

**Draft Minutes of Ditchingham Parish Council's Meeting  
Monday 16th January 2017 at 7.30pm  
The Village Hall, Ditchingham**

Action  
by:

**Councillors present:** Keith Weston - Chair, Alan Larkin – Vice Chair (AL), Marie Allen (AL), Brendon Bernard District Councillor (BB), and Richard Mulley (RM).

**Clerk/RFO:** Sally Chapman

**Also Present:** County Councillor Margaret Stone and two parishioners.

*A few moments of silence were held in memory of the  
late Councillor Colin Mison.*

### **PARISHIONER QUESTION TIME**

No questions from the public.

### **EXTERNAL REPORTS**

**a) County Councillor Stone** gave a report

(<http://ditchinghampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/files/2017/01/MS-Parish-Council-Report-January-2017.pdf>) and answered Councillors' questions.

**b) District Councillor**

No report

**c) Police** (not present, report sent)

For the Wards of Chedgrave and Thurton, Loddon, Ditchingham and Broome.

#### **Crime Type**

Arson -1

Burglary in a dwelling - 1

Criminal damage – 4

Domestic -1

Theft from a vehicle – 1

**Total 8**

### **MEETING PROPER 7.50pm**

#### **1. To consider Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Revd. Reg Kirkpatrick – apologies accepted.

#### **2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests & Consider requests for Dispensation**

Cllr Mulley payments – point 6b.

#### **3. To Confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

**Proposal: Minutes to be 'taken as read and agreed as correct'.**

**Proposed RM, 2<sup>nd</sup> BB, unanimous.**

The Minutes were signed by the Chair upon completion of the meeting.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

**a) To report matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda nor included in committee reports**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date:

<p><b>i. Contact with SNDC re Dog Fouling</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed she had been informed by SNDC regarding legal steps that can be taken regarding dog fouling in Ditchingham. Cllrs discussed a dog waste bag dispenser on one of the dog waste bins to encourage owners to clear up after their pets. Its use would be monitored. The Clerk would look into sources.</p> <p><b>Proposal: To fit a dog waste bag dispenser on one dog waste bin.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed KW, 2<sup>nd</sup> AL, unanimous.</b></p>	Clerk
<p><b>ii. Communication with Black Dog Runners</b></p> <p>Cllrs reported further incidents of runners at night wearing dark clothing and near misses. Clerk to write to the Black Dog Running Club again.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>iii. Hollow Hill Footpath - update</b></p> <p>The Chair confirmed the footpath construction will go ahead this year and the funding is still available.</p>	
<p><b>iiii. Broads Forum Workshop</b></p> <p>The Chair spoke of the BA's plans re Developing an Integrated Strategy for the Coast, Great Yarmouth and Broadland Rivers.</p>	
<p><b>b) To Do List</b></p> <p>The Clerk read out the list of outstanding items requiring the Council's attention. Councillors updated the Clerk, who will follow-up on outstanding issues.</p>	
<p><b>5. Co-option to fill Casual Vacancies</b></p> <p>Two parishioners stood for co-option and Mrs Sharon Cheer and Mr Charles Taylor were approved unanimously and welcomed to the Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was signed by each and the Clerk.</p>	
<p><b>6. Finance to:</b></p> <p><b>a) To be advised of the Budget Report 2016/17</b> (Annex B)</p> <p>The RFO summarised the budget report. Cllrs asked the Clerk to check the Play Area Maintenance general budget line.</p> <p><b>b) To receive the RFO Report and Approve Cheques</b> (Annex C) <i>(Pecuniary Interest - Cllr Mulley).</i></p> <p>The RFO gave an up-to-date report on the Council's finances, payments and receipts received since the last meeting.</p> <p><b>Proposal: To approve the finances and payments.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed KW, 2nd CT, unanimous.</b></p> <p>The Chair signed the bank statements and reports.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>c) Precept Form 2017/18</b></p> <p>The Chair signed the precept form, requesting a precept of £30,000.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>d) To approve a New Dog Bin adjacent to No. 56 Loddon Road</b></p> <p>Cllrs agreed and Clerk to organise SNDC to empty.</p> <p><b>Proposed BB, 2nd KW, unanimous.</b></p>	
<p><b>7. Policies Reviews and Revisions</b></p> <p><b>a) To Review and Adopt the Policies</b></p> <p>Cllrs noted the minor amendments and Secret Ballot to be added to the Standing Orders policy. The Clerk will have a hardcopy (to be brought to meetings) and Cllrs will refer to copies on website, Clerk to update.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>8. Maintenance of Village Sign</b></p>	Chair

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date:

The Chair to arrange repairs and RM will paint. Invoice to Cllr BB.

