As you know no development is taking place on the site following the liquidation of the owner. The situation is being monitored with a view to encouraging any future purchaser of the site to implement the revised planning permission which brings about the restoration of the footpath.

I have arranged for contact to be made with the receivers/liquidators identifying the necessity to restore the footpath to any potential purchasers of the site.

Yours sincerely,



**ANDREW ASHCROFT
HEAD OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

OTHER REPORTS

1. Forest Green- Clerk

The Application for Registration has been received by the Commons and Greens Section at Herefordshire Council and passed to the legal Department for their opinion.

Defra has extended the time limit (for when applications can be made without charge) for another year until 30th September 2010.

Please do not forget that the land has to be maintained during the year (undergrowth cut down, at the least) so that it can be used by members of the public. No payment can be made for this.

2. HALC Southern Area Meeting– 27th July 2009 – Cllr B Vine

Prior to the routine business, a guest speaker addressed this quarterly meeting : Mrs Gabbi Wright the Team Manager of the newly formed HC Community Protection Unit – 1 of the group featured on the cover of the June edition of 'Herefordshire Matters'

This enforcement team is responsible for taking action against anti-social behaviour and has been set up in response to public demand. The unit is funded from existing resources and comprises 5 area officers and 2 dog wardens with the eventual aim to have 1 officer per PACT area ie a total of 12. The team take action on a range of anti-social activities which are in the main dog related, fly tipping, litter, fly posting and abandoned vehicles. There are currently 3 on-going prosecutions in relation to fly tipping which could each carry a max penalty of £50K. A system of fixed penalty notices is to be introduced in a few weeks which it is hoped will be an effective means of reducing criminal activity. The unit is represented at the regular HC multi-agency meetings which hope to adopt a 'joined up approach' to resolve complex issues eg noise nuisance/overcrowded housing/litter which may require a multidisciplinary approach

During the discussion that followed the issues of greatest concern were in relation to litter and fly tipping and dog fouling

There's an Info Line for the public to report incidents of concern which can be investigated and hopefully resolved = 01432 261761

The following points were mentioned during the business meeting :

- the HALC office move from Rotherwas to Berrows House (near the Police Station) is now complete and there is to be a series of Open Days to promote the range of services offered by HALC
- HALC will be resuming its training programme for PCllrs in September
- the HALC Annual Conference and AGM will be on 10th October and the next SAM on 26th October

4. Rights of Way –Cllr M Downey

5. New Footway between Whitings Lane and Green Colley Grove – Clerk

Still no reply received. Does any Councillor know any resident of G C Grove who could raise this matter at a meeting? (asking for a permissive path behind their fence.)

6. Walford Links Cycle Way – Cllr P Heath

Since our last PC Mtg I have been to HC for a meeting with members of various depts. HC have agreed to negotiate with landowners, the timescale for which is of course dependent on availability of funding but at least they have agreed to do this (negotiation and its funding) in principle. So in summary: progress is slow but steady

7. Red Cross Warden Scheme - Clerk

Letter received from Dee White who spoke at the August meeting to say that the advertisement will go in this week's papers for 3rd September as she was too late for entry for

8. Kerne Bridge Canoe Launch Site Clerk

On Tuesday 1st September, a telephone call was received from Hfd Council to say that an officer was going down to look at the site to see what sign would be appropriate for warning to not park on the access road to Bishopswood Village Hall and where it could best be placed.