

Website	£35.18
Audit	£334.88
Clerks Salary	£1,267.04
Expenses	£135.83

6. Insurance

It was necessary to ensure that the FRFA and PC Insurance policies covered all the necessary items and that there was no duplication. An estimate of £890 (+VAT) had been received to make good vandalism damage to the skateboard ramp.

Decisions:

All Recreation Field machinery would be owned and insured by the Parish Council.

Clerk

The ownership of the skateboard ramp would be clarified with the FRFA.

Clerk

An insurance claim would be made for the repairs to the skateboard ramp.

Clerk

7. Stocks

The Stocks were situated alongside the busy B4224 where they were vulnerable to damage from impacts from passing traffic and spray. They were hazardous to view from close to and, being below road level, they were subject to periodic flooding. All in all they were in poor condition.

Decision: A working group would be formed to consider the options and make a recommendation to the Council on the way ahead.

Cllr Boothman
Cllr Colley
Cllr Corby
Cllr Daines

8. Recreation Field Hedges

Herefordshire Principal Countryside Officer had offered a grant of £1,000 to have the long hedge at the far side of the field laid. A list of local hedge layers had been obtained. The hedge at the side of the field would be used for a hedge laying course scheduled to take place in November. Holme Lacey Agricultural College was being investigated as a possible means of laying any remaining lengths of hedge.

Decisions:

The £1,000 grant would be accepted.

Clerk

Three hedge layers would be invited to bid for the contract and the winner set to work.

Clerk
Cllr Hardwick

9. FRFA Constitution

An amended constitution had been considered by the FRFA but they wished to see some minor changes to it. The final draft would have to be agreed by the FRFA, the Charity Commission and the Parish Council. Sight of a further amended draft was awaited.

10. Highways

An application for a Speed indicator Device had been made to Herefordshire Council. They had offered a number of dates for a siting meeting. This should take place with councillors and a representative from the local police.

Decision: A meeting on the 14 Oct would be arranged.

A meeting with the Highways Dept had taken place to consider progress on implementation of improvements to the B4224. Disappointingly, they had stated that there was little possibility of any action taking place until a county-wide review of the road system, which would last for over 12 months, had been completed.

Decision: A letter would be sent to the Highways Dept lobbying for early action.

11. Sustainable Communities Act

The Act detailed areas of economic, social and environmental activity in which county councils could make improvements to promote the sustainability of local communities. The Act required those county councils wishing to participate to 'opt in'. At a lower tier of government it was clear that Fownhope Council was already addressing many of the issues through its Parish Plan.

Decisions:

A letter would be sent to Herefordshire Council urging it to participate in the Act.

The Parish Plan would be reviewed to identify any amendments which would bring it further into line with the Act.

12. Affordable Housing

Herefordshire Council had considered all potential sites in the village for affordable housing and found that they would all have detrimental landscape or visual impacts on the area together with a number of concerns over traffic. They were now reconsidering the options. The situation was being monitored and further meetings would be called if necessary. Herefordshire Council Cabinet Member (Environment and Strategic Housing) had indicated his willingness to attend a future meetings should one be called.

13. Minor information points.

2009 Freighter Bookings had been made for Saturdays: 24 Jan 2-4, 28 Feb 2-4, 4 Apr 8-10, 2 May 8-10, 6 Jun 8-10.

Three pallets of sandbags for flood defences had been ordered to be stored at the Chairman's farm.

Suggestions for items to be covered in the training evening on 21 Oct were requested

The Highways Dept had received an estimate of £17,000 for the West Villas pavement widening project. If they decided to proceed it was likely that they would request a contribution from the Parish. A 12-hour pedestrian count exercise would take place in the near future on a weekday between the hours of

**Cllr Hardwick
(lead)
Cllr Daines
Cllr Jolley
Cllr M Williams**

Clerk

Clerk

Cllr Boothman

7-7. Those present were invited to watch out for it and participate fully if the opportunity arose.

Chairman
5 Nov 08