**9. To receive a report from the Planning and Highways Committee**

Cllr Allen reported on the Planning Applications/Decisions - see report (Doc. 1) attached.

**10. To receive internal reports from Advisory Committees and Decision Committees**

**a) Chair's Report** (Report Doc. 2). Main points:

- Broads Flood Risk Supplementary Planning Document/Consultation – no response was sent from DPC.
- Broads Plan the Management Plan for the whole of the Broads.
- Clinks Care Farm Newsletter and maintenance
- Mr Colin Mison recent funeral
- February's "Parishioner" articles

**b) Planning and Highways** (Report Doc. 1). Main points:

- Thwaite Road/Hollow Hill Road footpath junction and other remedial re-surfacing work to pavements have been completed.
- The Maltings/Pirnough Street – crossing points, lack of footpath, and speeding traffic update.

**c) Local Development**

- S106 Monies: Proposed village hall extension - no archaeological or ecological interest. Next step to submit a planning application.

**d) Maintenance and Environment** (Report Doc. 3)

The Chair read out his report. Main points:

- Allotments: Well used.
- Cemetery: Well maintained.
- The Dip: Well used and the goal post to be moved in the spring.
- The Dip: A slope has replaced the steps down to the Dip, still has to be surfaced.
- Tree Warden: Waiting for further quotes for tree inspection.

**e) Finance & Resources**

No meeting.

**11. Issues not decided by Committees:**

**a) Chicken Roundabout Sculpture purposed by Black Dog Arts**

The Clerk confirmed a street furniture license has been applied for and designs are being considered.

**12. Correspondence**

**a) Litterpick 2017**

Cllrs discussed and agreed to hold on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 from 10.00-12.00pm.

**13. Urgent Other Business**

**a) Reporting Issues**

The Chair reminded Cllrs, the Clerk is the only person who should report issues and who should contact parishioners and others ***on behalf of the Parish Council.***

**14. Items for next agenda**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date:

None

**15. Confirmation of meeting dates:**

- **Planning Committee** – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (if required)
- **Full Council** - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm**

**The following attached papers should be regarded as part of the minutes:**

**Annex**

- B. Budget Report 2016-17
- C. RFO Report

**Documents**

1. Planning and Highways Report
2. Chair's Report
3. Maintenance and Environment Report

**Page  
No.**

493

494

495

497

498

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date:

## Annex B - Budget Report 2016-17

Ditchingham Parish Council							January 2017 - Annex B
Budget Report 2016/17							
Year End 2015/16		Budget 2016/17	Year to Date 2016/17	Forecast 2016/17	% of Original Budget	% of Revised Forecast	Notes 2016/17
<b>Income</b>							
34,250	Precept	39,000	39,000	39,000	100%	100%	Received April & September
2,951	SN Transition monies	0	2,911	2,911	-	100%	
0	CIL Infrastructure Levy (SN)	0	982	982	-	100%	
245	Allotments Rents	275	245	245	89%	100%	
5,040	Burial Grounds	4,000	1,745	4,000	44%	44%	
2,038	Play Areas	2,000	2,000	2,000	100%	100%	Grant from Ditchingham United Charities
0	Defibrillator	0	1,565	1,565	-	100%	Grant
4,622	Miscellaneous	0	220	0	-	-	Litterpick prize
0	Proceeds Yard Sale	0	701	700	-	100%	Banked on Charity's behalf
0	Hollow Hill Footpath	0	0	0	-	-	
3,336	VAT	3,000	1,851	3,000	62%	62%	
						-	
<b>52,483</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>48,275</b>	<b>51,220</b>	<b>54,403</b>	<b>106%</b>	<b>94%</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>							
1,325	General Admin	2,000	1,143	2,000	57%	57%	Inc. Data Prot. £35, NALC Subs £285
5,433	Clerks Employment Costs	6,500	4,471	5,864	69%	76%	SP31
380	Clerk's Office Costs (elec, b.band, comp.equip).	500	253	380	51%	67%	£31.64 pcm
0	Section 137	0	0	0	-	-	
750	Parishioner Magazine/Website	750	498	1,248	66%	40%	£498 for website set-up + £750 yearly
100	Allotments rent to land owner	250	100	250	40%	40%	
4,426	Burial Grounds	5,250	3,840	5,250	73%	73%	
6,141	Village Maintenance	5,250	3,146	5,250	60%	60%	
2,042	Play Areas grass cut/litter picker	3,300	2,713	3,300	82%	82%	
4,698	Play Area maintenance general	2,500	5,603	2,500	224%	224%	
3,650	Bus Shelter	750	0	750	0%	0%	
0	Defibrillator & fitting	0	1,565	1,565	-	100%	Paid for by grant
0	Proceeds Yard Sale	0	700	700	-	100%	Paid to charity
67	Miscellaneous	1,000	295	950	29%	31%	
1,181	Insurance	1,181	1,134	1,134	96%	100%	
3,412	VAT	3,000	3,093	3,000	103%	103%	
0	CIL Infrastructure Levy (SN)	0	428	0	0%	0%	£982 must be spent before 2021
0	Tree Maintenance	0	0	0	0%	0%	
0	New strategies	2,000	0	2,000	0%	0%	
1,000	Lychgate Reserve	2,000	0	2,000	0%	0%	
1,000	Hollow Hill Footpath Reserve	7,500	0	7,500	0%	0%	
2,500	Play Area Reserve	3,500	0	3,500	0%	0%	
<b>38,105</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>47,231</b>	<b>28,983</b>	<b>49,141</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>59%</b>	
				5,262		0%	
38,996	Balance per Community Acc B/F 2015/16		39,096.49	plus £100 written off cheque			
	Total Receipts per cash book		51,220.39				Green and yellow boxes should match (rounded)
	Total Payments per cash book		28,982.86				
	Transferred to Saver Account		43,000.00				
	<b>Total year to date in Community Acc.</b>		18,334.02				
4,513	Business Saver Account		47,813.73				Transferred £43,000 from Community Acc.
	<b>Total in Both Accounts</b>		<b>66,147.75</b>				Blue box should match the RFO Finance report
<b>43,509</b>	<b>Reserves B/F from 2015/16 (as below)</b>		<b>43,509.00</b>				
	Balance		22,638.75		Year to date		
			<b>66,147.75</b>				
		<b>Reserves to be added 2016/17</b>	<b>Reserves expenditure 2016/17</b>	<b>Reserves re-distributed 2016/17</b>			
2,000	Lychgate	2,000	0	10,000			
0	Hollow Hill Footpath	7,500	0	7,500			£7500 grant to be received/spending spring 2017
5,142	Play Area Reserves	3,500	0	30,000			plus £10k from General Reserve
	CIL Infrastructure Levy (SN)	982	428	554			Bench
36,341	General Reserves	5,288	0	18,094			£10k transferred to Play Area Reserve
26	Balance added to the General reserves	0	0	0			
<b>43,509</b>		<b>19,270</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>66,148</b>			
	<b>Precept 2016/2017 £39,000</b>						<b>Proposed Precept 2017/2018 to be lowered to: £30,000</b>
	<i>£65.66 per Band D property</i>						<i>Equates to: £ 48.15 per Band D property</i>
	<i>Tax Base 2016/17 = 594 dwellings</i>						<i>623 (594 dwellings as last year +29)</i>
							<i>Currently £ 65.66</i>
							<i>A reduction of £ 17.51 per year</i>
	<b>Please Note</b>						

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date:

## Annex C - RFO Report

Ditchingham Parish Council - January 2017				Annex C
<b>Finance Report: Payments &amp; Receipts, &amp; Balances at bank</b>				
				<b>£</b>
<b>Current account cashbook balance (as reported at last meeting)</b>				<b>19,847.82</b>
Unpresented cheques from 2014-15				<b>100.00</b> <i>written off</i>
<b>Payments issued since last report</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
21/11/2016	101469	Mr P Forder - Mole Catcher	75.00	
21/11/2016	101470	Mr P Austin - Internal Audit	40.00	
28/11/2016	S/O	P. Austin November Salary	130.65	
28/11/2016	S/O	Clerk's November Salary	488.70	
14/12/2016	101471	The Smithy - replacement bar skateboard ramp	48.00	
14/12/2016	101472	Clerk - Backpay from April 2016	72.28	
14/12/2016	101473	Mr P Austin - Salary increase	35.10	
14/12/2016	101474	Mrs A Mulley Salary (Dec)	69.33	
14/12/2016	101475	Mr P Austin - Internal Audit (balance incorrectly charged)	8.00	
28/12/2016	S/O	P. Austin December Salary	130.65	
28/12/2016	S/O	Clerk's December Salary	488.70	
05/01/2017	101476	Clerk's Dec/Jan Expenses	100.34	
05/01/2017	101477	Clinks Care Farm - extra grounds maintenance	288.00	
05/01/2017	101478	Mrs A Mulley Salary (Jan)	69.33	
15/01/2017	101479	Mr R Mulley - Repairs	37.42	
15/01/2017	101480	Mrs A Mulley (Back Holiday pay 2015/16)	89.60	
15/01/2017	101481	Clerk's Further Jan Expenses	64.70	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>2,235.80</b>
<b>Receipts paid in since last report</b>				
10/01/2017	credit	Mr T Jacks - Burial triple depth grave	625.00	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>625.00</b>
<b>Cashbook balance (as above)</b>				<b>18,337.02</b>
<b>Community Account Statement Balance 29th December 2016</b>				<b>18,524.79</b>
Unpresented cheques from 2016/17				812.77
Uncleared receipts				625.00
			<b>18,337.02</b>	
<b>Business Saver Account</b>				
Balance c/f			4,808.00	
19/09/2016 Transfer from current acc.			43000.00	
Interest 2016/17			5.73	
<b>Business Saver Statement Balance (estimate)</b>			<b>47,813.73</b>	
<b>Total balance in both accounts</b>				<b>66,150.75</b>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date:

## Document 1

### DPC Planning & Highways Advisory Committee Report

Nov 2016 – Jan 2017 Report

1. The Planning and Highways Advisory Committee has not met since the last meeting.
2. The Clerk maintains planning details on the Council's website. As of the date of drafting this report (14/01/2017) the web site reports that the Council has been notified of the details listed below. This list might not be fully comprehensive and Councillors are advised to check the planning portals of both South Norfolk and the Broads Authority respectively.

#### **2.a Applications since the last meeting**

Planning applications received since 10 November 2016

Application 2016/2903

Parish : Ditchingham

Location : 75 Loddon Road Ditchingham NR35 2RA

Proposal : Removal of existing conservatory and garage. Erection of single storey rear extension and garage.

Applicant : Mr & Mrs John Layton 75 Loddon Road Ditchingham Bungay NR35 2RA

Agent : Mr Howard Birch Brick Kiln Barn Kings Lane Weston Beccles NR34 8TG

*DPC comment – no objection to the planning application*

Application Number : 2016/2723

App Type : Works to trees in Conservation Area

Parish : Ditchingham Grid Ref : 633676 291385

Location : Hollow Hill Road / Scudamore Place / Windmill Green Ditchingham Norfolk

Proposal : Works to Trees - T7 Red Oak - Clean out crown of deadwood, suppressed and crossing branches. T9 & T11 Sycamore - Clean out crown of deadwood, suppressed and crossing branches. T15 Hawthorn - Fell. T16 Whitebeam - Fell to near ground level. T19 Rowan - Fell to near ground level. T20 Rowan - Fell to near ground level. T35 Hawthorn - Remove subsiding branch, reduce overall canopy by 15% to lessen load on stem union. T37 Norway Maple - Reduce lateral lower limb to the east by 20%. T46 Hawthorn - Reduce the overall canopy mass by 20%.

