

6	Highways	<p>PS reported that he keeps chasing county highways about maintenance work in the village, but is regularly told that the contractors Amey are behind schedule, there is a lack of funds, and a shortage of staff. At one meeting a suggestion had been made “Why not get the village involved?”, but care was needed in case carrying out necessary work became a regular responsibility.</p>	
7	Finance	<p>The clerk explained that legislation existed for the parish council to carry out a range of activities of general benefit to the community, and also to help other local authorities with their responsibilities, but there was a question of financial commitment and also a question of the limits to any improvement work in the village. Other matters raised in discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What villagers might like to see e.g. flower tubs at the entrance to the village • The importance of Amey meeting their responsibilities rather than wasting parish funds • The value of a 20 mph speed limit in the village, which the police would need to consider in the light of a survey of average vehicle speeds • The problem of fly tipping, including on Forestry Commission land, and the need to take vehicle numbers and call 999 if such activity is spotted • Current work by one parishioner in cleaning highway signs <p>After discussion an initial budget of £300 was agreed for village improvements pending a review of potential sites in the village and further discussion at the November meeting.</p> <p>The clerk reported the following expenditure within budget agreed with the chairman between meetings:</p>	

		<p>£192.00 Glebe Contractors, playing field grass cutting £67.80 Merlin Waste, dog waste £143.33 FODDC, election costs £333.00 Richard Morgan, churchyard grass cutting £158.00 Andrew Maliphant, salary £7.00 Andrew Maliphant, expenses</p> <p>The following invoices were approved for payment:</p> <p>£100.00 Gary Collier, chairman's allowance (replacing lost cheque) £120.00 Grant Thornton, audit fee £222.00 Richard Morgan, churchyard grass cutting £15.71 Paul Smooker, playing field equipment £20.00 Gary Collier, towards clearing of grass verge £158.20 Andrew Maliphant, salary £15.00 Andrew Maliphant, expenses</p> <p>The first quarter financial report was received with thanks, and the bank reconciliation signed off by PS as Vice-chairman.</p>	
8	Correspondence for Information	<p>The clerk reported a number of items of correspondence, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the county police commissioner on September 9th • Funding request from Victim Support • Funding workshop on September 24th • District council review of their licensing policy • Community and defibrillation grants available from the district council • Offer of ground staff support from Lydney Town Council <p>The 2015 annual return had been audited, and would be made available for parishioners to view.</p>	AM/GC

9	Clerk's Report	<p>The clerk reported progress on actions from the previous meeting, and introduced a number of discussion items on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revised emergency plan for the parish was approved, and would be summarised for the parish website • A letter from GRCC about the Government's right-to-buy proposal would be reviewed for discussion at the next meeting • The draft council complaints policy was approved and would be put on the website • After reviewing past experience it was agreed not to change the frequency of council meetings • The draft council publication scheme was approved, with the possibility of a Facebook page to be discussed at the next meeting 	<p>GC</p> <p>GC</p> <p>AM/GC</p>
10	Councillor's reports and items for future agenda	<p>GC reported that one of the new goalpost nets had been stolen, it was not known by whom. After discussion it was agreed to take the other net down as a precaution, and to look into ways of marking the nets as council property</p>	<p>PCSO</p>
11	Public Forum	<p>There was no public discussion</p>	
12	Date of next meeting	<p>The next parish council meeting will be in the village hall on Wednesday 7th October from 7.30 pm, with the agenda to include consideration of the funding request from Victim Support</p>	

Signed:.....Chairman.

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