

**MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.00pm**  
**IN THE STABLE LOFT, ST MARY'S CHURCH CENTRE**

Present:	Parish Councillors	Peter Greig (Chairman) Robert Booth Malcolm Hogg Margaret Hogg Pat Pardoe Teresa Youé
In Attendance:	County Councillor Parish Clerk PCSO 7 Members of the Public	John Edney ( <i>left after Minute 4148</i> ) Caro Slaymaker Georgina Long

### **Public Session**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and explained that the usual room at the Village Hall was unavailable owing to ongoing repair work. Members of the public were invited to speak, with a reminder to keep their comments brief and to avoid repeating what had been said at previous meetings. Concerns were expressed that the new housing plans should include playing facilities, and that those at the Hartley Meadow development were already well-used and often could not take more children. Moreover, people felt that they had not been adequately consulted on the plan for the affordable housing scheme.

The Chairman stated that the site had been chosen after intensive investigation of ten sites, the rest of which were unavailable or had had to be discounted for other reasons. A site within the Development Boundary would have been preferred but there was not one, which was why an Exception Site had to be considered. The Core Strategy allowed for affordable housing (only) to be built on an Exception Site. The request for a separate play area would be considered.

In answer to further questions about further development plans for the parish north of the A39 the Chairman stated that a statement had been made at a previous meeting in November 2011 but it had also said that these were ideas to be thought about. If there had been a Parish Plan there could have been consultation and decisions made. But the Parish Plan had not yet been written because of other demands. It was not possible for him to rule out development forever but he confirmed that neither he nor any of the other Councillors were aware of any proposals for development at present.

A member of the public commented that the area of Coleridge Road was in a terrible state. The Clerk said that she had been in touch with Sedgemoor District Council on several occasions but they had not responded. She would continue to press them.

### **4141 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Corbett (family commitment) and Cllr Roberts (holiday). The absences were **approved**.

### **4142 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Booth declared an interest in item 6 (affordable housing planning application) since he lived next to the site.

#### **4143 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 July were **approved** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **4144 Police Liaison**

PCSO Long reported that there had been a burglary in the parish. A 78-year old lady had been robbed of a lot of cash. The police had helped secure her property. They would be happy to offer security advice to residents and she could be contacted by phone or e-mail or via the Clerk at the Parish Office.

Traffic survey – she agreed that the situation at Mill Lane and Lime Street was not good. She had been in touch with the school on the subject. She suggested that parents consider parking at the Village Hall and using Palmers Path to enter the school's back gate which was no further and which they might consider a safer route. A further problem with the route to school was that parents parked inconsiderately adding to the hazards on that road. Although the police were no longer able to enforce parking restrictions generally, she could give tickets where parked cars caused danger or an obstruction, and had done so.

A member of the public expressed concern at that behaviour at the traffic lights where she had seen people jump the lights or use the lane to turn right to overtake other vehicles. PCSO Long confirmed that a witness report should be made to the police. She could not be a constant presence. A traffic camera was a possibility, but it would have to come from the County Council. Cllr Edney said that he would request one if that was the wish of the Parish Council.

*PCSO Long left the meeting at 7.35pm*

#### **4145 Minute of Committee meetings**

The Parish Council received the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 17 May, and the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 3 September.

#### **4146 County Council Liaison**

Cllr Edney stated that there was a fund which he could call on to supply defibrillators to communities. It was suggested that it could be installed at a pub or shop to give 24-hour access. The funding would cover the equipment, installation and training. Cllr Pardoe said that she believed the Fire Station did already have a defibrillator and that Mr Flay was trained to use it. It was **agreed** that the Chairman would approach landlords at the pubs and for consideration at the next meeting.

Lime Street/Mill Lane: Cllr Edney reported that he had had further discussions with County Highways regarding the access to the school and the footpaths at Lime Street and Mill Lane further to their previous meetings with Cllr Greig. The steps leading to the Palmers Path could be converted into a slope to make the path more accessible for those with push-chairs, wheelchairs etc. Growth at the side of the path was a problem as it made the path rather dark. The scheme could provide for clearing this, but this would require the co-operation of the householders along the path who owned the trees. This would make it more pleasant: but it was doubtful whether more people would use it. The Chairman agreed, commenting that, to avoid Lime Street, the only route was to create a path along the verge on the A39 crossing into the Village Hall car park and then across Lime Street, a route people might consider circuitous although there was probably little difference in actual distance.

Additionally they had also considered the construction of an improved footpath at the top of Lime Street and round into Mill Lane as discussed at their meeting on 23 August. A bid for funding from the small safety project budget would have to be made for the next financial year. He thought the scheme would continue next year. Cllr Edney had asked County Highways to assist in formulating a bid.

The Chairman explained the idea was to create a raised footpath rising up along the retaining wall around the corner of Lime Street and Mill Lane. It had been established that this was Highways land and was below the fence line of the private property on the corner. It required considerable technical input to produce a costed design. Earlier discussion had already ruled out any consideration of agreeing terms with the householder to use any of their land adjacent to the Highways land. The Cllr Edney hoped that the County Council would agree to the Highways engineers undertaking the preparatory work.

County Farm: Cllr Edney reported that he had now had a reply from Cllr David Huxtable who had advised that the farms were being kept for future development. Cllr Edney suspected that this would be a long way off and certainly not in the immediate future. Cllr Pardoe said that it would have been an ideal site for affordable housing. Cllr Youé and Cllr Margaret Hogg thought it had been. It was not known why it had been rejected, but Sedgemoor DC would know. Cllr Edney thought that perhaps the question of selling the land had not been considered by the County at that time. The Chairman said that he would refer the question to Sedgemoor DC.

#### **4147 Planning application: Affordable Housing at Stogursey Lane**

It was considered that if agreed, the Parish Council should ensure that obligations on SHAL and the contractor must be agreed both for the construction phase and for unsuitable tenants. Cllr Booth felt the draft s.106 agreement that had been presented, and which was based on his own draft, met their needs. Cllr Youé commented that she had lived next to a housing association property for 13 years. During that time they had had only one complaint, which had been dealt with quickly and satisfactorily by the housing association. Cllr Malcolm Hogg agreed that conditions of construction should be insisted on. Cllr Margaret Hogg agreed that they should ensure conditions covered health and safety, dust, noise and safe passing for pedestrians. Cllr Hogg reported that the Planning Committee's recommendation was based on valid grounds relating to planning applications.

*Cllr Booth withdrew from the meeting for the remainder of this item*

Cllr Malcolm Hogg **proposed** that the Council support this application.

Cllr Youé seconded the proposal. Cllr Pardoe said that she objected to the site but not to affordable housing.

The Parish Council **voted** by 4 votes to 1 in favour of **supporting the application**.

*Cllr Booth rejoined the meeting*

#### **4148 Castle Street car park and public lavatories**

The Clerk had previously circulated the Heads of Agreement proposed by Sedgemoor DC to sell to the Parish Council the car park and public lavatories at Castle Street for a nominal sum. The implication was that Sedgemoor DC would close these facilities if the Parish Council did not take them over. Cllr Malcolm Hogg suggested seeking a rebate on the rates or a grant to cover the rates.

It was **resolved** to accept the offer. The Clerk was instructed to investigate the possibility of a rebate or grant to assist with the rates.

*Cllr Edney left the meeting*

#### **4149 Mobile phone reception survey**

The Chairman stated that poor reception in the Village was an affliction that everyone suffered from. Ian Clarke and Richard Beer were invited to explain their proposal, which was to canvass the parish. They said that they would like to do this in the Parish council's name and would like to discuss with the Chairman and Clerk how they could go about this. It was **agreed** that they would meet to do so. There were no objections.

**4150 Community Transport**

The Clerk reported that, in response to numerous requests from parishioners, she had undertaken research among local providers to improve transport from Nether Stowey. Jacqui Fowler had been undertaking a similar task on behalf of the WI and between them they now had a picture of the needs and what was available. They needed to put together the results of their independent efforts and needed to reach out to groups to get a more complete picture of the needs. The Chairman **proposed** that a Working Group be set up to establish the facts to report back to the Parish Council. He would be happy to chair the Group unless another Councillor would like to do so. This was **agreed**. Mrs Fowler agreed to join the Working Group and said that she knew others who would do so. She would let the Clerk know who in the next few days and a meeting could be arranged.

**4151 Income and Expenditure Report**

The Clerk presented the Income and Expenditure report for July and August 2012, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Cllr Booth asked whether the new accounting software provided suitable reports. The Clerk said that it did but this was the first report for a meeting since the new software had been installed and in the Assistant Clerk's absence she had not had time to investigate this facility thoroughly. There seemed to be no report that showed the percentage spend for each account code against the approved budget, so she had reverted to the old report for clarity. She would provide sample reports to Cllr Booth in time to consider which reports should be used for future meetings.

**4152 Expenditure**

Expenditure incurred since the Parish Council meeting of 9 July 2012

Viking Payments	55.42	Stationery, paper clips etc
Moore Stephens	480.00	External audit
Gary Bickers	620.00	Village maintenance, cemetery, A39 verge, Palmers path, South lane, toilet cleaning. Remove water damaged goods
NS Village Hall	20.00	PC meeting 11 June
Npower	157.55	Toilets electricity
Talktalk	35.87	Office telephone
EDF energy	33.67	Clock tower electricity
North Som farmers mkt	140.00	Canopies for May fair
RBS Solutions	538.80	Accounts software
Staff payroll	1,635.87	July payments:, salaries, tax, NI & pension fund
Simco	327.13	Railings in clock tower
Clarity Copiers	125.66	Copy charges
Getmapping PLC	48.00	Mapping software
EDF Energy	25.64	Un-metered electricity Clock Tower
N S Village Hall	40.00	Hall hire 9 July PC mtg, 23 July Affordable housing mtg
Tom Clark	3,000.00	War memorial stone
Chanin & Thomas	500.00	Rent: second quarter 2012/13
Quantock Computers	45.00	Computer repairs
Talktalk	34.16	Office telephone

Staff payroll	1,635.87	August payments:, salaries, tax, NI & pension fund
M A Carver	216.00	Grass cutting, St Mary's churchyard
SALC	120.00	Councillors' training
C Slaymaker	7.64	Refund stationery exps (pens, envelopes)
Viking payment	85.85	Stationery
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£9,928.13</b>	

Cllr Booth noted that the figures for the expenditure on the Clock Tower did not match the Income and Expenditure report. The Clerk was instructed to investigate and provide an explanation. (The subsequent explanation is appended).

Subject to clarification on the Clock Tower expenditure, Cllr Booth proposed approval of the expenditure, seconded by Cllr Youé. The above expenditure was **approved** and (any) two of the authorised signatories were **instructed** to sign the relevant cheques.

#### **4153 Highways**

The Chairman reported further on his meeting with Cllr Edney, Mr Hackling and Mr Berry (both from County Highways). As mentioned earlier in the meeting they had looked at possible road improvements at Lime Street and Mill Lane and County Highways were looking into this. Cllr Edney had agreed to sponsor the bid for funds in the next financial year. In the meantime it had been agreed that Highways would cut back the growth on the bank, would install additional signage (there were no warning signs on the Lime Street end of Mill Lane) and would look at additional road markings. The Chairman made the point that making the road easier to navigate could lead drivers to increase their speed and thus make the situation worse.

Cllr Youé commented that parking in Lime Street had become more erratic. Cllr Pardoe asked about the plan to put a footpath on the private land on that corner. The Chairman explained that the idea had been abandoned as it was clear that the landowner had strong objections.

#### **4154 Reports**

Accounting Software: The Clerk reported that the new software had been installed. She commended the Assistant Clerk, who had entered all the transactions since 1 April (without, in the end, training from the supplier) and they had successfully carried out a bank reconciliation and balanced the account on 20 July. In general they found the software was straightforward and worked well, though there were aspects of it – including the reports – which needed further practice.

Office flooding: The roof was still leaking and Chanin and Thomas did not appear to be progressing the repairs with any urgency. The staff had strategically placed several buckets to catch as much water as possible and were using old towels to absorb the rest before it ran into the kitchen. It was **agreed** that the Chairman would contact the landlord to press for action. The Chairman reported that a possible move to the library was pending since it was not known what Somerset County Council was going to do with the library.

St Mary's Churchyard: The Clerk reported that, as instructed at the Parish Council meeting in July, she had spoken again to Sedgemoor DC who had subsequently agreed to take over responsibility for the churchyard from 1 September instead of 1 April 2013. At Sedgemoor DC's request she had arranged for one cut so that the churchyard was handed over in good order. This had been carried out by M A Carver, who had maintained the churchyard for the PCC.

**4155 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence of note.

**4156 Forthcoming meetings and events**

Thurs 13 Sept	6pm	Planning training	Bridgwater House	PG, Mal H, ?JR, CS
Mon 24 Sept	3pm	Sedgemoor Partnership mtg	Bridgwater House	PG, CS
Friday 5 Oct	11am	SHAL seminar	Canalside, Bridgwater	PG, CS
Mon 8 Oct	7pm	Parish Council meeting	NS Village Hall (if available)	All Councillors
Sat 27 Oct		War Memorial Dedication Service	The Cross, Nether Stowey	

**4157 Date of Next meeting**

- Monday 8 October at 7pm at the Village Hall (subject to availability).

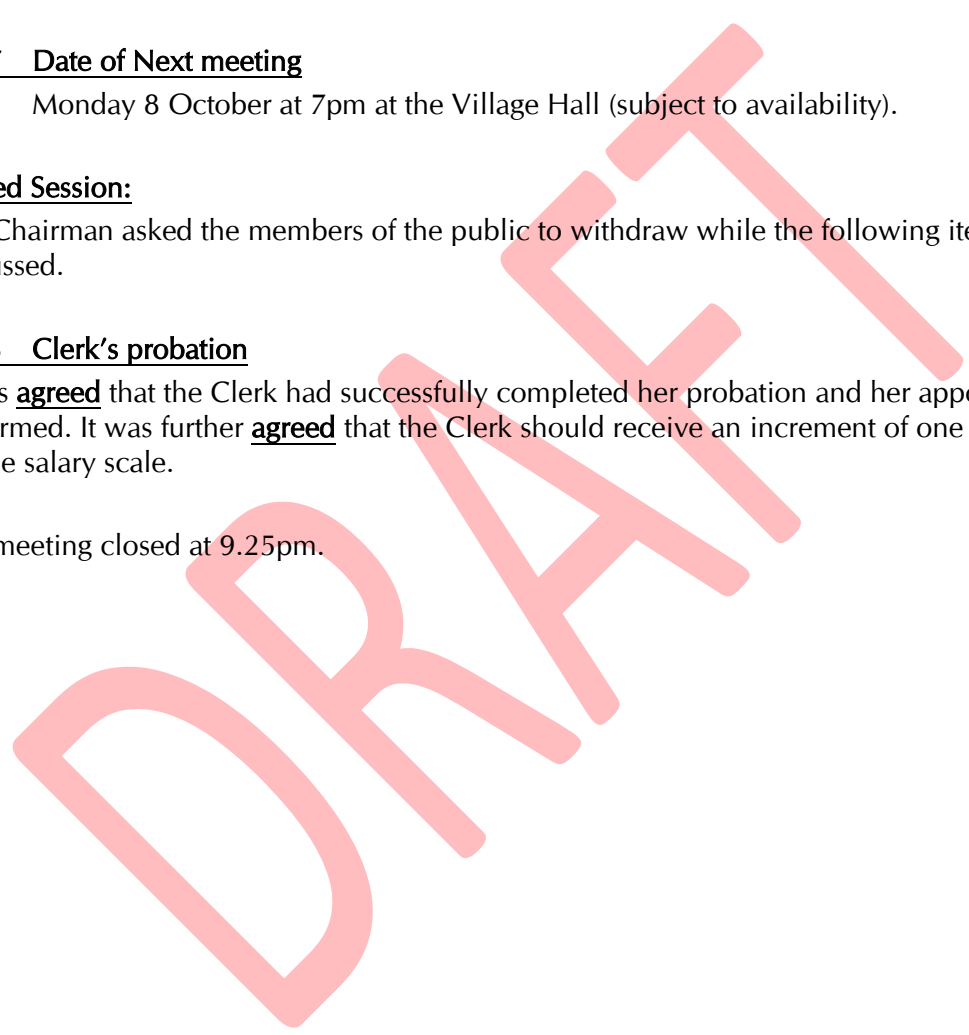
**Closed Session:**

The Chairman asked the members of the public to withdraw while the following item was discussed.

**4158 Clerk's probation**

It was agreed that the Clerk had successfully completed her probation and her appointment was confirmed. It was further agreed that the Clerk should receive an increment of one spine point on the salary scale.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.





**Nether Stowey Parish Council  
Financial Report for August 2012**

Account Code	Account	Balance at 31 Mar 12	Budget 2012/2013	Total 2012/2013	First quarter	Jul 2012	Aug 2012	Total to 31 Aug 2012	Balance	% Spent of Total
<b>Parish Office</b>										
10001	Office Equipment	0.00	500.00	500.00	393.95	449.00	85.00	<b>927.95</b>	-427.95	185.59%
10002	Parish Council Office Rent	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	710.24	120.00	235.00	<b>1,065.24</b>	1,934.76	35.51%
10003	Postage	0.00	175.00	175.00	156.70			<b>156.70</b>	18.30	89.54%
10004	Stationery, printing	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	83.11	150.90	78.16	<b>312.17</b>	937.83	24.97%
90012	Printing & Copying	0.00	-800.00	-800.00	-43.35	-35.41	-11.35	<b>-90.11</b>	-709.89	11.26%
10005	Telephone & Internet	0.00	550.00	550.00	173.44	29.89	28.47	<b>231.80</b>	318.20	42.15%
<b>Staff Costs</b>										
20001	Payroll Reserve	3,233.81	25.00	3,258.81	1,905.02			<b>1,905.02</b>	1,353.79	58.46%
20002	Recruitment	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	250.00	0.00%
20003	Salaries	0.00	20,850.00	20,850.00	5,712.11	1,635.87	1,635.87	<b>8,983.85</b>	11,866.15	43.09%
20004	Staff travel and subsistence costs	0.00	100.00	100.00	123.65			<b>123.65</b>	-23.65	123.65%
20005	Staff Training	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	500.00	0.00%
<b>Administration &amp; Finance</b>										
30001	Audit Fees	0.00	600.00	600.00	250.00	480.00		<b>730.00</b>	-130.00	121.67%
30003	Chairman's Honorarium	0.00	175.00	175.00	175.00			<b>175.00</b>	0.00	100.00%
30005	Councillors' Training	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00		120.00	<b>120.00</b>	30.00	80.00%
30006	Elections	895.00	250.00	1,145.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	1,145.00	0.00%
30007	Insurance	0.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	935.60			<b>935.60</b>	464.40	66.83%
30008	Statutory Fees	0.00	35.00	35.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	35.00	0.00%
30009	Subscriptions	0.00	500.00	500.00	35.00			<b>35.00</b>	465.00	7.00%
30010	Venue Hire	0.00	250.00	250.00	180.00	20.00	40.00	<b>240.00</b>	10.00	96.00%
30011	Wayleaves	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	0.00	
30012	Quantock Cluster expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.90			<b>12.90</b>	-12.90	
<b>Cemetery</b>										
40001	Cemetery Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	0.00	
40002	Cemetery Rates	0.00	170.00	170.00	130.50			<b>130.50</b>	39.50	76.76%
40003	Maintenance	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	504.00	252.00	216.00	<b>972.00</b>	1,528.00	38.88%
40004	Pest Control	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	50.00	0.00%
90006	Cemetery Income	0.00	-2,100.00	-2,100.00	-627.00	-353.00		<b>-980.00</b>	-1,120.00	46.67%

<b>Community Services</b>										
<b>50001</b>	Active Living	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			<b>100.00</b>	0.00	100.00%
<b>50002</b>	Allotment	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			<b>100.00</b>	0.00	100.00%
<b>90002</b>	Allotment Rental	0.00	-100.00	-100.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	-100.00	0.00%
<b>50003</b>	CANS	1,825.06	0.00	1,825.06	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	1,825.06	0.00%
<b>50004</b>	Christmas Tree & Lights	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	150.00	0.00%
<b>90007</b>	Christmas tree & lights - donations	0.00	-150.00	-150.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	-150.00	0.00%
<b>50005</b>	May Fair 2012/13	1,177.80	0.00	1,177.80	1,159.06	148.00		<b>1,307.06</b>	-129.26	110.97%
<b>90008</b>	May Fair 2012/13 Income	687.72	0.00	687.72	-521.24	-30.00		<b>-551.24</b>	1,238.96	-80.15%
<b>50006</b>	Oral History	349.11	0.00	349.11	20.65			<b>20.65</b>	328.46	5.92%
<b>50007</b>	Parish Council Newsletter	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	600.00	0.00%
<b>50008</b>	Parish Plan	521.19	250.00	771.19	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	771.19	0.00%
<b>50009</b>	Youth Services	326.66	0.00	326.66	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	326.66	0.00%
<b>50010</b>	Nether Stowey Village Trail Booklet	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.30			<b>27.30</b>	-27.30	
<b>50011</b>	War Memorial Project expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	2,500.00		<b>2,650.00</b>	-2,650.00	see receipts
<b>90016</b>	Village Trail Booklet Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	-20.00			<b>-20.00</b>	20.00	
<b>90017</b>	War Memorial Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,456.00	-440.00	-860.00	<b>-3,756.00</b>	3,756.00	see payments
<b>90018</b>	Quantock Cluster income	0.00	0.00	0	-60.00	-60.00	-30.00	<b>-150.00</b>	150.00	
<b>Nether Stowey Library</b>										
	Staff Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	0.00	
	Rates	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	0.00	
	Heat & Light	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	0.00	
	Water	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	0.00	
	Cleaning & Refuse	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	0.00	
<b>51001</b>	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.31			<b>0.31</b>	-0.31	
<b>51000</b>	Establishment of Community Org	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	0.00	
<b>Village Maintenance</b>										
<b>60001</b>	A39 Verge	0.00	150.00	150.00	42.00	14.00		<b>56.00</b>	94.00	37.33%
<b>60002</b>	CCTV	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	100.00	0.00%
<b>60003</b>	Clock Tower Maintenance & Electricity	0.00	550.00	550.00	50.58	304.68	24.42	<b>379.68</b>	170.32	69.03%
<b>60004</b>	General Maintenance	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	400.00	0.00%
<b>60005</b>	Old Gaol	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	100.00	0.00%
<b>60006</b>	Palmers Path	0.00	300.00	300.00	42.00	14.00		<b>56.00</b>	244.00	18.67%

No budget allocation



<b>60007</b>	Public Seating	0.00	250.00	250.00	80.00			<b>80.00</b>	170.00	32.00%
<b>60008</b>	South Lane Footpath	0.00	100.00	100.00	35.00	35.00		<b>70.00</b>	30.00	70.00%
<b>60009</b>	Dog Bins	0.00	150.00	150.00	69.68			<b>69.68</b>	80.32	46.45%
	A39 Wood	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	750.00	0.00%
	Millennium Wood	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	150.00	0.00%
<b>Castle Street Toilets</b>										
<b>70001</b>	Castle Street Toilets Cleaning	0.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	364.00	185.00		<b>549.00</b>	1,701.00	24.40%
<b>70002</b>	Castle Street Toilets Power	0.00	700.00	700.00	149.51	150.05		<b>299.56</b>	400.44	42.79%
<b>70003</b>	Castle Street Toilets Rates	0.00	930.00	930.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	930.00	0.00%
<b>70004</b>	Castle Street Toilets Repairs & Mtce	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	250.00	0.00%
<b>70005</b>	Castle Street Toilets Sewerage	0.00	300.00	300.00	115.11			<b>115.11</b>	184.89	38.37%
<b>70006</b>	Castle Street Toilets Water	0.00	300.00	300.00	120.77			<b>120.77</b>	179.23	40.26%
<b>Grants</b>										
<b>80001</b>	Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	500.00	500.00	750.00			<b>750.00</b>	-250.00	150.00%
<b>80003</b>	Playing Field	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	1,500.00	0.00%
<b>80004</b>	Transport	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	500.00	0.00%
<b>80005</b>	Village Hall	900.00	900.00	1,800.00	900.00			<b>900.00</b>	900.00	50.00%
<b>80006</b>	Diamond Jubilee	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	600.00	0.00%
<b>90009</b>	Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	0.00	
<b>Reserves</b>										
	Service Devolution Reserve	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	5,000.00	0.00%
	General Reserve	14,841.06	1,740.00	16,581.06	0.00			<b>0.00</b>	16,581.06	0.00%
<b>Total Net Expenditure For Year</b>		<b>25,507.41</b>	<b>49,050.00</b>	<b>74,557.41</b>	<b>12,029.60</b>	<b>3,069.98</b>	<b>4,061.57</b>	<b>19,161.15</b>	55,396.26	<b>25.70%</b>
<b>90011</b>	Precept	0.00	-47,850.00	-47,850.00	-23,925.00			<b>-47,850.00</b>	0.00	
<b>90013</b>	VAT Paid	0.00	-1,200.00	-1,200.00	-4,274.07			<b>-8,548.14</b>	7,348.14	
<b>Total Expenditure for Year</b>		<b>25,507.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>25,507.41</b>	<b>7,755.53</b>	<b>3,069.98</b>	<b>4,061.57</b>	<b>22,642.61</b>	<b>2,864.80</b>	
	Current Account	29,357.56			7,755.53	3,069.98	4,061.57	<b>54,564.95</b>		
	Deposit Account	995.00						<b>995.00</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30,352.56</b>			<b>7,755.53</b>	<b>3,069.98</b>	<b>4,061.57</b>	<b>7,709.95</b>		

Explanation of Clock Tower Expenditure (minute no 4152)

July and August clock tower expenditure was as follows:

		Clock Tower account	VAT account	Total as per cheque	Cheque no
22 Jul	Electricity	32.07	+ 1.60	= 33.67	103073
25 Jul	Hand rail repairs	272.61	+ 54.52	= 327.13	103080
	<b>Total for July</b>	<b>£ 304.68</b>	<b>£ 56.12</b>	<b>£ 360.80</b>	
7 Aug	Electricity	24.42	+ 1.22	= 25.64	103083
	<b>Total for August</b>	<b>£ 24.42</b>	<b>£ 1.22</b>	<b>£ 25.64</b>	
	<b>Total for July/Aug</b>	<b>£ 329.10</b>	<b>£ 57.34</b>	<b>= £ 386.44</b>	

Only the nett amount is entered on the Clock Tower account code. The VAT element of invoices is posted to the VAT account code where it can be reclaimed. The cheque, of course, is for the full amount of the invoice. This applies also to the entries for other purchases such as stationery, electricity for the public lavatories etc.

NB The system has not changed with the new software: it was used under the previous system.

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