Applicant : Mr Paul Bunce Swan Lane Long Stratton NR15 2ZY

*DPC comment – no objection but check and be aware of TPO status*

03/11/2016 Application Number 2016/2539

Proposed single storey rear extension, extending 4.31m from the rear wall of the original dwelling house, with a maximum height of 3.10m and an eaves height of 2.60m

75 Loddon Road Ditchingham Norfolk NR35 2RA

Ref. No: 2016/2539 | Received: Mon 24 Oct 2016 | Validated: Mon 24 Oct 2016 |

Status: Pending Consideration

*Norfolk CC server down, not able to view full details – new application submitted see above 2016/2903*

#### **2.b Decisions since the last meeting:**

Appl Number : 2016/2197

Parish: Ditchingham

Applicant : Mr Colin Cornish

Location : 76 Waterside Drive Ditchingham Norfolk NR35 2SH

Proposal : Log cabin - THIS APPLICATION WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE BROADS

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date:

AUTHORITY BA/2016/0294/HOUSEHOLDER

Decision : Approval with Conditions Delegated Date of decision : 5 December 2016

[Loft conversion, increase in roof pitch/ridge height, installation of staircase and alterations to flue. APPLICATION WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE BROADS AUTHORITY – BA/2016/0181/HOUSEH.](#)

36 Ditchingham Dam Ditchingham Norfolk NR35 2JQ

Ref. No: 2016/2295 | Received: Tue 20 Sep 2016 | Validated: Tue 20 Sep 2016 |

Status: Decided

### **3. Update on matters relating to the Highways Department**

Hole in footpath junction Thwaite Road and Hollow Hill Road – this has now been completed and other remedial re-surfacing work to pavements have been completed.

### **4. The Maltings/Pirnough Street** – crossing points, lack of footpath, and speeding traffic

There has been correspondence from DPC to the Broads Authority and to the Developers and to the Highways Department, but with negative results. Refer to KW's report. Costs to purchase speed reminder posts have been provided to DPC for possible inclusion in the budget for the next financial year. This proposal was rejected. Members of the public who have expressed concern may get up a petition to lend weight for this matter to be re-considered by the Authorities responsible. Volunteers will be sought to carry out speed surveys in order to provide further evidence to the relevant Authorities. The footpath through the grassed area from the Maltings to Alma Bridge has been completed but debris from the brook dredging has been deposited on this area. Correspondence from KW relates requesting confirmation of responsibility for maintenance of this area.

**Marie Allen**

**Chair Planning & Highways Advisory Committee**

**14 January 2017**

### **DPC Planning & Highways Full Committee report January 2017**

1. The committee has not met since the last meeting.

**Marie Allen**

**Chair Planning & Highways Advisory Committee**

**14 January 2017**

---

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date:



## Document 2

### **Chair's Report to January 2017 Parish Council Meeting**

*This is the first Chair's report, intended to give the Chair an opportunity to inform the meeting of matters, he has engaged with, that do not readily fit in other agenda items.*

#### **1. Broads Flood Risk Supplementary Planning Document - Consultation**

To: clerkdpc <clerkdpc@aol.co.uk>  
Sent: Mon, 21 Nov 2016 14:47  
Subject: Draft Broads Flood Risk Supplementary Planning Document - Consultation

Dear Ms Sally Chapman Parish Clerk Ditchingham PC

**Draft Broads Flood Risk Supplementary Planning Document - Consultation**

I am writing to inform you that the Broads Authority are seeking views on the Draft Broads Flood Risk Supplementary Planning Document.

The consultation runs from 21 November 2016 to 4pm on 23 December 2016.

We didn't respond to this.

#### **2. Broads Plan**

What is it?

It is the Management Plan for the whole of the Broads. It provides the overarching strategic direction for the Broads as a place. It covers the Broads executive area so includes parts of Norfolk and Suffolk.

Who is it for?

