Present: Chris Jessop, Hilary Dewey, Martin Wise, Nick Elsome, Peter Dragonetti

In attendance, Amanda Holland, Lucy Turner.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Liz Collas, Hilary Dewey
2. **Public Forum**: none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting. Thursday November 14th 2019** were signed as correct.
4. **Matters Arising.** None.
5. **The Parish Hall :** Nothing to report.
6. **District Councillors Report.** PD reported that the local plan was still being discussed, and that there are proposals for a unitary authority to be formed by merging The Vale of White Horse and SODC.
7. **Governance Matters.**

**Finance and Bank Reconciliation;** The bank statement was checked and approved. Balance £22,734.15 Invoices have been received and paid: Clerk Pay and tax refund £786.60 Going Forward Buses, £100, The Landscape Group 424.80, Tree works £700.00, Loan repayment £2674.44 .

**Housekeeping:**. CJ is preparing precept budget and proposals for the January meeting, After discussion it was agreed to include a phased replacement of the drainage sleepers, a new notice board, 3 yearly tree surveys, and possible installation of a security barrier for the car park. AH to cost out. It was noted that CIL monies have not been received, Ah to chase up. AH circulate standing orders and financial regulations for January.

1. **Correspondence and Reports**: The new Grit bin requested for Path Hill has been installed at The old Post Office junction. AH has delivered salt toMr Stendhal, Mr Rodgers and Mr Price. **Crays Pond :** The tree works have been carried out and reed clearance has taken place. Mr D’Ayala will invoice for 2 days of work. **The Parish Hall Car Park:** Further to changes in specification and a request to our district councillor for grant aid, these works have been delayed until the outcome of the grant application is finalised. Contractors have been informed.

**Review of Grass Cutting and Tree Maintenance**: The new specification was put out to 5 companies for tender, 3 have replied. AH to submit tenders to the January meeting.

**Play Equipment**: An inspection of the play areas is due. AH/NE to action.

**Footpaths and Rights of Way:** vigilant as usual..

1. **Newsletter / Website / Social media :** Discussion followed a review of the distribution. PD to circulate distribution list to be discussed at the next meeting.
2. **Planning and Unauthorised Developments**. No applications outstanding.
3. **Status on traffic management initiatives**. CJ in correspondence with Kevin Bulmer, AH in correspondence with Jon Beale at SODC, who has replied positively, but with little progress. CJ reported that Mr Rutherford was willing to campaign on this issue via a petition and website, thanks were proposed and seconded.
4. **Community Notice boards and publicity signage at Crays Pond**. Proposals to adopt a formal policy on this issue were moved forward to the new year.
5. **The White Lion at Crays Pond** : After discussion it was agreed that Mr Pechey be contacted regarding proposals for the community purchase and any progress to report.
6. **Any Other Business: none.**

The meeting ended at 9.52pm.

Date of the next meeting **Thursday January 9th 2020 at 8pm.**