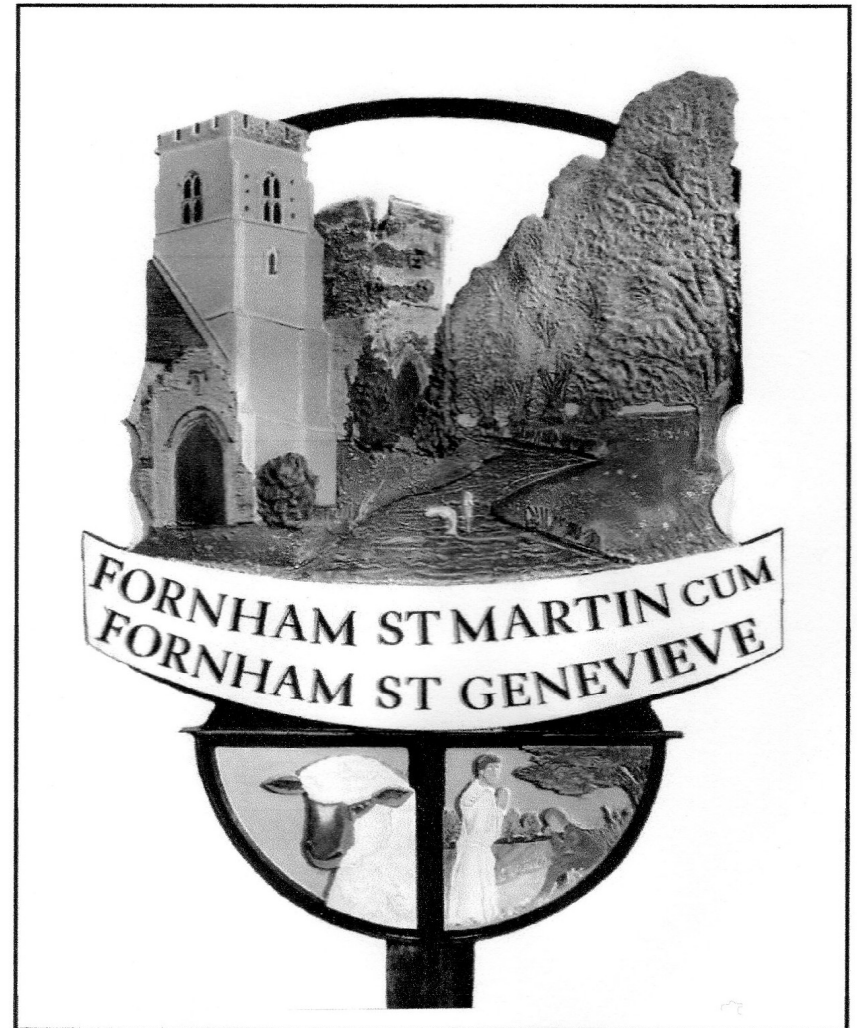


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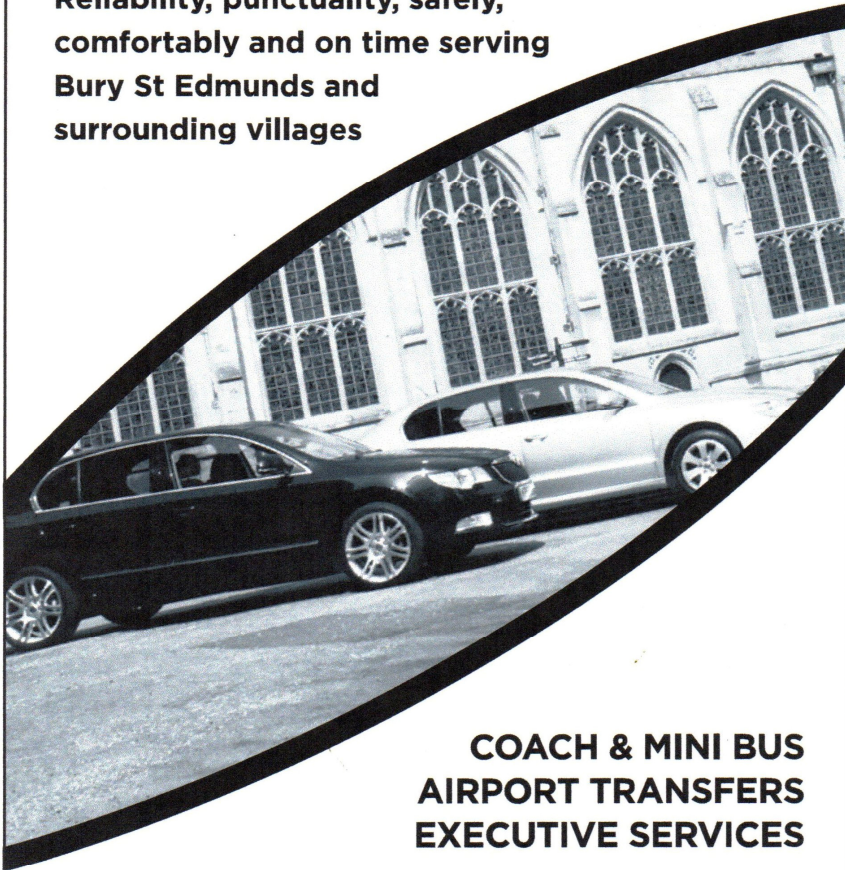
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### Weekly

Monday	5:30 pm & 7:30 pm	Slimming World
Tuesday	10:00 am to 12 noon	Mums & Toddlers * *
Thursday	10:00 am to 3:30 pm	Patchwork
Friday	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice

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### Monthly

1st Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Sewing Craft
1st Wed	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Military Whist Drive in aid of Air Ambulance
1st Thurs	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Jazz Club
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Garden Club
2nd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Card Making
3rd Wed	7:45 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
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4th Wed	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making

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## FSM 100 Club Winners

### AUGUST 2017

- 1st No. 77 V Seaman
- 2nd No. 87 J Foster
- 3rd No. 82 BA Snarman

### SEPTEMBER 2017

- 1st No. 74 J Groom
- 2nd No. 73 C Leach
- 3rd No. 46 D Yates



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## VILLAGE HALL

The Management Committee is very pleased to announce that we have been successful in recruiting a new Hall Manager. We met with several excellent candidates who were very enthusiastic about our Hall.

We have appointed **Roger Farnell** who will be taking over from Colleen Leach on **1 November 2017**. They will be meeting up over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth handover. Colleen has very kindly agreed to continue her association with the Hall to cover times when Roger is on holiday or unable to attend.

Roger has a wealth of experience in the day to day running and maintenance of properties; for many years in a school, and currently in a local care home.

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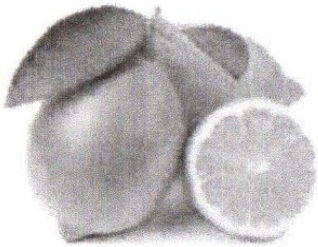
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## LADIES CLUB

We met for our Summer Supper and Quiz on 19 July. The evening started with a Film quiz. Many of us struggled with the questions and were amazed at the answers - how could we have not thought of these answers? One couple got full marks - well done to Maureen and her team. A super Bring & Share Supper followed. After supper, we had the second quiz. This one was based on TV programmes - some quite recent but others very old, even from a time before we had a television! And guess who were the winners? Yes, Maureen again. They are our Ladies Club champions. I wonder if anyone will be able to beat them next year?

We did not meet in August and got back together again on 20 September for the AGM and an illustrated talk by Liz Hope, "Road Trip Australia".

Membership will remain £15 for the year.

Future programme:

**October 18** Enid Gathercole - The St John's Ambulance and First Aid.

**November 15** Linda Scoles - "God rest ye merry?" Time to start thinking about Christmas?

Ladies Club meet on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:45 pm in Fornham St Martin Village Hall. A warm welcome awaits you. **For more information contact Ladies Club secretary, Beryl Dykes. 704109**

### YET ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE

I would like to personally thank our three stalwart young residents who have yet again given their time to deliver 200 leaflets around Lark Valley in connection with The West Suffolk Operational Hub. It really is an enormous help to know that this time consuming task is taken on by them so willingly.

So many many thanks to Raphaella, Sebastian, and Theodore Mc Andrew for their efforts and showing their support of our village.

**Michael Collier On behalf of the Parish Council.**

# ELDERBURY FRIENDSHIP & SOCIAL CLUB

On 1st August we held our annual garden party. The club supplied wine and other liquid refreshments to complement the food brought by the members who produced some savouries and desserts for inclusion on the main table. The result was a wide range of delicious snacks to choose from. We were able to catch up with friends' latest news followed by the raffle. There was a surplus of food and most members availed themselves of 'doggy bags' to take home. It had been an enjoyable occasion!

Our next trip was on 5th September when we visited Cromer. Fortunately the weather had stayed fair so we were able to explore the town and seafront, have a meal, then go the Cromer Pier Show which was celebrating its 40th anniversary. The show was very good and the cast gave an energetic and talented performance and was enjoyed by all.


### The programme for the next few months is:-

- 3rd October:** 'A packet of Parsley' Paul Allen will tell of his experiences.
- 7th November:** Trip to Wickstead for Christmas Show and lunch.
- 5th December:** Christmas Dinner at 6:30pm. followed by music from The Steve Beedle Trio.

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## CHOCOLATE SPIDER COOKIES

PREP 30 mins

COOK 5 mins

### INGREDIENTS

200g dark or milk chocolate, broken into chunks

1 13g pack liquorice Catherine wheels

(we used Barratts)

2 x 154g packs Oreo cookies

White and black icing pens



**1.** Melt the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of barely simmering water. Once melted, turn off the heat and leave the chocolate in the bowl to keep warm while you assemble the spiders.

**2.** Unroll some of the liquorice wheels and cut into 2-3cm lengths to use as the Chocolate spider's legs.

**3.** Splodge a small tsp of chocolate onto half of the cookies. Arrange eight liquorice legs on top, then sandwich with another cookie. Spread some more chocolate on top of the second cookie to cover, then put somewhere cool to set.

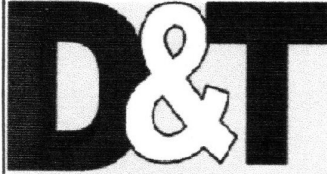
**4.** Use the icing pens to add eyes, by first blobbing two big dots of white icing on each, topped with two smaller dots of black icing.

## GARDEN CLUB

Bad news and good news affected our visit to Christine and Michael Lambert's garden at Drinkstone Park planned for July 11th. The bad news was the rain forecast for the very time of day were due to visit, which meant calling off the evening. The good news was our hosts kindly agreeing to those of us who could, go the following evening when sunshine was promised! It turned out to be a good decision and we had a really lovely time in a garden full of character with welcoming hosts, weather to match, rounded off with the most delicious selection of home made sandwiches, sausage rolls and cakes accompanied by tea and coffee. The 3 acre garden with stunning views across the surrounding countryside is filled with herbaceous borders, orchards a large productive vegetable plot, (with polytunnel) and green houses, both woodland and wildlife areas and much more. The funds raised by such gardens opened under the National Garden Scheme, are donated to many major charities such as Macmillan Cancer Support and Parkinson's UK with £27 million raised in 2016.

Wednesday July 26th was the Sandringham Flower Show and some of our members and their guests set off with the obligatory umbrellas and emergency waterproof coats having heard the weather forecast, showers at best prolonged showers at worst! With the Flower Show itself, a Gardener's Forum (Chris Beardshaw and Alan Mason plus Nick Hamilton - son of the late Geoff - being speakers). The Gardens and Museum to wander round at leisure, a full day of events in the Arena, lots and lots of plant stalls plus Royalty to see in the form of Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, it was a full day. The imperfect weather was just a minor hiccup and did not override the enjoyment of the day.

On August 8th Peter Jackson from Scotsdales Garden Centre in Gt Shelford paid his fourth visit to the Club. An indication of his popularity and to confirm this about 75% of our members came to hear his talk 'Trees and Shrubs for the small garden'. Instead of showing slides Peter brought a good selection of shrubs and perennials with limited height and spread being the governing factors, to illustrate his talk. With gardens on modern development very much reduced in size from what was the norm in years past and plants now raised in patio containers, plant breeders had to move with the times and provide the public with smaller plants to match. A prime example was the butterfly loving buddleia attaining only four foot in height compared to the possible ten foot or so of the older varieties with a lovely dwarf evergreen pittosporum 'Golf Ball' a possible replacement for Box with its current disease problems. Whether it was a hydrangea, viburnum or a superb soft leaved evergreen mahonia, all displayed the same characteristics as their full sized relatives regarding



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autumn foliage, flowering times etc. Peter gave us ideas for grouping the perennials and the shrubs and we proved to be a very attentive audience as well as a good customer base!

*Detail of our programme for the coming months are as follows:*

**Oct 10th** Matthew Tanton-Brown. Plants for Autumn & Winter containers. Planting demonstration and plants for sale.

**Nov 14th** Robert Brett. 28-360 acres RHS Hyde Hall. A talk and digital slideshow by the Garden's Curator.

**Dec 12th** Simon White. Gardens of East Anglia. A talk and digital slideshow.

The Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at **7:30 pm** in Fornham St Martin Village Hall. Membership is £13 per year with visitors paying £3 per visit. For further information please telephone the programme secretary **Frances Harpley** on **01284 755876**.



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## CHURCH NEWS

Our last Book Sale Coffee and Cakes on 26 August went very well and was well supported by the village, Newmarket, Thetford and Bury folk, so thanks to everyone who helped run the day and all those that bought books, drank our coffee and ate our cakes.!

£444 was raised for church funds. The next one is on **Saturday 2nd December**, and we plan to also have a Christmas stall, as last year, and suitable donations for this are welcome.

Our regular annual concert has been arranged again with the Tudor Rose Singers, a mixed group of some 30 under their new director Kevin Slingsby, on Saturday 21st October at 7.30 pm. There will be a wine buffet for this very enjoyable and entertaining evening, so please come along to support this village community social evening. Tickets from Sylvia and David at only £8 each.

The annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride was held on Saturday 9th September, and Team Rooney, Anita and Kevin, again represented us cycling to visit some 39 churches in and around Bury, as part of the Suffolk wide event with its 478 churches. Suffolk raises the most amount of any county to support its churches, with half the money raised in sponsorships going to the Trust to give out as grants to churches in need of funds for special projects, and half is for our church. To date over £300 has been sponsored in total, so thanks to everyone who has supported this, and especially Anita and Kevin, and those who welcomed the cyclists to sign their forms.

We welcomed Amy Banham and Sam Jolly and Emilie Theobald and Andrew Jenkins to their respective weddings in July, both joyous occasions supported by their families and friends. Also the wedding of Alice Edwards and John Francis on 9th September, a wonderful occasion with Alice's Godfather, Revd Canon John Pedlar from Bristol, conducting the service from a very personal connection, and accompanied by Alex Binns, Cathedral organist with a small choir, and a string trio of Alice's friends playing while the registers were being signed. Alice is the grand daughter of Molly and Jack Bond some will remember who lived in Burwell House in FSM, with their daughter Sally, Alice's Mum.



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We look forward to welcoming Lisa Totty and Terry Fordham for their wedding on 30th September.

We laid to rest the ashes of Martin Youngs, formerly of Barton Hill on 28th July. Also, that day the burial of our good friend and long-time supporter of the church, Tim Collard. Tim played the organ for us for many years, as well as for other churches in and around Bury.

After a funeral service at Great Barton, packed out with his family and many friends, the coffin was buried with his late wife Doreen in our churchyard. Our prayers are with them at this time.

As part of our regular maintenance routines, we have had inspected the tower (an impressive addition in 1425 to the original building) and its bells, with their supporting framework. This has revealed serious problems, and the bells can no longer be rung safely for more than a few minutes before services. Under normal inspection routines the Diocese funds Architects Inspections every 5 years, to ensure we are maintaining their property adequately, with the next due in 2019.

All the main items raised in the last inspection in 2014 have been dealt with, and for a building now some 700 years old, it is in good shape.

According to minutes in the Suffolk Records Office in Bury dated 19 March 1844, the bells at that time were replaced with a new set of 6, supported on a new Oak frame. The bells are still in good condition, although could do with some modern tuning to get the best out of them, but the framework is considered undersized and moves slightly when the bells are rung, which cannot be allowed to continue to deteriorate.

Following inspection by the Diocese and specialist Bell Hangers, we are strongly recommended to replace the old timber frame with a new steel one. There is also available the opportunity to fit in 2 additional bells, if anyone is interested in perhaps donating one in memory of a loved one say, suitably engraved even.! To get the best use of the bells for ringing at special occasions such as weddings, as well as calling to services, it is also recommended a new upper ringing gallery is constructed. This would then allow some kitchen facilities to be provided at ground floor,

beneficial for when we hold social events for our village community. To facilitate all this, we need to form a Tower Project Team. Matthew Kemsley has kindly agreed to act as Project Manager. He is a member of the Suffolk Guild of Bell Ringers and highly experienced in these matters.

We would like to invite enthusiastic people in the village to join the team, and be a part of this exciting and unique, once in our lifetime opportunity. The Bell Hangers may also welcome practical assistance during the works. These works will cost a lot, probably over £100k, but is seen as an investment in the future use and role of the church in the village, and enable the bells to continue to be used in the ancient craft of ringing, as shown on some old scrolls or peal boards in the church and tower.

Most of the funding will have to come from grants, which are available from many sources, as well as local fund raising, with additional gift aid tax refunds where possible, over the next few years. Already just over £5,500 has been donated. If you are interested in being part of this important aspect of the villages heritage, do please contact us.

**Remembrance Day service will be on Sunday 12th November at 10.15 am, followed by prayers and 2 minutes silence at the War Memorial in the churchyard.**

We hope as many as possible will come to this important service in the nations history. A short Holy Communion service will be held before, at 9.15 am, with a coffee break in between.



Services are as usual in October and November at 10:00 am, on 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month, and a short one, as listed on the notice boards, on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

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## **DRAFT - FSMSGPC September Meeting Summary – Minutes to be approved at the October Meeting**

### **Public Forum:**

The issue of the Playing Field and its future was raised, suggestions for a small children's playground, with small sports pitch were discussed, the issue of wild flowers and a nature area were also discussed. The Clerk advised that any discussions and plans were on hold until the Land Registry applications and Trusteeship has been finalised. The Clerk suggested she could look at options and funds / grants available in the interim.

### **County & Borough Councillor:**

Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger reported that she had discussed the issue of the faded Hatched area of white lining with Highways and they had confirmed that no raised edging would be considered, their suggestion was to install planters. The Clerk advised that this item had now been agreed to defer to after the WSOH decision.

Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed she had requested the road sweeper to do the Street in Fornham St Martin, the Clerk confirmed this had now been done.

Cllr. Hopfensperger advised that the dog waste bins are emptied by SEBC dependent on volume of use, there is no set rota in place.

The Cabinet is to look at School Transport changes in the areas of Gt. Barton, Pakenham, Thurston. The statutory requirement only ensures transport to the nearest school, not the first choice (there are concessions for Religion, and special educational needs). Consultation will be carried out.

Full Council at SEBC are to vote on the Suffolk One Council, to take it to Secretary of State for approval. The main contentious issues are the financial differences between the Mayors expenses and the Chairman's of FHDC.

Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed that tree works at the Golf Course and the bonfires were carried out within the approved remit and were all legal.

Tut Hill is still being considered for closure, there is a traffic regulation order in place, so re-consultation on the closure will take place.

### **Clerks Report:**

The Clerk advised that the appeal for application for Retention of Dwelling, Fornham farm, Thetford Road (DC/17/0773/FUL) was refused.

The Clerk confirmed that confirmation had been received regrading funding being secured for improvements to Tollgate Junction. Detailed design work . .

... is currently being undertaken by SCC for underground services and Utilities, and it is hoped the work will be undertaken by end of March 2018. Design work is also underway with regard to the Fornham Road/Station Hill/Tayfen Road junctions within the same timeframe.

The Clerk confirmed that street light 25, opposite the Green & Village Sign has now been connected and is working. The two illuminated bollards on the A134 have now also been replaced and are working.

The Clerk confirmed that the Hotel signs had now been removed and the enforcement case was now closed.

The Clerk advised that SEBC had replaced the Dog Fouling and Litter signs in the village.

The Clerk reported that no further complaints or concerns regarding the moving of the Planter at Old Hall Lane/Church Close, had been reported to her and no concerns over parking had been addressed to the Parish Council either.

**Planning Applications Considered:**

**DC/17/1485/PMBPA – Prior Approval Application – Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) to create 1 dwelling and associated operations – Agricultural Storage Building, Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve**

**Resolved 17/09/6.01**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit the following concerns and comments relating to application DC/17/1485/PMBPA;

- There is a concern regarding noise impact, as the proposed dwelling is within 25 metres of the adjacent Aggregate site (Mineral Processing Plant). This would impose significant noise pollution to the new dwelling.
- There is a contamination risk as the agricultural building was historically used to store fuels and pesticides, therefore it would be recommended to provide a contamination assessment.
- There is also strong concern that the change of use will have an undesirable impact on the surrounding environment and landscape, as the site is within a special landscape area and within the setting of a Listed Building. There is also historical significance of the surrounding area/landscape with a protected historic parkland, a battlefield site and it is within a few metres of an ancient Ice House.
- The Parish Council would also request further clarification on the submission of 'associated operations' and what this entails.



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**DC/17/1559/HH – Single Storey side & rear extension (following demolition of conservatory), two storey triple garage with first floor studio (following demolition of existing garage) – Fauna, 9 parklands Green, Farnham St Genevieve**  
**Resolved 17/09/6.02**

It was agreed that the Parish Council offers No Objections to application DC/17/1559/HH, although should comment that consideration of neighbours be ensured and noise kept to a minimum and that hours of operation are restrained to between 9am - 5pm. And that the contractor's vehicles and HGV's refrain from parking on the public highway causing obstruction and that they respect the grass verges and areas of Green within the neighbouring area.

### **WSOH Application Update & Agree Additional Expenditure for Appeal**

The Clerk advised that the application would be going to Development Control Committee at SEBC on Thursday 21st September at 10am. Attendance and support is encouraged.

Cllr. Hopfensperger reported that it was disappointing that an appeal for an extension to the consultation period was unsuccessful, she advised she had raised this with Charles Judson and Head of Planning, as this did not follow Good Practice, as the consultation should ideally not be held in a summer period. The 3 Parish Council's also complained formally.

She confirmed that speed limits had been reviewed, but no commitment had been made to installing a speed limit.

The Clerk reported that the Traffic Assessment which they had helped fund with the other two Parish Councils had been completed and the invoice for their share of £600 was due to be settled at tonight's meeting. The Clerk confirmed that as previously agreed £850 had been promised for the challenge against SEBC regarding the WSOH application, this had paid for legal advice and a letter to submit an application to the Secretary of State. The Solicitor has quoted a further £3,500 plus VAT to review the application papers, committee report, screening papers and advise on the grounds of a challenge. He will also advise fully on strategy and the need and content of further representations.

### **Resolved 17/09/6.03**

It was agreed to use the Parish Council General Reserves to contribute £1,750.00 towards the campaign against the WSOH application.

In the event that the application is called in for Judicial Review, to involve a Barrister the Parish Council's would need to look at Fundraising and donations from the Community.

**Finance & Policies:**

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Vice Chairman (GH). The bank account balance as of 1st September 2017 is £23,802.86.

**Update on External Audit**

The Clerk advised that BDO had highlighted an outstanding point on the External Audit and had requested that the Asset Register amount be amended on the 2015-16 column on the Accounting Statement section of the Annual Return to reflect the correct amount, including the Play Area figure. This has incurred a fee of £30. The Audit is currently at 2nd Review stage.

**King George V Playing Field Trusteeship Update**

The Clerk advised that the application had been completed for Land Registry for the main parcel of land of the Playing Field. The second smaller parcel has been submitted for First Registration and should hopefully be completed by the next meeting.

**Consider Expenditure approval for new Printer and Monitor for the Bugle Editor and increase in Editor's Remuneration**

The Clerk advised that the Editor had submitted a request for a donation of £55.32 towards a new Printer and Monitor for the Bugle. The Clerk advised that guidance from SALC had advised that under s. 142 LGA 72 (to provide information about local authority matters), the Parish Council could purchase or contribute to the purchase of a private individual's computer and printer. A s.137 donation could also not be made as it is to an individual.

**Resolved 17/09/7.03**

It was agreed not to give a donation to the Editor of the Bugle towards a new Printer & Monitor, following guidance received from the Clerk.

The Clerk advised that the Editors had also put in a request for their remuneration to be increased from £134.52 per edition to £162.50 (25 hours at £6.50 per hour), due to an increase in hours needed to compile and edit the Bugle. They also advised that they would like to charge a fixed fee of £20 for Broadband and Phone for each edition, due to a rise in running costs.

**Resolved 17/09/7.04**

It was agreed to the rise of the Bugle Editor's remuneration to £182.50 per edition, with immediate effect. It was also agreed to review this again in 2 years' time.

**Parish Council Annual Insurance Renewal.****Resolved 17/09/7.05**

It was agreed to accept the Annual Insurance Schedule and Policy at a cost of £447.95. The Council's Long-term Agreement is due to end on 30th Sept 2018.



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**Parish Matters:****Defibrillator Update**

The Clerk confirmed that the completed contract had been received from BT and the Telephony had now been removed. The Clerk is in receipt of the Defibrillator and cabinet.

The Clerk showed pictures of a refurbished and painted phone box and advised that CHT could assist with applying for a grant for a paint kit.

**Resolved 17/09/8.01**

It was agreed to proceed with the paint kit and the Clerk is to contact CHT and arrange.

The Clerk presented the quote for installation by a qualified Electrician with experience of installing Defibrillators.

**Resolved 17/09/8.02**

It was agreed to proceed with the quote from Chris Hall Electrical Services of £148.00 to install the Defibrillator and this is to go ahead when the refurbishment of the phone box is complete.

**Update on Play Area Repairs**

The Clerk advised that Cllr. Forster had looked at the rotten wood on the Trim Trail, as identified on the Annual Inspection Report, and provided a specification and quote of works needed. The Clerk is to obtain comparison quotes for the next meeting.

Cllr. Forster presented two quotes from Wicksteed to replace the log roll ramp. It was suggested that the Clerk look at alternative options and quotes for the ramp for the next meeting.

Thanks were given to David Randall for his work raking the bark and treating the weeds at the play area.

**Update on Funding for Trim Trail Signage**

Cllr. Hopfensperger confirmed the funding had been approved from her Locality Budget for the signage. The Clerk advised that Cllr Forster had installed the signage

**Highways & Footpaths:**

The Clerk clarified the current Law on cyclists using Footways; 'It is an offence, the offence is "driving" on the footway, dating from the 1835 Highway Act, and it originally prevented "driving" a horse and carriage on to the footway. Bicycles were classified as carriages in 1879 and were included under the same 1835 law (bicycles are still classified as carriages).'

The Clerk reported that Highways had confirmed there were no 'Shared . . .

. . . .Access' Footways/Cycleways in Fornham St Martin, and enforcement would come under the jurisdiction of the Police.

It was suggested that the Clerk place a polite notice in the Bugle asking cyclists to avoid cycling on the footways and to be considerate of pedestrians. It was also suggested that the Clerk add to the notice a polite reminder for people to avoid parking their vehicles on the footways and grass verges.

#### **Update on Park Gate Woods**

The Clerk confirmed that Anglian Water has arranged for the path to be cut back and the grass to be cut in the next few weeks. Anglian Water have confirmed they will not consider opening up the rest of the woods or providing more public amenities, because they have assets, such as outfall pipes, which due to Health & Safety remit they need to limit public access to.

#### **Councillor Reports:**

Cllr. Butler reported that the Village Hall Committee had filled the vacancy for Caretaker and Bookings Clerk by a retired gentleman, who has experience as a Caretaker and as a handyman.

**Next Meeting is to be held on Thursday 12th October 2017 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.**

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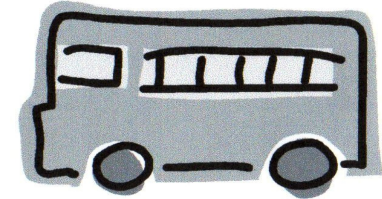
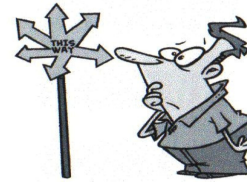
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