It is for all those who live, work or visit the Broads. It affects all organisations at work in the Broads plus communities, businesses even down to individuals.

e.g. Natural England, Environment Agency, Parish Councils, Norfolk/Suffolk Wildlife Trust, RSPB, Boating organisations, tourism organisations and businesses, interest groups and community groups, District and County councils

Broad Authority has the statutory responsibility to produce it but it is a plan for the area not just the Broads Authority

This plan, when adopted, will run from 2017-2022

The current aspirations and the implementation timetable are at Appendix 1

Marie Allen and I are attending a drop in consultation session 19<sup>th</sup> Jan

#### **3. From Clink's Farm Newsletter**

We tendered for grounds maintenance contracts during winter 2015 / 2016 in our locality and we secured successfully grounds maintenance contracts with the following Parish Councils; Ditchingham, Brooke, Haddiscoe, Gillingham, Geldeston. The work includes the maintenance of playgrounds, playing fields, parks & open spaces, a cemetery, a church yard, public footpaths and a roundabout (Chicken Roundabout along A143 near Bungay). This work has created ideal opportunities for those (ex) farm helpers who wish to move on into horticulture, specifically people who are eager to learn skills in the use of a wide range of tools and machinery relevant to the maintenance open spaces, dealing with members of the public and want to keep engaged with Clinks Care Farm. The income generated is used for paid jobs, specific training and upkeep of machinery. We hope to continue this type of work in 2017 and the feedback from our customers is extremely positive.

#### **4. Colin Mison**

Along with Cllr. Mulley and our Clerk, I attended Colin's funeral on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date:

**5. For February's "Parishioner" article I have included:**

- A thank you for long service to Colin Mison
- Notice to parishioners that they can walk from Ditchingham Dam to Alma Bridge now without using Pirnough Street
- An appeal for more Councillors.

.....

**Appendix 1**

This Current Consultation contains 11 High level Aspirations covering:

1. Flood risk and water efficiency
2. Nature Conservation and Farming
3. Navigation – managing the waterways and dredging
4. Navigation- Safe boating and recreation
5. Landscape Character – protecting and enhancing natural and built heritage
6. Climate Change – Raising awareness of climate change in local communities
7. Distinctive recreation – providing opportunities for recreation and access
8. Raising Awareness and Understanding – promoting the area for tourism but at the same time protecting the environment
9. Connecting and Inspiring People - Sustainable Development – making sure development adjacent to the Broads does not have negative impacts;
10. Local Communities - education and volunteering
11. What is the time table and process?

Feb – April 2016 – consultation on 1<sup>st</sup> draft Plan - COMPLETE✓  
April –August 2016 – analyses of comments and redraft of plan - COMPLETE✓  
September – Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> draft plan for public consultation - COMPLETE✓  
October – December 2016 – Public consultation on 2<sup>nd</sup> draft plan  
Jan- Feb 2017 – Analysis of comment and redraft of plan  
March 2017 – Approval of final plan  
April 2017 – Implementation

---

**Document 3**

**Report from Maintenance & Environment Committee**

**Tabled Chair's Report for 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Parish Council**

**Allotments:**

The allotments continue to be well used.  
We continue to monitor their upkeep.  
We are grateful for councillor Larkin for keeping us informed about the condition of the allotments.

**Cemetery:**

The cemetery continues to be well maintained.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date:

Councillors are reminded that we are putting funds aside for the refurbishing the 'Lych Gate' as it was reported on the last decoration that a number of the timbers will need to be replaced on the next round of maintenance.

### **The Dip:**

The Dip is being well used even through these cold months.

As was reported at the last meeting consideration was being given to placing matting at the goal areas. Quotes have now been received and it is hoped councillors will give their views as to whether this is a useful expenditure.

The alternative is, we continue to rotate the goal posts.

### **Thwaite Road Play Area:**

This continues to be very well used and much appreciated by many young families.

Clink's Farm have done a very good job on the hedge along Thwaite road.

### **Inspections:**

The council continue to thank Paul Austin for the thorough job he does on the play areas inspecting the equipment and litter picking.

### **Tree Inspection:**

The clerk is awaiting quotes, one from Norse and a local company.

It is hoped that we can progress with the tree inspection in the spring.

### **Reg Kirkpatrick Maintenance & Environment**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date: