THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

*Councillors*: Mr Mike Richards (Chairman), Mrs S Gilling, Mr Mike Warburton, Mr John Page, Mrs Eleanor Ramsbotham, Mr Steve Robson, County Councillor Robin Brown.

*Others*: Mrs Sharon Foster (Clerk), 6 x Members of the public.

**237/04/08 Apologies for absence**

Mr Peter Banks, Mr Gary Bell, District Councillor Tony Scott.

**238/04/08 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

K Alexander and E Ramsbotham declared interest on agenda item 242/04/08 with regard to the Village Hall Management Committee payment.

S Robson declared interest in agenda item 243/04/08 with regard to planning application DA/2008/0306.

**239/04/08 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2008**

Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. All were in agreement that they be signed as a correct record – Proposed by M Warburton, Seconded by K Alexander.

**240/04/08 Public Participation (1)**

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public floor. Matters discussed were as follows:

a. Concern was raised regarding the Village Hall. It had been understood that all monies (as reported in the Parish Newsletter of Spring 2006) had already been raised to pay for the extension. After quite some discussion involving conflicting information provided by the VHMC, it was agreed that M Richards would arrange a meeting with VHMC representatives to answer the questions raised by the public.

b. A member of the public asked when the AGM for the VHMC is due to take place. It was reported that the 19th May is the date of the AGM.

**241/04/08 Matters arising from the minutes**

Nothing to report.

**242/04/08 Finance**

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Following discussion during Public Participation (1), concerns were raised by Parish Councillors. It was agreed that the VHMC payment be deferred until further questions had been addressed to the satisfaction of the Parish Councillors.

*RESOLUTION* - Defer Cheque No 111381 for payment. Vote 4:1 against approval for payment.

*RESOLUTION* – All other cheques approved for payment. Proposed by M Warburton; Seconded by J Page. Payments approved.

The Clerk reported that an invoice for £679.21 + VAT had been received for Election Costs
from the District Council. The Clerk had spoken to the DDC and reported that, due to budget restrictions, the DDC would allow the Parish Council to split the payment over the next 3 financial years. Therefore, the remainder of £500 would be paid in two instalments of £250 each in April 2009 and April 2010.

At this point, the Chairman turned the meeting over to County Councillor Robin Brown as he had to attend another meeting elsewhere. County Councillor Brown hopes to attend the meeting on 12th May. County Councillor Brown referred to agenda item 248/04/08. The Strategy in question shows how funds will be used within the County for sustainable communities. County Councillor Brown asked that note be taken that rural communities do suffer a greater deprivation and there is perhaps a need to consider what happens to families and the old people. The County Council is keen to have a better view on how to spend its money. County Councillor Brown then left the meeting.

c. Consideration of grass cutting contracts for 2008/09 season
The Clerk reported that D Grainger had requested an increase of 3.5% for 2008/09 season. Following discussion and a vote (6:1), it was agreed to accept the increase.

d. Presentation of final 2007/08 figures
The Chairman reported the unaudited figures which show the budget figure of £17,680.00, against actual spend of £16,218.58 and actual receipts of £16,291.90. Bank accounts show balances of £3,975.06 in the current account and £7,500.00 in the deposit account.

e. Banks accounts
The Clerk reported that she was unable to request over the counter information from the NatWest as she is not a signatory on the account. It was agreed that she ask the bank whether they would be prepared to accept a Letter of Authority on such occasions.
It was agreed that a new, interest bearing account be opened and used as the sinking fund for works such as the Churchyard Wall. The Clerk to action.

243/04/08 Planning
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b. Decisions received

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244/04/08 Update on Arbury Hill
The Chairman reported that the last meeting had been cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. The DDC is following up and will attend future meetings.

245/04/08 Consideration of Cemetery Regulations
Draft Regulations had been circulated. No comments were made and the Regulations were adopted by the Parish Council.
*RESOLUTION* - To adopt the draft Cemetery Regulations. Unanimously agreed.
246/04/08 Consideration of Training
The Clerk reported that she had reserved places on the Flying Start training course for Parish Councillors. It was agreed that S Robson, K Alexander, J Page and S Gilling may be able to attend. Clerk to confirm and book.

247/04/08 Consideration of request to use The Green and the sports field for Badby Fayre
Following a request, it was unanimously agreed that the Green and the sports field be used for the Badby Fayre. A letter will be sent by the Clerk asking that the relevant insurances are in place and that the areas be returned to their normal state afterwards.

248/04/08 Consideration of Sustainable Communities Strategy Consultation
The consultation was put into the Circulation folder for all Parish Councillors to look at.

249/04/08 Consideration of Daventry Renewable Energy Solutions Study and Workshop
No-one is available to attend the Workshop.

250/04/08 Consideration of Minerals and Waste Development Framework Consultation
It was agreed that this consultation does not apply to Badby.

251/04/08 Report of Attendance at Emergency Planning Conference
The Clerk reported that she had attended the above conference. With regard to emergency planning, some Parish Councils have drawn up Parish Plans containing information about resources within the Parish. The Clerk has requested a template for further discussion. The Clerk reported that some utility services hold records of Parishioners who require services ie because of medical needs. A note would be put into the Parish Newsletter informing parishioners.

252/04/08 Reports from Councillors
a Greens
The bin men have again demolished the bottom step leading to the church. It was agreed that the DDC be requested to make reparations to the original standard.
It was noted that a number of cars have been parked on the Green outside the village hall recently. It was believed that these were tradesmen working on either The Old School House or the village hall.
b Trees
The Chairman reported that his strategy is not yet ready for presentation to the Parish Council.
c Playing Field
More damage has been caused to the entrance the sports field. It was agreed that this be monitored.
d Rights of Way
No work has been done to the pathway at the top of the cemetery. K Alexander or M Warburton to chase.
e Cemetery
M Richards and P Banks have spent time in the cemetery and have cleared all growth off the shed. The shed is solid apart from needing a new roof. Mr Morris has reluctantly agreed to pay for the replacement roof and it has been agreed to send him quotes for the work. The Clerk reported that she has been in contact with the Community Service people.
The mole catcher caught 4 moles in 3 trips to the cemetery. M Richards has been monitoring the molehills and 3 new ones have appeared overnight. He reported that the Parish Council could purchase 2 mole traps for £5. Following an offer from M Warburton to purchase the mole traps, D Wilson (from the public gallery) offered to lend some he has.
f Roads and safety
Nothing to report.
g Street-Lighting
Nothing to report.
h Village Hall
K Alexander asked whether there was any development regarding signs for the Village Hall. The Clerk apologised and will action.
i Newsletter
Nothing to report.

253/04/08 Correspondence
• Hire Centres marketing literature
• Wicksteed Playscapes marketing literature
• CPRE Design Awards 2008
• NCALC Update – March-April 2008
• Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2008

254/04/08 Public Participation (2)
a. A member of the public reported that, following closure of rural post offices, ATM are being installed in some areas, in public buildings. The matter was discussed as to whether the village hall could be used and manned by volunteers or whether The Maltsters could assist. J Page and S Robson to enquire. S Foster to research further what is required.

b. A member of the public reported that the DDC website has been updated and all background papers for planning applications and meetings can be viewed on line.

c. An enquiry was made regarding the state of the footpaths in Park Closure and Pound Lane. The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Street Doctor and would follow up.

d. The Clerk reported that Simon Bovey has moved within the District Council and has been replaced in the Monitoring Office by Judy Gregory.

255/04/08 Any other matters
Nothing to report.

256/04/08 Date of next meeting/Annual Parish Meeting
The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 12th May starting at 7.00pm. The May Parish Meeting will also take place on the same day following on from the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.
THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

_Councillors_: Mr Mike Richards (Chairman), Mrs Karen Alexander, Mr Gary Bell, Mrs S Gilling, Mr John Page, Mrs Eleanor Ramsbotham, Mr Steve Robson and Mr Mike Warburton.
_Others_: Mrs Sharon Foster (Clerk), 6 x Members of the public.

257/04/08 **Apologies for absence**
Mr Peter Banks, County Councillor Robin Brown, District Councillor Tony Scott.

258/04/08 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
K Alexander and E Ramsbotham declared interest on agenda item 269/05/08 with regard to the Village Hall Management Committee payment.

259/05/08 **Election of Chairman**
It was proposed that Mr M Richards be appointed to the post of Chairman for the forthcoming year. There being no further nominations, Mr M Richards was elected with the _unanimous approval of the councillors present._

260/05/08 **Chairman’s Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
Mr M Richards duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Proper Officer.

261/05/08 **Election of Vice-Chairman**
It was proposed that Mr P Banks continue in the post of Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. There being no further nominations, Mr P Banks was elected with the _unanimous approval of the councillors present._

At this point, the Chairman reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Parish Councillor Eleanor Ramsbotham. She feels that she is unable to fulfil her obligations and duty to being a Parish Councillor due to other commitments. M Richards read Eleanor’s letter which said that she would like to thank those who voted for her in the last election and wished her fellow Councillors well for the future. The Chairman thanked Eleanor for her dedication and for her work at the Playing Field.

262/05/08 **Completion of Declaration of Acceptance of Office by all Parish Councillors**
The Declaration of Acceptance of Office is only needed in years when an election has taken place and so these forms were not signed.

263/05/08 **Review of Register of Members’ Interests**
The Clerk had distributed to each Parish Councillor a copy of the Register of their Interests. These were all reviewed and returned to the Clerk at the meeting, except for Gary Bell and John Page.

264/05/08 **Appointment of Councillors’ Areas of Special Interest**
All Parish Councillors kept their present areas of special interest. It was agreed that S Robson would become responsible for the Playing Field as well as becoming the Parish Council representative on the Parish & Daventry District Representatives body.

265/05/08 **Discussion and adoption of amendments to Standing Orders**
The amendments had been circulated to Parish Councillors and were deferred to June’s meeting.

266/04/08 **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2008**
Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. The omission of K Alexander to the attendance list was corrected and then all were in agreement that they be signed as a correct record – Proposed by M Warburton, Seconded by K Alexander.
267/04/08 Public Participation (1)
The Chairman opened the meeting to the public floor. Matters discussed were as follows:

a. The question was asked as to who had cut down two trees on Brookside Lane two weeks ago. The Chairman responded that the works were completed as part of the tree maintenance programme following last year’s tree report.

268/04/08 Matters arising from the minutes

a. The Clerk reported that she had met with Street Doctor regarding Pound Lane and Park Close. She had been advised that a safety inspection is due in the next month or so but it was thought that the scale of work would be fairly low priority. It was pointed out that the condition of these two pathways is made more obvious when compared with the new pathways within other parts of the village.

b. The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the DDC regarding the damage caused to the churchyard step by the refuse collection people. She had been told that because no licence plate or time of occurrence was known, it would be hard to assign responsibility. The Clerk was tasked with revisiting the issue with the DDC.

c. The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Street Doctor regarding signage to the Village Hall. She is due to meet someone at the Village Hall when they are in the area. A discussion took place as to what kind of signage is needed in view of the fact that there is no vehicular access to the front of the Village Hall. It was agreed that either a sign showing a pedestrian or the words “No vehicles allowed beyond this point” could be considered.

269/04/08 Finance

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K Alexander and E Ramsbotham vacated the hall whilst the matter of the Village Hall payment was discussed.

M Richards provided an overview of the history. The Parish Council were approached 3 years ago when the VHMC had to undertake a building project to improve the toilets. The costs of the building work were to be £80,000. The VHMC had raised £50,000 through grants leaving a shortfall of £30,000. The Charity Commission gave permission for the VHMC to use £30,000 from the VHMC’s endowment fund but it had to be replaced. The PC was asked to assist with this. After much research and discussion, it was agreed that the PC would look to make an annual payment of £2,000 over 15 years but this could not be made binding on successive PCs. The payment would have to be agreed on an annual basis. Of the £30,000, the VHMC only used £17,000. It was able to use £13,000 from its own cash accounts. This made good financial sense as the VHMC would not then lose as much of its income from interest payments. M Richards understands that the commitment from the PC is to repay £30,000. Regarding the question about income in the months ahead, M Richards stated that it is not relevant at this time. The VHMC know what work they have to do to make up the shortfall and the matter is under consideration by them at the moment. Bluebell Sunday raised over £800. Much discussion took place between the Parish Councillors as well as members of the public. Questions were raised as to whether the £13,000 had already been earmarked for other projects; if so, why was it; how could the PC see that the £2,000 is repaid to the Endowment Fund. M Richards reiterated that the original promise was a commitment to support the VHMC in its £30,000 shortfall. G Bell requested that someone from the VHMC attend the next PC meeting to explain the full position – not to be interrogated – but to make the situation clear to the PC. M Richards said there is a chance some members of the VHMC may resign and he felt unable to raise more questions with them. S Robson said that he was disappointed that no-one from the VHMC had met face to face since the last meeting, had answered questions clearly or attended the meeting. It
was agreed that S Robson, S Gilling and S Foster would meet and draw up questions to clarify the position completely. The matter was deferred to June’s meeting.

K Alexander and E Ramsbotham returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION – All other cheques approved for payment. Proposed by M Warburton; Seconded by S Robson. Payments approved.

c. Signature of forms for opening new bank account
All Parish Councillors present, except for Eleanor Ramsbotham signed the forms.

270/04/08 Planning

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271/04/08 Update on Arbury Hill
A race meeting had taken place over the weekend. Lynda Johnson of the DDC had attended. There had been little wind. The Clerk was tasked with contacting L Johnson to see what action would now be taken.

272/05/08 Discussion regarding Churchyard Wall and works to be carried out
Two quotes were obtained last year for works recommended to be carried out to the Churchyard wall. There was a large gap between these two quotes. It had been agreed that a third quote would be needed to ascertain the reality of the costs involved. A third quote has now been received. This was discussed and agreed unanimously by those present. The matters were raised as to whether planning permission would be required, Diocese permission required or whether the contractor has Public Liability Insurance in place.

273/05/08 Consideration of request for donation to MENCAP
It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council does not donate to such charitable organisations.

274/05/08 Discussion regarding DDC Operation Spring Clean event
Following recent publicity on Operation Spring Clean and previous attempts to carry out such an event, it was agreed that this subject be raised again next year.

275/05/08 Consideration of RoSPA Playsafety inspection
RoSPA have sent out their circular regarding the yearly inspection. Following issues arising from last year’s inspection, it was agreed that the Clerk would set up the inspection but ask for someone from the PC to be present at the inspection.

276/05/08 Reports from Councillors

a. Greens
   Nothing to report.

b. Trees
   M Richards had distributed a paper on a tree strategy to go on the agenda for more detailed discussion in June. M Richards reported that after five years of trying to manage the trees and follow a line of procedure dealing with individuals who have different interests concerning the trees, he felt it may be time to progress the issue and benefits which could be gained from continuity regarding the tree management. The Parish Council was presented with problems last year following the non-committal of Symbiosis in its tree inspection and the requirement of the insurance company for more clarity, resulting in extra money being paid out for
re-inspection. It was noted that any proposal to award a long term strategy contract would have to follow normal procedures and go out to tender.

c  Playing Field
   Nothing to report.

d  Rights of Way
   More damage has occurred to Honey Lane. K Alexander has contacted Street Doctor in writing about the three ongoing footpath repairs.

e  Cemetery
   The Clerk is to meet with the Community Service people on Tuesday. Five traps have been set for molecatching. The Chairman thanked D Wilson for the loan of the traps. Fresh holes are still appearing.

f  Roads and safety
   A comment was made about the state of the Bunkers Hill and A361 junction. It was agreed that Street Doctor would be contacted.

g  Street-Lighting
   Two lights have been reported and repaired.

h  Village Hall
   Nothing to report.

i  Newsletter
   A draft of the Summer newsletter to be presented at the next meeting.

277/04/08 Correspondence
   • LCR May 2008
   • Weedwise Letter – 21 April 2008

278/04/08 Public Participation (2)
a.  It was noted that the planned power cut had not taken place. The reason for this had been that the tractor needed to dig a trench had not been able to reach Badby. A new date would be forthcoming.

b.  A member of the public said that they wanted to see the village hall continue but also wanted to see clarity in its dealings with the PC. It was mentioned that Staverton had managed to raise £17,000 from village subscription. A Parish Councillor asked whether this matter was raised through any personal animosity. This was wholly denied by the member of public.

279/04/08 Any other matters
   M Richards reported that he had received correspondence regarding Blacketts and proposals to the DDC Planning Department regarding an open farm cum school centre. Copies were distributed to all Parish Councillors. M Richards stated that the PC will no doubt be receiving a planning application in the near future.

280/04/08 Date of next meeting
   The next meeting will take place on Monday 9th June 2008.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.
THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

**Councillors:** Mr Mike Richards (Chairman), Mrs Karen Alexander, Mr Peter Banks, Mr Gary Bell, Mrs S Gilling, and Mr Mike Warburton.

**Others:** Mrs Sharon Foster (Clerk), 8 x Members of the public.

**281/06/08 Apologies for absence**
Mr John Page, Mr Steve Robson, County Councillor Robin Brown, District Councillor Tony Scott.

**282/06/08 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
K Alexander and P Banks declared interest on agenda item 287/06/08b with regard to the Village Hall Management Committee payment.

**283/06/08 Discussion and adoption of amendments to Standing Orders**
The Clerk had previously distributed copies and explanations of the changes to the Standing Orders. These were modifications following the Council’s adoption of the new Code of Conduct (Clauses 57, 58 and 59) and the adoption of “and special or confidential nature” (Clause 66).


**284/06/08 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2008**
Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. K Alexander noted that Agenda item 276/05/08d referred to “Honeyholes Lane”. This was corrected to read “Honey Lane”. All were then in agreement that they be signed as a correct record.

Proposed by K Alexander, Seconded by M Warburton.

**285/06/08 Public Participation (1)**
The Chairman opened the meeting to the public floor. Matters discussed were as follows:

a. A member of the public asked what planning permissions were in place for the land behind the garden centre on Bunkers Hill as he has noticed that the area has been much more cluttered over the past few years. It was explained that no new fixed buildings have appeared and so the Parish Council will not have many powers. The problem has been referred to Environmental Departments of both NCC and DDC in the past, and although visits have been made No Enforced Action has been taken.

b. Discussion continued regarding the Blackett’s land and the use of it. At the last meeting, a copy of a letter from Blackett’s regarding a potential planning application for a dwelling was distributed to all Councillors. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council believed that this was always bound to happen eventually. The Clerk and Chairman would draft a letter to the District Council voicing present concerns.

c. A Parish Councillor enquired as to what all the noise was over the latter part of last week. He was advised that there had been a 4-day national clay pigeon shooting competition held at a sporting estate in Staverton.

**286/06/08 Matters arising from the minutes**
a. The Clerk reported that she had had a site meeting regarding a sign directing people to the Village Hall. It was agreed that any sign should be positioned opposite the village green crossover entrance and should depict “Village Hall (Pedestrian Access Only)”. Depending on whether the sign was being paid for out of the NCC Empowerment Fund or from Village Hall funds would depend on whether it was purchased through NCC or Nordis. The Clerk had been in contact with Nordis regarding a price for the sign and installation. She is waiting for that price and will report back.
b. The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the DDC again regarding the damage caused to the churchyard step by the refuse collection people. The DDC had made an investigatory visit to site but believed that the damage was caused by a lawnmower. Following the comment that there were two witnesses to the event, it was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to the DDC insisting that reparations be made.

c. The Clerk reported that a Notice of Vacancy for a Parish Councillor has been put up on the noticeboards and she is now waiting for confirmation from the DDC that an election has not been requested by Parishioners. Following confirmation, a Co-option notice can be displayed. The matter is to be put on the agenda for next month.

287/06/08 Finance

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£8,000.00 ½ year precept from DDC

b. Payments for approval

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K Alexander and P Banks vacated the hall whilst the matter of the Village Hall payment was discussed.

M Richards reported that, as agreed at May’s meeting, a letter had been sent to the VHMC requesting answers to a number of questions. D Pearce (Chairman to the VHMC) had reported back that he was unhappy with the questions being asked, and that the VHMC Committee would not be responding, although he did attend this meeting as a member of the public. At this point, DP stated that he believed that answers to most of the questions could be gleaned from published end of year accounts. He believed that the resolution to pay the £2,000 from public funds had been made on an unconditional basis and therefore the payment should be made. It was pointed out that the Parish Council’s recent actions had only been aimed at looking for clarification on some points.

G Bell said that following a conversation with I Bromwich (Secretary to the VHMC), he understood that £11k had been taken from the Endowment Fund and put into Government Bonds. DP was not sure why but believed that the market may have been strong at the time. Therefore, a total of £28k was taken from the ‘pot’.

The money from the original sale of The Old School House had been invested into stocks and shares which have, over the years, appreciated in value.

Following a question, DP stated that I McPherson (Treasurer of VHMC at the time) had reported that the Charity Commission had agreed that money could be borrowed so long as it was repaid by a reputable organisation, which DP believed to be the Parish Council.

It was raised that, if the funds were unable to be used, then they should have been ring-fenced in the first place. DP could not understand why they had not been. The Parish Council is concerned that if the funds are not ring-fenced, it is difficult to track any payments made by the Parish Council. It was agreed by all that the funds should be managed through a separate account and DP agreed to take this back to the VHMC. DP also agreed to talk to the Charity Commission and take advice on setting up a separate Investment Account and agree the amount which should be placed in it.

MR stated that if the present fall in income means that the VHMC would not be able to replenish its own funds. He also believed that the Endowment Fund replenishment would only be £17k as £11k, he believed, had been used from the VHMC’s own bank account to purchase the Bond. A member of the public stated that the present fall in income means that the VHMC would not be able to replenish its own funds. He also believed that the Endowment Fund replenishment would only be £17k as £11k, he believed, had been used from the VHMC’s own bank account to purchase the Bond. MR stated that no-one should pre-suppose that the VHMC cannot replace its funds as it is a matter for the
VHMC to address. MR came back to the original commitment to replace the Endowment Fund and there is no link between the Endowment Fund and the future income of the VHMC. The member of public disagreed in that the Endowment Fund payments from the Parish Council are public funds and that money would be lost should the village hall go under. He stated that he believed a business plan should be made available. It was noted that the VHMC does not seem unduly worried by the loss of Badby Chestnuts Pre-School and DP stated that the VHMC does have plans to replace the lost income.

MR proposed that a number of conditions be attached to any future payments. Once these had been adhered to, a vote regarding payment could be taken. Unanimously agreed. The conditions he wished to see attached were:

a. The Endowment Fund is ring-fenced. A separate account be opened as the Endowment Fund. The VHMC would be asked to show evidence of its liaison with the Charity Commission in agreeing the set up of the account and the determination of the total of funds which belong in the account.

b. Any monies already paid over and any future monies paid over by the Parish Council are only paid into this new ring-fenced Endowment Account.

c. The VHMC Annual End of Year Accounts are sent to the Parish Council each year, and only after receipt will the Parish Council consider payment of further funds.

DP agreed that he would contact the Charity Commission and advise the Clerk when a separate account was available for the funds to be paid into.

K Alexander and P Banks returned to the meeting.

*RESOLUTION* – All other cheques approved for payment. Proposed by P Banks; Seconded by K Alexander. Payments approved.

b. Signature of Annual Return 2007/08
   The Annual Return was completed and signed by M Richards and S Foster.

c. Consideration of overpayment of 2007/08 Income Tax
   The Clerk reported that a notice of overpayment of £150.23 had been received from the Tax Office. This had been due to the fact that the Annual Returns for 2006/07 had been submitted on line and is a Government initiative to try to get small companies to do on-line filing. The Clerk asked whether this amount could be added to the present budget figure of £350 in order to purchase either a better laptop or the software which may be needed for a new laptop. She was asked to research figures and report back to the Parish Council next month.

288/06/08 Planning

a. Applications received

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<td>12 Park Close, Badby NN11 3AH</td>
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* G Bell abstained from making any comment regarding the above planning application.

b. Decisions received

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c. Appeals

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<td>To be advised</td>
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**289/06/08 Update on Arbury Hill**  
A race meeting had taken place over the weekend. Lynda Johnson of the DDC had attended and monitored the noise. There had been much more noise than the last meeting and she intends being present at the next meeting in July.

**290/06/08 Consideration of representative at meeting regarding downgrading of A361**  
During the last month a meeting had been set up with little notice regarding looking at downgrading the A361. This meeting had been cancelled but the DDC are trying to get another date. The Clerk requested whether anyone would be willing to become the Parish Council representative for this meeting. P Banks volunteered.

**291/06/08 Consideration of DDC Environmental Audit**  
The Parish Council agreed unanimously that they did not want to take part.

**292/06/08 Consideration and adoption of tree strategy presented at last month’s meeting**  
M Richards reported that he had had a discussion with James Burton. The understanding is that an annual report can be carried out and produced at a cost of £210.00. JB would also look to get relevant agreements from the DDC regarding the degree of work needed. 
Reservations were voiced regarding the need for three tenders for any work. However, if the report could be kept under £300 then there is no requirement for the tender process. 
The Clerk was tasked with contacting both James Burton and the other Council which already employs him on a similar basis to discuss further.

**293/06/08 Consideration of membership to Daventry Villages Together**  
The Parish Council agreed unanimously that they did not want to become a member.

**294/06/08 Reports from Councillors**

a  **Greens**  
The greens are looking good. One Councillor questioned why the grass had not been collected but was reminded that the agreement is for the grass to be collected for only the first two cuts, as the cost of collection is £100 for each cut.

b  **Trees**  
Already covered under Agenda item 292/06/08.

c  **Playing Field**  
It was noted that the football pitch grass has not been cut. The Clerk was asked to speak to the Cricket Club. 
The Clerk had had an enquiry regarding setting up a BMX track and was advised that David Pearce may have been involved when it was done at Badby. 
Following an enquiry from M Richards during the month, the Clerk is to advise S Robson that the bin needs to be put out on a Sunday evening ready for Monday morning collection. Mr McAllister said that he often puts it back inside the entrance if he’s up there.

d  **Rights of Way**  
K Alexander reported that stile at the allotment has at last been repaired. 
Re Honey Lane, she has been advised that there is a problem with the concrete at the top of the lane allowing water to seep under. 
It was also reported that she is in contact with the landowner re Neneside.

e  **Cemetery**  
M Richards reported that he has caught one mole and still has five traps set. 
P Banks asked what the situation was with Mr Morris. Mr Morris has agreed to pay for a new roof for the shed but we are waiting for a quote from GrantFord who is on holiday at the moment.

f  **Roads and safety**  
Nothing to report.
g  Street-Lighting
Nothing to report.

h  Village Hall
Nothing more to report.

i  Newsletter
A draft of the Summer newsletter had been distributed to all Parish Councillors. A few additions have been made and the Clerk will distribute and ask for any comments. A request was made for an addition to the Neighbourhood Watch article regarding the need for new members from Neneside Close as there is no-one from there at the moment.

295/06/08 Correspondence
- The Clerk – May 2008
- Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2008
- Local Council Briefing – Sprint 2008-06-02
- Letter from Aylesbury Mains Ltd re Street Lighting Maintenance
- Copy letter from Chestnuts Pre-School to VHMC
- Glasdon brochure
- NCC Bus Timetable
- SLCC Summer Seminars brochure

278/06/08 Public Participation (2)
a. A member of the public noted that nothing had been mentioned in the minutes of May’s meeting regarding the resignation of Eleanor Ramsbotham. It was pointed out that the matter is covered after Agenda item 265/05/08. A mention has also been made in the Summer newsletter.

297/06/08 Any other matters
None.

298/06/08 Date of next meeting
The next meeting will take place on Monday 14th July 2008.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BADBY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.
ON MONDAY 14TH JULY 2008

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Councillors: Mr Mike Richards (Chairman), Mrs Karen Alexander, Mr Peter Banks, Mrs S Gilling,
Mr Steve Robson and Mr Mike Warburton.
Others: Mrs Sharon Foster (Clerk), 11 x Members of the public.

299/07/08 Apologies for absence
Apologies: Mr John Page, County Councillor Robin Brown.
Absent: Mr Gary Bell, District Councillor Tony Scott

300/07/08 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
None received.

301/07/08 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2008
Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Handwritten changes were made
regarding item 287/06/08. All were then in agreement that they be signed as a correct record.
Proposed by M Warburton, Seconded by S Robson.

302/07/08 Co-option to Parish Council
One application had been received from Mrs Sally Halson. Following proposal by M Richards, it was
unanimously agreed that Sally be co-opted onto the Council. Sally was welcomed and invited to join the
Parish Council.

303/07/08 Public Participation (1)
The Chairman opened the meeting to the public floor. Matters discussed were as follows:

a. A member of the public raised the subject of the recent shooting competition at Staverton.
Following enquiries to DDC, people were told that this was an event which would only be held
every 4 years or so. However, a notice has been placed in the Daventry Express showing that
shooting is due to take place on every other Sunday. Following discussion, it was agreed that
the Clerk would contact Staverton Parish Council to see what their reaction is to this.
S Robson made the comment that Staverton is somewhat protected from the noise because of
the trees between the estate and the village and so was not as affected as Badby by the noise.
The member of the public stated that a precedent case was Stanford Hall in which Michael
Heseltine had judged against such activity on the grounds of its unsuitability for a rural peaceful
setting. There is also a shooting estate close to Barby and it was suggested that contact be made
with Barby Parish Council.

304/07/08 Matters arising from the minutes
a. The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent by email to Mr McDowell at DDC regarding the
possible planning application by Mrs Blackett. No response had been received. The Clerk
had chased the matter by email but again had no response despite asking for a reply before 14th
July in order to report back to the Parish Council meeting. The Clerk was asked to make
contact.

b. The sign for the Village Hall has been ordered.

c. A letter was sent to DDDC regarding the state of the Churchyard step. The Clerk had received
notification last week that the matter was now being passed by DDC to its insurers because it
could find no proof of liability following its own investigation.

d. A letter had been sent to the Village Hall Management Committee following a request through
Peter Banks stating the conditions agreed by the Parish Council. No response had been
received regarding a ring-fenced bank account.
**305/07/08 Finance**

a. Income received
   - £100.00 Burial Fees (Mrs Mortimer)

b. Payments for approval

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M Richards reported that the Clerk’s expenses contained a claim for printing expenses regarding the newsletter. This will appear on the accounts under Newsletter as a budgeted item.

A query was raised that following attendance at a recent course run, the Internal Audit was supposed to be not an Audit of the figures presented but a verification of the paper-trail in matters conducted by the Parish Council. The Clerk was unsure as to whether this was a recommendation or a mandatory requirement but will check and report back.

A query was raised regarding the difference between the two invoices for mowing. The Clerk reported that the £30 was two £15 charges for strimming.

A query was raised regarding previous overpayment of PAYE. The Clerk explained that this had come about because the Annual Return had been filed online and was an incentive payment.

*RESOLUTION* – All cheques approved for payment. Proposed by P Banks; Seconded by M Warburton. Payments approved.

c. Report by Clerk regarding laptop pricing
   The Clerk reported that she had had help in researching laptops and had been advised on a deal consisting of a laptop on sale from £494 down to £334. This included VAT of @£50.00 which can be reclaimed. The question was asked whether this included software. It doesn’t but the Clerk had also been advised of a website offering free compatible software. Councillors agreed unanimously that the Clerk should proceed with the purchase.

d. Report on first quarter budget
   The Chairman reported that the Expenses column contained £298.07 of Election Costs which should be moved bringing the total in Expenses back into line with budget. Also, the figure of £80.85 for Cemetery Rates was to be queried as it is double the budgeted figure.

e. Presentation of Audited Accounts sheet for 2007/2008
   The Clerk reported that these should have been presented at the same time as the Annual Return but had been omitted. A query was raised regarding the Cricket Club donation of £800 in Actual Spend but only -£730 in the reconciliation column. The Clerk to rectify.

**306/07/08 Planning**

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The Chairman reported that a revised scheme had been received for a recent planning application for Hilltop View on Bunkers Hill. The closing date for comments is 1st August 2008 but the Clerk is to request an extension on this date to allow it to be discussed at the next meeting.
b. Decisions received

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307/07/08 Update on Arbury Hill
Lynda Johnson of the DDC had attended the last official meeting. However, another meeting had taken place. Mr Teverton had notified M Richards that he had only had two days’ notice of this meeting of the Northampton Club due to their having been stopped from using their normal location. M Richards reported that the meeting had attracted some 60/70 caravans and the noise had gone on from 8.30am until 6.30pm. DDC had not attended this meeting as they had not been notified. However, there had been due a meeting on 13th July. DDC had attended but no meeting had taken place.

308/07/08 Report by S Robson on attendance at Town and Parish Councils’ meeting
S Robson had circulated a note to all Parish Councillors following this meeting. He advised that cleaning and road sweeping in villages is due to be increased from 1.8 times per year to 26 times per year. The timing will be due to coincide with or follow on from bin collections.

309/07/08 Report by Clerk on findings regarding tree strategy
The Clerk reported that she had spoken to both Parish Councils suggested at last month’s meeting. Neither Council has an official contract with Cutting Edge but both admitted that they do not have the insurance and historical issues which Badby does. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council has to follow certain procedures and needs to be sure that it makes the best use of its resources. To this end, the Clerk will seek three tenders for a 5 year contract for annual tree inspection and forward planning report. It would then look at the process of getting tenders for the suggested work once each annual inspection has taken place.

310/07/08 Consideration of BT Payphone Consultation
The Clerk reported that a Consultation regarding removal of the payphone on The Green had been received. She cited a number of reasons why the removal could be objected to by the Parish Council. The Clerk is to complete the consultation document and return it.

311/07/08 Consideration of Parish Councils’ Survey – Rural Issues for Core Strategy and DPDs
The Chairman and Clerk had each received a copy of this Survey. Together they had completed it and the document was circulated for approval by Parish Councillors. One amendment was made and then Parish Councillors agreed that it could be returned.

312/07/08 Consideration of Local Area Agreement consultation on the Strategy for Community Cohesion
M Richards and P Banks to complete.

313/07/08 Consideration of Improving Your Patch Awards 2008
M Richards and P Banks to complete.

314/07/08 Update regarding PCSO Norman Bareham
It was reported that PCSO Bareham is to leave our area and be replaced by Sarah Gray. It was agreed that this was because he had obviously done such a good job. The clerk was tasked with sending a letter to PCSO Bareham’s senior officer commending him on the sterling work he has done and welcoming PCSO Gray.
315/07/08 Consideration of training requirements
NCALC has produced its training courses for later this year. It was agreed that Sally Halson and Steve Robson would attend Off To A Flying Start on 24th September and the Clerk would attend Insurance and Risk Assessment on 10th September.

316/07/08 Reports from Councillors
a  Greens
Concerns were raised about the cutting of Clarks Lane and Pound Lane. The Clerk was tasked with investigating responsibility.

b  Trees
Already covered in item 309/07/08 above.

c  Playing Field
S Robson reported that he will put the bin out on Sunday evenings. He also asked for clarification regarding the Cricket Club’s responsibility for cutting the grass on the football field. It was agreed that the grass is not being kept short enough to play football on. The Clerk will forward a copy of the contract to S Robson.

d  Rights of Way
Work has commenced on preparation for re-gravelling of all the pathways in the village.

e  Cemetery
The shed has been re-roofed and painted and paving slabs have been laid in preparation for delivery of a bench purchased by Mr Morris. Mr Morris has agreed to pay the invoice for all this work. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Mr Morris for his generous contribution.
Mr Morris has requested that a plaque be placed on the bench in memory of his late wife, Margaret.
M Richards and three Community Service workers have dug out a new pathway below the top row of graves. The earth and turf removed from here had been relaid along the bank of the new cemetery. The supplies required for filling in the pathway will be delivered later in the week ready for continuation of the work by the Community Service people on Monday next week. P Banks and, hopefully, J Page are due to help then too.
A quote has been received regarding laying of a water pipe to a new tap by the shed. This is in the region of £1,000. Within that figure, £300 is for the hire of a digger. It was agreed that a local builder be approached to see whether he would lend his digger. P Banks will approach Martin Parratt. The financing of this project is likely to be taken from the residue left from the Churchyard wall work.
M Richards is continuing with laying traps for the moles and has caught one recently.
Mrs Cox has written regarding planned works for the cemetery and her concerns on the turn into the new part of the cemetery. A response has been sent setting out the planned works and stating that unfortunately it would be virtually impossible to rectify the camber without massive cost implication to the Parish.

f  Roads and safety
Nothing to report.

g  Street-Lighting
Nothing to report.

h  Village Hall
P Banks reported that he had been asked by the VHMC to get the Clerk to write to them confirming the conditions laid down regarding Endowment Fund payments and also a letter confirming payments already made. The Clerk confirmed that this letter had already been sent. Dick Earley (Finance Officer of the VHMC) stated that he has had sight of that letter. He raised the issue that the first payment had not been made directly to the VHMC but it was pointed out to him that this payment was made to Biffa by the Parish Council standing as a 10% surety. The whole 100% Biffa grant was then paid to the VHMC.
The newsletter was circulated at the end of June with the Link. It was agreed that this was well received.

**317/07/08 Correspondence**
- Bulbs catalogue
- Get Active Newsletter – Issue 3
- Northamptonshire Partnership News – June 2008
- Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2008
- SLCC 34th National Conference 2008
- UrbanScape Catalogue
- The Clerk – July 2008
- LCR – July 2008
- Glasdon Product catalogues
- The Playing Field – Spring 2008
- The Connection – June 2008
- NCC/MGWSP Reps’ Review – May 2008

**318/07/08 Public Participation (2)**
Nothing to report.

**319/07/08 Any other matters**

a. M Richards reported that work had started on the Churchyard wall and should be finished by Friday. Email confirmation had been received from County Councillor Robin Brown regarding an Empowerment Fund payment of £1,500. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond that the Churchyard wall work is due to cost @ £2,900 and the payment would be gratefully received to pay a portion of that work.

b. K Alexander asked whether, since the Churchyard wall has not cost as much as expected, the precept may come down next year. M Richards responded that the first draft of the 2009/2010 budget will be drawn up in October/November 2008 and providing there are no more significant projects which need financing, the precept could be lowered.

**320/07/08 Date of next meeting**
The next meeting will take place on Monday 11th August 2008.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BADBY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.
ON MONDAY 11th AUGUST 2008

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Councillors: Mr Mike Richards (Chairman), Mrs Karen Alexander, Mrs S Gilling, Mrs Sally Halson, Mr Steve Robson and Mr Mike Warburton, County Councillor Robin Brown.
Others: Mrs Sharon Foster (Clerk), 4 x Members of the public.

321/08/08 Apologies for absence
Apologies: Mr Peter Banks, Mr John Page.
Absent: Mr Gary Bell, District Councillor Tony Scott

322/08/08 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
None received.

323/08/08 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2008
Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. All were in agreement that they be signed as a correct record.
Proposed by M Warburton, Seconded by S Robson.

324/08/08 Public Participation (1)
The Chairman opened the meeting to the public floor. Matters discussed were as follows:

a. Concerns were raised over the village greens and their responsibility, liability and ownership. It was agreed that the Clerk would research what costs and procedures are involved in registering ownership.

325/08/08 Matters arising from the minutes

a. The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks and support had been sent to the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire regarding PCSO Norman Bareham. A positive reply had been received.

b. The Clerk was asked whether any response had yet been received from the Village Hall Management Committee regarding the setting up of a ring-fenced account. The Parish Council has had no notification as yet.

c. The Clerk reported that she had made contact with the DDC regarding a potential planning application from Ms Blackett. His response was that as yet no application had been received. As and when it is, due consideration will be given to it and the Parish Council will be requested to make comment.

d. It was reported that Mr Morris had visited S Gilling regarding the new path in the cemetery. Following concerns over the depth of the gravel, 11 wheel barrow loads of gravel had been removed and the pathway trodden down.

e. The Clerk reported that a laptop had been purchased and is in the process of being loaded with the relevant software.

f. Training places have been reserved for Steve Robson and Sally Halson on the Off To A Flying Start course and for Sharon Foster on the Risk Assessment course. The Clerk raised the matter of payment for these courses. It was agreed that the Parish Council should foot the bill for these particular training courses.

The matter of footpaths was discussed at this time. Many negative comments have been received by Parish Councillors. It was agreed that clarification should be made to the degree that the work was not requested by the Parish Council. Any parishioners are also welcome to sweep up any loose gravel from outside their property.
**326/08/08 Finance**

a. Income received
- £570.77 VAT Refund
- £ 30.00 Headstone fee (Collett)
- £ 47.98 Interest

b. Payments for approval

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* These payments include VAT charges which will be claimed back.

*RESOLUTION* – All cheques approved for payment. Proposed by S Robson; Seconded by K Alexander. Payments approved.

c. Report on findings regarding Internal and External Audits

The Clerk had distributed the response received from NCALC regarding internal audits. Following discussion, it was agreed that the present arrangements may well be less than adequate when compared to the audit carried out by NCALC. It was decided that the matter be put on the agenda for September’s meeting.

d. Update regarding Empowerment Fund

County Councillor Robin Brown reported that the relevant forms for the above Funding had been completed and submitted. He now believes it to be a matter of due process and a cheque should be sent to the Parish Council during September.

County Councillor Brown continued that he thought the gravelled footpaths are an asset to the village and although there can be problems, with proper maintenance and care, they should stand the test of time.

At this point, he mentioned that MGWSP is looking to introduce area-based teams in the future who will, hopefully, have direct links with Parish Council’s in order to help prioritise work schedules.

County Councillor Robin Brown left the meeting at this point.

**327/08/08 Planning**

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328/08/08 Update on Arbury Hill
No further information has been received from the DDC. The Clerk was asked to make contact and see whether any opinions have been formed yet.
As a point of interest, it was noted that a building is being constructed next to the old farmhouse. It was agreed that the Parish Council has never seen a planning application for any building on this site. The Clerk was tasked with contacting the DDC by email and telephone to see whether they have any further information.

329/08/08 Update regarding shooting events at Staverton
M Richards had seen John Goulding (Chairman of Staverton Parish Council). Staverton PC has not had a meeting since the shooting event but he agreed to raise the matter at the next meeting in September. The Clerk was tasked with emailing JG and the Staverton clerk.

330/08/08 Consideration of Badby.org.uk domain
The Clerk reported that she had received notification that the hosting charge on the above domain name would not be continued after April 2009. The Parish Council was asked to consider whether it would like to take over payment of £109.44 + VAT per annum as well as a smaller fee at various times for the actual domain name registration. At this point, Denis Wilson was asked to comment. He commented that there may be a cheaper alternative and would do some more research and pass to the Clerk ready for the next meeting.

331/08/08 Consideration of request from Badby Fayre organizers regarding access into Fennell’s Field
M Richards reported that a request had been received for direct access from the playing field into David Fennell’s field for Badby Fayre by using the old gateway. David Fennell is prepared to do the work and reinstate after the Fayre. After due consideration, it was agreed that the work could be carried out with a request that the area is reinstated in full and as soon as possible after the event.

332/08/08 Reports from Councillors
a  Greens
Photographic evidence of damage caused by the refuse collection lorry to Church Green was shown. S Gilling reported that she also has photographic evidence of damage caused to another part of Church Green. After discussion, it was agreed that the DDC should be requested to attend a site meeting to discuss further.

b  Trees
Concerns were raised about one of the young oak trees on the Green.

c  Playing Field
M Richards reported that he has visited the playing field and believes the grass on the football pitch to be too long to play on. The cut grass has not been removed and then the grass has been cut again, making it impossible to play on. It was agreed that S Robson would speak to the Cricket Club regarding the football pitch. The recently received RoSPA report mentions that the pitch is more like a meadow.
Regarding the BMX track, it has been noted that modifications have been made without the prior consent of the Parish Council. A company van was seen at the playing field at the same time as the modifications were made. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a letter stating that the Parish Council is responsible for the safety of the BMX track. Therefore, any requests for alterations in the track should be addressed to the Parish Council. The RoSPA report mentions concerns regarding the bench on the playing field. It was agreed that M Richards and S Robson would inspect and probably remove the bench completely.

d  Rights of Way
A concern has been raised regarding the state of the footpath between Neneside Close and the field. The matter has been reported but not actioned. Therefore, K Alexander is to chase.
Cemetery
The bench seat purchased by Mr Morris has now been received and is now in position.
The Community Service organisation and Mike Richards spent two weeks cutting out a new
pathway at the top of the cemetery.
The extension of the water supply tap up to the hut is still under review, with considerations
about obtaining the use of a mechanical digger.

Roads and safety
Nothing to report.

Street-Lighting
It was reported that there had been an incident involving a brewery lorry and a lighting pole
on Pinfold Green. Witnesses to the incident have been contacted and photographs of the
damage taken. A letter has been drafted to the brewery requesting they admit responsibility
and accept the charge of £588 + VAT for reparations by ABB.

Village Hall
It was noted that a number of cars had been parked at the front of the Village Hall recently.
K Alexander was asked to bring the matter to the attention of the VHMC and state that
instructions for parking should be clearly stated. It should be noted to the VHMC that there
may be a need for reparations to the village green if damage is caused by vehicles using the
village hall.
K Alexander was also asked to mention again to the VHMC that details of who to contact,
hire charges etc can be put on to the Badby website.

Newsletter
Nothing to report.

Correspondence
- The Playing Field – Summer 2008
- NCALC Update – July-August 2008
- Policing in Your Community – Spring 2008
- VHMC Financial Information
- Minutes of Parish & Town Councils Meeting of 24th June 2008

Public Participation (2)
a. Following concerns over whether Parish Councillors understand the governing document of
the VHMC, the Clerk was asked to put one copy into the circulation folder for September.

Any other matters
a. The Clerk reported an invitation to all members of the Parish Council to attend District
Councillor Tony Scott's Civic Service at Staverton church on Sunday 23rd November 2008.
She would email details and request responses.

b. K Alexander reported that she had attended a meeting regarding downgrading of the A361.
It is likely that surveys will be taken to see how many hgv's are using the route and another
meeting will be taking place in a few months’ time.
It was noted that car transporters have recently been seen off-loading cars in the layby on the
A361 north of Badby. It was agreed that if anyone sees this again, a note of the name of the
company be taken and then the transport manager contacted, as this practice is not
acceptable.

Date of next meeting
The next meeting will take place on Monday 8th September 2008.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.
THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Councillors: Mr Mike Richards (Chairman), Mrs Karen Alexander, Mr Peter Banks, Mrs Sally Halson, Mr Steve Robson.
Others: Mrs Sharon Foster (Clerk), 10 x Members of the public.

337/09/08 Apologies for absence
Apologies: Mrs S Gilling, Mr John Page, Mr Mike Warburton and County Councillor Robin Brown.
Absent: Mr Gary Bell, District Councillor Tony Scott.

338/09/08 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
None received.

339/09/08 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2008
Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. All were in agreement that they be signed as a correct record.
Proposed by S Halson, Seconded by K Alexander.

340/09/08 Public Participation (1)
The Chairman opened the meeting to the public floor. No comments were received from the members of the public.

341/09/08 Matters arising from the minutes
None.

342/09/08 Finance

a. Income received
None.

b. Payments for approval

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*1 The Clerk reported that Mr Morris had agreed that he would pay £520 of this invoice and that amount could now be requested.
*2 The amount of this invoice had not been shown on the agenda as the Clerk had not received the bill. However, she was aware that one was due.

*RESOLUTION* – All cheques approved for payment. Proposed by S Robson; Seconded by S Halson. Payments approved.

c. Report on findings regarding Internal and External Audits
Following the report by the Clerk at the last meeting, Councillors had been given time to consider the findings. The Chairman reiterated that the present arrangements for the internal audit do not concur with advice received from NCALC. Despite the likely rise in cost of the internal audit increasing from £50 to £132, it was unanimously agreed that NCALC’s advice be taken and a more indepth internal audit be carried out at the end of this financial year.
d. Update regarding Empowerment Fund
   The Clerk reported that the Empowerment Fund had not yet been received into the bank account.

**327/09/08 Planning**

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d. Update regarding possible planning application for Bunkers Hill
   The Chairman reported that the planning application for Bunkers Hill property had been Refused. The Chairman was surprised that the Clerk had not already received notification from the District Council.

e. Update regarding building work at Arbury Hill
   The Clerk reported that the District Council had now been advised of the full address of the property and the DDC would now be able to open an investigatory file and continue. The Clerk to report at October's meeting.

**344/09/08 Update on Arbury Hill**

The Clerk had been in contact with the DDC but no response had yet been received as to what, if any, progress had been made. We would continue to monitor the situation.

**345/09/08 Update regarding shooting events at Staverton**

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the clerk of Barby and Kilsby Parish Councils. Kilsby PC instructed solicitors to act on their behalf. It was generally agreed that the noise levels in Badby have been virtually non-existent over the last month and it was therefore agreed that the matter be monitored for the time being.

**346/09/08 Consideration of Badby.org.uk domain**

The Chairman invited Mr Denis Wilson to speak. Following Mr Wilson's comments, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Ian Bromwich to say that the PC would take over the domain name as of April 2009 at a cost of £109.44 per annum.

**347/09/08 Consideration of Daventry District Sports Awards 2008**

The Clerk was asked to pass this on to Neil Brooks of Badby Cricket Club.
348/09/08 Consideration of East Midlands Regional Plan (Regional Spatial Strategy)
The Chairman reported that he had looked through the documents. They cover all aspects of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. Any comments are requested by 17th October 2008. Following discussion regarding the provision in the Daventry area of sites for travellers, it was agreed that any proposal in the Badby area would have to go through the proper planning authorities and would be brought to the attention of the Parish Council at that time. It was then agreed that the documents be distributed to all Councillors.

349/09/08 Consideration of Northants Minerals and Waste Development Plan re Locations
This document has previously been discussed and it was agreed that as the proposals do not involve the Badby Area the Parish Council has no comments to make.

350/09/08 Reports from Councillors
a Greens
The Chairman reported that he had met with the DDC regarding damage caused by the refuse collection vans in the Church Green area. It was agreed that the parking of cars alongside Church Green makes it extremely difficult for the lorry to get past. Two options considered were (a) widen the road by cutting into the village green by @2ft; or (b) use a smaller vehicle. The DDC has recently purchased a smaller vehicle to collect wheeble bins only. The Chairman has requested that the DDC look into their schedule to see whether it would be possible to use the smaller vehicle for Vicarage Hill and Church Green. It was agreed that this may mean changing the day of collection in that area but we are waiting for a response from the DDC.

The Clerk reported that a response had been sent via DDC to BT regarding the consultation concerning removal of the public telephone box on The Green. Since then, however, a second consultation has now been set in action by BT regarding the adoption or sponsorship of the red boxes. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council could make no decision unless it was certain as to the result of the first consultation.

b Trees
With the budgets due to be discussed at the end of the year, the Clerk was tasked with obtaining quotes for grass cutting of the greens and the tree work discussed at previous meetings. This would allow decisions to be made before January 2009.

c Playing Field
The Chairman reported that he and S Robson had removed the bench posts. The wooden structure discussed at the last meeting had already been removed.
S Robson had spoken to the Cricket Club regarding the cutting of the football pitch grass. He had been advised by Alan Standish that they were in the process of applying for funding towards a new tractor. To this end, the Clerk was tasked with sending a letter of support to the Cricket Club.
S Robson also reported that he had spoken to Biffa regarding the non-collection of the wheelie bin. An arrangement had been reached regarding the timing of the collection.

d Rights of Way
K Alexander reported that the footpath by Neneside Close is due to be strimmed in the next couple of weeks, as well as the removal of some stiles.
The Chairman reported that D Fennell had indeed cleared the pathway from the Playing Field in time for the Badby Fayre but unfortunately, due to inclement weather conditions, the agricultural machinery section of the Fayre had been cancelled.

e Cemetery
The Chairman reported that following a letter received, the Parish Council had had a site visit to the cemetery. He covered the following issues: i. The roadway leading up to the cemetery is in fact private and not under the control of the Parish Council; ii. The gate into the cemetery opens well on both sides although there is a lip between the tarmac and the rough ground. The Parish Council considered that it could look into the possibility of levelling this area; iii. The bins could be moved if they are seen as an obstacle; iv. The pathway, although not in pristine condition, is adequate; v. The camber onto the pathway leading to the graveside is seen as an issue. However, due to the roots of the tree and the
topography of the cemetery, it is not an easy area to fix. The Parish Council could look to try to level out the turn off and maybe create a cemented base for @3ft, therefore making the area more level and smoother for access; vi. The Parish Council considers that the pathway in front of the graveside is adequate, having already made alterations to the gravel pathway. The Chairman finished by saying that the Parish Council accepts that the site of the cemetery is not ideal, but it does consider it to be adequate. The Parish Council feels that it has tried to be helpful with previous requests for action to be taken. However, any improvements require financial investment from the Parish Council.

Members of the family involved were invited to comment. They understood the comment regarding the roadway leading to the cemetery and were pleased regarding the PC’s comments concerning the turnoff. However, they were still concerned regarding the gateway and the gravel pathway and suggested that, in time, there will be more people trying to access that part of the cemetery. Also, no consideration had been given to the request for a handrail to the left hand side of the gravel pathway, an area they considered a drainage ditch. Another member of the family voiced the opinion that, under the regulations contained in the Disability Discrimination Act, they felt that their mother was being discriminated against and had taken advice.

S Robson intervened at this point, explaining that the issue is obviously an emotional one. P Banks clarified the situation regarding the drainage ditch which is actually a Saxon ditch. He was also advised that the left hand side of the gravel pathway has been set aside for the burial of cremated remains once the old cemetery area is full and so that area would not be suitable for a handrail. It was agreed that tarmacing of the gravel pathway could be looked at for the future depending on costs involved.

After some discussion, it was agreed that another site visit be made but this time with Mrs Cox herself, in order for the Parish Councillors to more fully understand the problems she faces. It was agreed that this site visit take place on Tuesday 16th September. The Parish Council will be advised as to what time. The matter will then be discussed again at the next Parish Council meeting.

f Roads and safety
Nothing to report.

g Street-Lighting
The Chairman reported that an incident had occurred during the month involving a lighting pole on Pinfold Green and a brewery vehicle. The matter is being discussed with the brewery regarding the £520 bill for repairs following inspection by ABB. The brewery has requested further details regarding the vehicle involved. The matter is ongoing.

h Village Hall
The VHMC has responded to the Parish Council's June letter. The Parish Councillors have not yet had time to digest the information and it was agreed that the matter be placed on the agenda for discussion at October's meeting.

i Newsletter
Nothing to report.

351/09/08 Correspondence
- Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2008
- LCR – September 2008
- DDC Grant Aid Programme 2009/2010
- Glasdon Product Catalogue
- Daventry Rural South Safer Community Team – July-October 2008
- Notification of E.ON acquisition of Public Lighting Division of ABB Ltd
- Notification of East Midlands Fire and Rescue Control Centre opening in summer 2010
- Textile Bag Collection Dates from DDC
- VHMC governing document
352/09/08 Public Participation (2)

a. A member of the public raised concerns regarding recent advice given by the VHMC to the Charity Commission that money spent by the VHMC had not come from capital derived from the sale of the Old School House.

b. A member of the public advised that the farm which had been owned by Cyril Flowers falls into the Staverton parish and therefore no planning applications for it would come to Badby Parish Council.

c. A member of the public reported that Honey Lane is again in a state of disrepair. This has already been reported by K Alexander to Street Doctor. It was also noted that drains had become blocked along The Glebe and Chapel Lane during the recent rains. However, roadsweepers had been in Badby on two consecutive days since then.

d. A member of the public reported that on the grounds that the original capital endowment fund from the VHMC was £7.3k, the growth of subsequent investments could have been in the region of £125k.

353/09/08 Any other matters
The Clerk asked Parish Councillors whether they would be attending the Civic Service for District Councillor Tony Scott which is to be held in November. Clerk to be advised.

354/09/08 Date of next meeting
The next meeting will take place on Monday 13th October 2008. The Chairman asked Parish Councillors to consider moving the December meeting from 8th to the 15th.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.
THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Councillors: Mr Mike Richards (Chairman), Mrs Karen Alexander, Mr Peter Banks, Mr Gary Bell, Mrs S Gilling, Mrs Sally Halson, Mr Steve Robson, Mr John Page, Mr Mike Warburton.

Others: Mrs Sharon Foster (Clerk), 6 x Members of the public.

001/10/08 Apologies for absence
None

002/10/08 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
K Alexander declared personal interest in items 009/10/08 and 010/10/08 and prejudicial interest in item 011/10/08.
P Banks declared personal interest in items 009/10/08 and 010/10/08 and prejudicial interest in item 011/10/08. In his absence and at his request, these declarations were made by S Foster.

003/09/08 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2008
Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk requested a change of “should” to “could” on item 352d/09/08. All were in agreement that they be signed as a correct record. Proposed by S Robson, Seconded by K Alexander.

004/09/08 Public Participation (1)
The Chairman opened the meeting to the public floor. Two members of the public requested that they be allowed to speak just before the agenda items regarding the Village Hall.

005/09/08 Matters arising from the minutes
a. The Clerk confirmed that a payment had now been received from Mr Morris with regards to the cemetery.

b. The Clerk reported that she had met with I Bromwich with regards to the transfer of the Badby.org domain name. During the discussion, she had been made aware that there are approximately 100 email addresses included and it may be worth looking at whether parishioners would want to use them.

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b. Payments for approval

It was noted that because of a change in tax code, the Clerk will no longer be paying tax.

*RESOLUTION* – All cheques approved for payment. Proposed by M Warburton; Seconded by J Page. Payments approved.

c. The Chairman reported that there is a current overspend on Administration but this is because some items have been paid in full for the year ie election costs, insurance computer requirement and subscription costs).
Regarding Burial Grounds, £7k has already been set aside for works to the churchyard wall. However, we had received the £1.5k Empowerment Fund and the cost of the work had been much lower than expected. It was agreed that the £7k be kept in abeyance for the moment. The Cemetery Rates budget figure had been an oversight in previous years and will be increased in the budget for 2009/2010. All other items are within budget. An income of £2,067 has been a useful contribution to the Parish Council funds. M Richards, P Banks and S Foster are to meet before the end of October to prepare a first draft of the 2009/2010 budget which will be presented at the November meeting. Any amendments will be discussed at the December meeting and the budget ratified at January’s meeting.

P Banks arrived at the meeting.

d. The Clerk explained that amendments to the Annual Return as well as extra information had been requested by the external auditor. These were agreed.

**007/09/08 Planning**

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d. Update regarding building work at Arbury Hill

It was reported that windows and doors had now been put in to the building. No response has been received from DDC. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact J Golding to see whether a planning application had been received by Staverton Parish Council and also to chase DDC for a response.

**008/10/08 Update on issues regarding motocross circuit at Arbury Hill**

The last planned meeting had not taken place. The DDC are intending on being at the next meeting on 2nd November.

**004/09/08 Public Participation (1)**

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public. The matter of the VHMC was raised and statements read out. The Parish Council was asked to consider seeking clarification on the financial state of the VHMC as well as its plans for increasing income. P Banks asked whether the concerns of the members of public had been addressed to the VHMC direct. They said that they had sought to address the VHMC at the AGM but had been unsuccessful and were unwilling to repeat the exercise. It was noted that the VHMC meetings are all public meetings although there is no public display of an agenda. It was agreed that P Banks ask the VHMC to publish their agenda and space could be made on the village noticeboards for them to be displayed.

**009/10/08 Report by K Alexander and P Banks regarding Village Hall Management Committee**

P Banks stated that he had not been at the last meeting of the VHMC. K Alexander read out a prepared statement.
010/10/08 Questions to K Alexander and P Banks regarding agenda item 009/10/08
K Alexander was asked to confirm that the VHMC accounts show a loss at present of £250 per quarter. K Alexander said confirmed.
K Alexander was asked to state what fundraising ideas have been put forward by the VHMC. She replied that a village raffle as well as a social event in February were being considered.
K Alexander was asked whether a 100 Club had been considered. She responded that it had been discussed but agreed that it would be difficult getting people to sign up.

011/10/08 Consideration of Village Hall Management Committee and Charity Commission responses
K Alexander and P Banks left the meeting.
M Richards reported that an apology had been received from the VHMC regarding them having mislead the Parish Council as to the source of funds used to fund the capital works project in 2005. Therefore, in the Chairman's view, the original commitment is no longer valid. The general feeling was that any understanding of a commitment was null and void. It was explained that the VHMC had advised the Parish Council that there had been a shortfall of £30k required to make up the full capital cost of £80k. It had been understood that this money was being taken from an endowment fund which was in trust and the VHMC had obtained Charity Commission approval to use it, provided that it was replaced. The Parish Council has been asked to replace the endowment fund and it was agreed that the Parish Council would consider on an annual basis the payment of £2k for the next 15 years. It was noted that £40-50k was raised by the VHMC from other areas which all agreed was not an insignificant achievement.
After some discussion, it was agreed that the following proposal be raised at the November meeting.
Draft proposal for Parish Council meeting of 10th November 2008:

1. Decision as to whether Badby Parish Council considers the previous arrangement is no longer valid and considered null and void, namely the repayment of endowed capital - at a rate of £2,000 over a 15 year period voted annually by Badby Parish Council as advised to the Badby Parish Council as being agreed between the VHMC and the Charity Commission.

2. Decision as to whether Badby Parish Council considers any urgent need to provide further financial assistance at the present time given the VHMC’s current income/expenditure shortfall.

3. With regards to two capital expenditure items mentioned by the VHMC, namely replacement windows and flooring, Badby Parish Council to consider whether it would be open for an approach for any financial assistance and whether such approach should include the VHMC having adequate quotations for the work and a financial business plan.

012/10/08 Introduction and consideration of Freedom of Information Act
The Clerk reported that under the rules of the Freedom of Information Act, the Parish Council is duty bound to provide certain information in written form. This obligation has to be adopted by the Parish Council before 1st January 2009. The Clerk has the form which is to be completed and will circulate it before the next meeting. It was agreed that adoption of the Act will be placed on the agenda for November.

013/10/08 Consideration of response from DDC regarding BT Payphone Consultation
The Clerk reported that the DDC has now submitted the final response to the BT Payphone Removal Consultation. BT cannot remove any box identified on their proposed removal list if it has received a written objection to its removal.

014/10/08 Consultation on NMWDF – Core Strategy
The Chairman reported that the above consultation identifies areas of mineral deposits close to Badby. It was agreed that the document be circulated and be placed on the agenda for November's meeting.

015/10/08 Consultation on NMWDF – Control and Management of Development
Again, it was decided that this consultation be circulated and placed on the agenda for November's meeting.
016/10/08 Consultation on The Making and Enforcement of Byelaws
The Chairman reported that the above consultation relates to extra powers being handed to Parish Council's to deal with issues of nuisance. Again, it was decided that this consultation be circulated and placed on the agenda for November's meeting.

017/10/08 Consideration of DDC request for Parish Council Representatives for Standard’s Committee
Following discussion, it was agreed that anyone wishing to apply, could do so.

018/10/08 Consideration of attendance at Northampton Flood Fair
Following discussion, it was agreed that no representative be sent.

The Chairman reported on another consultation which had been received regarding Transport & Highways and the Top 10 Priorities for Badby Parish Council. The closing date for response is Monday 20th October. Following discussion, matters relating to Badby were agreed and the Clerk was tasked with returning the consultation.

019/10/08 Reports from Councillors

f. Roads and safety
   G Bell asked that he make his report as he had to leave the meeting. There was nothing to report. Following comment, it was agreed that the gravel from the pathways is being washed into the drains and may result in problems.

a. Greens
   The Chairman reported that he is trying to contact D Grainger regarding the cutting of the greens.
   M Warburton again offered to purchase a bag of bulbs to be planted by children at the school and Badby Chestnuts. He will liaise with the Clerk.
   The Clerk reported that no response has been received from DDC regarding a smaller vehicle being used for the bin collection on Church Green. The Clerk was tasked with chasing DDC.

b. Trees
   Nothing to report.

c. Playing Field
   S Robson reported that letters of support have been sent regarding the Cricket Club's grant request towards purchasing a new tractor.
   Biffa have yet again failed to empty the bin.

d. Rights of Way
   The area at Neneside Close and the field has been strimmed and the stile removed.
   K Alexander has again reported the path on the left of Chapel Lane and noted that this issue was first reported in January 2008 but no action has yet been taken.

e. Cemetery
   P Banks reported that he and the Clerk had met with the Cox family. Following a positive meeting, they had also met with E Grant to discuss costings. The quotes have now been received and it was agreed that work to the gate handle and the correction of the lip by the gate should be carried out as soon as possible. Meanwhile, quotes would be requested for the tarmacking of the pathway in the new part of the cemetery and remodelling the camber by the shed into the new cemetery.
   E Grant had been asked to advise regarding a new pathway at the top of the cemetery. He had asked whether it would be better to put in a step from the top pathway. The Clerk was tasked with speaking to Mr Morris. The cost of this would be in the region of £60.

f. Roads and safety
   P Banks reported that he had been asked about some of the road edging cobbles on The Green having been damaged during the works to the village green. The Clerk was tasked with chasing this matter.
   It was generally agreed that the excess gravel from pathways needs to be cleared. The Clerk was tasked with requesting a site meeting with MGWSP.
g. Street-Lighting
K Alexander reported a light out on The Glebe and it has been repaired.
S Gillings reported that a street light outside Danetre Cottage on Stoneway will be cleaned of plant growth.
The matter regarding damage to the street light on Pinfold Green is progressing.

h. Village Hall
Nothing to report.

i. Newsletter
The Clerk reported that a newsletter will be due out at the end of December. Anyone wishing any matters to be reported should contact the Clerk. A request was made that dog fouling be mentioned.

j. Training
S Robson and S Halson had attended training. They both found it extremely useful and considered that it could be useful for all Parish Councillors to attend.

020/10/08 Correspondence
- Daventry Over Fifties Forum - Newsletter 7
- Highways Reps’ Review – July/August 2008
- Active Aging Network Newsletter
- The Clerk – September 2008

021/10/08 Public Participation (2)
a. Mr Cox thanked the Council for its consideration of the issues regarding the cemetery.
b. A question was asked regarding the garages on Pound Lane. The Clerk reported that a request has been received to join the DDH on a walkabout of their village properties.
c. Following recent distraction burglaries, everyone was warned to be aware of scams. The Clerk was asked to put an article in the newsletter.
d. Requests were received for copies of the documents read out by K Alexander. The Clerk stated that she would check with the authors of each that it could be copied and, if positive, would arrange.

022/10/08 Any other matters
None.

023/09/08 Date of next meeting
The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th November 2008.
The Chairman reminded Parish Councillors that the December meeting is moved from 8th to the 15th.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.
THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

_Councillors:_ Mr Mike Warburton (Chairman), Mrs Karen Alexander, Mr Peter Banks, Mr Gary Bell, Mrs S Gilling, Mrs Sally Halson, Mr Steve Robson.
_Others:_ Mrs Sharon Foster (Clerk), 22 x Members of the public.

001/11/08 Apologies for absence
Mr Mike Richards, Mr John Page.

002/11/08 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
K Alexander and P Banks declared interest in items 010/11/08, 011/11/08 and 012/11/08.

003/11/08 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2008
Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. All were in agreement that they be signed as a correct record.

004/11/08 Public Participation (1)
The Chairman opened the meeting to the public floor. Two members of the public requested that they be allowed to speak just before the agenda items regarding the Village Hall.

a. The Chairman of the Film Society read out a statement stating its concern about what it felt was the current threat to the financial viability and independence of the village hall. He continued on to sum up the requirements of the Badby & District Film Society and that there is no viable alternative venue.

b. The Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee read out a statement voicing the disappointment of the VHMC as to the wording of the proposed resolutions to be discussed further in the meeting, asking the Parish Council to consider various points and requesting the release of budgetted 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 payments of £2,000 for each financial year.

c. A member of the public read out a statement stating that she felt the village hall was not under threat when it had some £20k in its accounts in April 2008. She voiced the opinion that the reserves and income have fallen and the VHMC is no longer assured of enough income to cover its running costs and that, therefore, the VHMC needed to take responsibility and look to what support people will give.

d. A member of the public clarified that any commitment to pay £2,000 over the next 15 years was unlawful and had to be voted on on an annual basis. The VHMC was aware of this. It was also clarified that the Parish Council has no responsibility for managing the village hall.

e. A member of the public stated that the last two speakers had contradicted each other.

f. A member of the public stated that if the Film Society were to raise its film fee from £5 to £6, the extra money raised (in the region of £500) could be donated to the VHMC, thereby decreasing any shortfall of the VHMC.

g. The Treasurer of the VHMC asked that the focus of the meeting return to the Resolutions put before the Parish Council.

During this agenda item, no discussion was entered into by P Banks or K Alexander.
005/11/08 Matters arising from the minutes
Nothing to report.

006/11/08 Finance
a. Income received
- £8,000.00 ½ year precept from DDC
- £47.26 Interest payment from Nat West Bank
- £520.00 Donation from Mr Morris to cemetery works
- £39.00 Rental from Badby Allotment Association

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*RESOLUTION* – All cheques approved for payment. Proposed by M Warburton; Seconded by K Alexander. Payments approved.

c. Presentation of first draft of Budget for Financial Year 2009/2010
The Chairman presented a draft of the budget for discussion at December's meeting. There was a query as to why the Election Cost budget had increased from £250 to £750. The Clerk explained that an agreement had been reached with the DDC that a £1,000 invoice for election costs would be paid over the next 4 years. However, it was felt that funds would be available to pay off the remaining £750. The Chairman commented that budget had been set aside for cemetery works. However, at the time of putting together the budget, no quote had been received. A quote had been handed to S Gilling which had been passed to the Clerk at the meeting. The draft will be discussed at the December meeting.

d. Consideration of interim pay scales for Clerk
The Clerk reported that a national interim pay rise had been negotiated. To be backdated to 1st April 2008, the rise was from £8.429 per hour to £8.635. This rise would mean an increase of £74.16 per year. An increase in mileage allowance from £0.558 per mile to £0.587.

*RESOLUTION* – Increases approved. Proposed by S Halson; Seconded by S Robson.

e. Acceptance and approval of conclusion of audit for Financial Year 2007/2008
The Clerk reported that the external audit had now been completed. The report was approved and accepted unanimously.

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d. Update regarding building work at Arbury Hill
The Clerk is still awaiting a response from the DDC.
008/11/08 Reports from Councillors

a. Greens
   The Clerk reported that M Richards had met with D Grainger and discussed which greens were cut under his contract.
   Bulbs had been purchased and kindly donated by M Warburton. These bulbs had been planted by children from Chestnuts Pre-school and Badby School.

b. Trees
   The Clerk was tasked with obtaining a quote for tree works previously discussed, in time for December's meeting.

c. Playing Field
   S Robson reported that he didn't know whether any machinery had been purchased by the Cricket Club but presumed that the grant funding was proceeding.
   There had been another occasion of the bin not being collected. This would be monitored.

d. Rights of Way
   K Alexander reported the ongoing situation regarding Chapel Lane. There is some confusion between the DDC and NCC as to who is responsible for its upkeep.
   It was reported that the gravel pathways had been swept and the drains are due to be cleared.

e. Cemetery
   P Banks reported the kind donation of £520 by Mr Morris for various works within the cemetery.
   An itemised quote has now been received for various other works to be considered at December's meeting. It was agreed by all present that the Parish Council has a duty to the disabled.

f. Roads and safety
   It was reported that the speed warning sign on the A361 is not working properly and the Clerk was tasked with reporting the matter to the NCC.

g. Street-Lighting
   The Clerk was tasked with chasing Kuehne & Nagel and progressing the matter of damage to the light pole on Pinfold Green.
   P Banks reported that he had been told about one light out and this would be progressed through S Gilling.

h. Village Hall
   To be considered later in the meeting.

i. Newsletter
   The Clerk reported that requests for contributions would be sent out this week. She asked the Chairman of the Film Society who was present, whether a person could be nominated to provide a contribution. The Chairman of the Film Society declined on the grounds that no contribution is necessary.

009/11/08 Update on issues regarding motocross circuit at Arbury Hill

The Clerk reported that the DDC had already said they would be unable to attend the meeting due to be held on 2nd November. It was then reported that the meeting had in fact been cancelled.

At this point in the meeting, a new Chairman was voted on. M Warburton was voted in as temporary Chairman. Proposed by P Banks and seconded by S Gilling. Agreed unanimously.

P Banks and K Alexander withdrew from the meeting.

010/11/08 Decision as to whether Badby Parish Council considers the previous arrangement is no longer valid and considered null and void, namely the repayment of endowed capital – at a rate of £2,000 over a 15 year period voted annually by Badby Parish Council as advised to the Badby Parish Council as being agreed between the VHMC and the Charity Commission

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The three Resolutions above were considered as one item.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council wanted to see a useable and viable village hall. He personally resented the implication that the Parish Council was the “villain”. He stated that the statement made earlier on behalf of the VHMC omitted any mention of the principle to pay on the basis of enabling the VHMC to repay endowed capital. As it has since been shown that the endowed capital was not used, it was felt that the basis of any commitment was no longer valid.

Proposal to accept Resolution 010/11/08: Proposed by S Robson, seconded by S Gilling.

Vote: 4:1 to accept the Resolution 010/11/08. (For: SR, SH, MW, SG; Against: GB)

G Bell stated that he wanted to discuss the matter further and asked some questions of the Treasurer of the VHMC (Dick Earley). It was noted that the VHMC has raised £850 since April 2008. The viability of the VHMC is shown as £7,350 of endowed capital and various Government stocks as well as some reserves. The day to day financial responsibility of the VHMC is being covered by income. The projection is to raise £1.6k and bring in £700 of new business in 2009. The VHMC is a not-for-profit organisation and there is a need to provide a safe building. The building is listed, therefore requiring planning permission for any work carried out on the building. The money which was spent on the extension was money which had been built up through surplus income and investments.

D Earley was asked that, if the VHMC is a non-profit-making organisation and profits should be reinvested, why then was there a requirement to replenish the funds? D Earley reported that the money is needed to replenish reserves and keep the VHMC’s head above water.

When asked about whether the only income was from hall hire, D Earley reported that other than hall hire, a small income came from a piece of land rented to The Old School House and approximately £450 from investment income.

G Bell asked what the view of the VHMC is. D Pearce (Chairman of the VHMC) responded that over the last two years, a number of people on the VHMC have been drained by the process of getting where they are today and there is now a need to form a new Committee which can move forward and deal with pressing matters. The VHMC could put out a begging bowl. Funds from 2007, not available from the Parish Council, would go towards the savings account.

M Warburton stated that, as he saw it, the business-as-usual income will cover business-as-usual costs. D Earley clarified that new windows will cost £4k and, by the end of the financial year, the reserves would be down to £3k. However, there is a great impact on cash flow at the beginning of the financial year.

Regarding the floor, quotes have not been obtained yet as the floor has to be raised before the extent of damage can be known. The village hall is built next to a spring and there is no damp course underneath the building, probably affecting the floor joists. The floor may last another 5 or 6 years. Also required are new windows within the main hall and a new coat of paint.

S Gilling asked what effect the loss of Chestnuts had had. D Pearce expressed opinion that it had been an opportunity to make the hall available to more clients. When asked what had happened since Chestnuts had left, he responded that the Birth Trust will be making a regular booking and there has been other interest. He said that he believed the loss of Chestnuts and Mums & Tots was in everyone’s interests and that new business may take several years to build up.

S Robson stated that he was pleased that debate had taken place but was disappointed that there had been no representation before now. Of the three proposals before the Parish Council, he felt that with regards to 010/11/08 the Parish Council was not now bound by any commitment; for 011/11/08, he felt that the VHMC has sufficient funds to get them through to the end of the year; and for 012/11/08, he noted that, before he became a Parish Councillor, he had heard various representations for donations and these had been listened to with great interest and empathy. He saw this as an indication that the
Parish Council would listen to structured requests in order to make an informed decision.

Regarding Resolution 011/11/08, G Bell clarified that the financial year began on 13th April. The Clerk asked whether the VHMC could pay large bills due in April in installments, and used as an example what the Parish Council has done with its election cost invoice received from the DDC. D Earley pointed out that sometimes this has an impact on discounts offered.

Proposal to accept Resolution 011/11/08: Proposed by G Bell, seconded by M Warburton. Vote: Unanimous.

Regarding Resolution 012/11/08, S Robson asked whether an agenda item should be set for December's meeting for a representation from the VHMC, to demonstrate the willingness of the Parish Council to show good will. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact D Pearce or D Earley before producing the agenda for December.

Proposal to accept Resolution 012/11/08: Proposed by G Bell, seconded by S Gilling. Vote: Unanimous.

P Banks and K Alexander returned to the meeting and P Banks resumed his seat as Chairman of the meeting.

G Bell stated that his personal view was that any representation from the Village Hall Management Committee regarding a request for funding for windows or flooring would be looked upon favourably by him. It was clarified by S Halson that this in no way meant that the Parish Council would be predisposed to granting funding and would expect to see suitable financial figures and quotes for works, in the same way as it would for any other community organisation approaching the Parish Council for funding.

At this point of the meeting, 15 members of public left the meeting.

013/11/08 Consideration of Consultation on NMWDF – Core Strategy
It was felt that the consultation was well structured but the Parish Council had no comment to make.

014/11/08 Consideration of Consultation on NMWDF – Control and Management of Development
It was felt that the Parish Council has no comment to make.

015/11/08 Consideration of Consultation on The Making and Enforcement of Byelaws
It was felt that the Parish Council has no comment to make.

016/11/08 Adoption of Freedom of Information Act
Following discussion, the Freedom of Information Act was adopted and the Clerk was tasked with completing the necessary paperwork.

*RESOLUTION* – To approve and adopt the Freedom of Information Act. Proposed by M Warburton; Seconded by S Gilling.

017/11/08 Completion of Urban Highway Grass Mowing Agreement 2009 – 136 Agreement
The Clerk reported that this agreement is entered into on an annual basis in order to receive funding from the NCC for mowing certain areas of grass in the village. It was agreed unanimously that the Agreement be completed.

018/11/08 Consideration of MDA Consultation on Regional Plan of Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands
It was felt that the Parish Council has no comment to make.

019/11/08 Consideration of Consultation on Communities in control: Code of Conduct
It was agreed that the Consultation be circulated and discussed at December's meeting.

020/11/08 Correspondence
- LCR – November 2008
- Daventry Express article re Village Hall (16.10.08)
- Future Housing Group – Annual Report
021/11/08  Public Participation (2)

a. A member of public enquired re the moles in the cemetery as he had recently purchased a new device and thought it may help if the problem persisted in the cemetery.

b. A member of public stated that she believed the road from Everdon at the bottom of Chapel Lane by the turning into Brookside Lane was a dangerous spot as traffic is travelling too fast and asked whether anything could be done. The Clerk was asked to contact NCC to enquire.

c. A member of the public noted that it was a pity all those members of the public who had left the meeting early had not stayed for the rest of the meeting. However, it was nice to see the general public taking an interest in village issues.

d. A member of the public stated that the idea re the Film Society putting up their charge was a good one and that some people do not necessarily understand that the VHMC is an independent body and the only involvement of the Parish Council is as custodian of the village hall deeds. Grants obtained by the VHMC towards the building work had required an assurance of sufficient income.

022/11/08  Any other matters

The Clerk reported that she had had a phone call from Steve Mills at the Daventry Express. He had asked that a representative of the Parish Council discuss tonight's meeting with him. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would tell Mr Mills that the Parish Council had no comment to make.

023/11/08  Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be delayed for one week and will be held on Monday 15th December 2008.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.
THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

_Councillors_: Mr Mike Richards (Chairman), Mrs Karen Alexander, Mr Peter Banks, Mr Gary Bell, Mrs S Gilling, Mrs Sally Halson, Mr Steve Robson, Mr Mike Warburton, County Councillor Robin Brown.

_Others_: Mrs Sharon Foster (Clerk), 8 x Members of the public.

001/12/08 _Apologies for absence_
Mr John Page, District Councillor Tony Scott.

002/12/08 _Declarations of interest in items on the agenda_
None.

003/12/08 _Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2008_
Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. All were in agreement that they be signed as a correct record.
Proposed by M Warburton, Seconded by S Robson.

004/12/08 _Public Participation (1)_
The Chairman opened the meeting to the public floor.

a. A member of the public voiced concern that following recent newspaper articles, the public could be led to believe that the Parish Council could be seen as pre-determined to the VHMC making an approach for funding. The Chairman's response was that anyone under this impression would be referred to the Parish Council minutes. It was also noted that a statement had been made in the Parish newsletter.

b. A member of the public stated that she had been involved in an incident involving a dog chasing sheep in a field. A lamb could easily have died. It was agreed that an article be placed in the newsletter asking people to be responsible for their dogs and keep them on leads.

c. A member of the public made comment regarding Planning Application DA/2008/1168. A letter of objection has been sent to DDC, copied to the Parish Council. There is concern over the size, material and proposed use of the shed. The Chairman noted that the Parish Council would be reviewing the application later in the meeting.

d. A member of the public seconded what had been said in c. above and has also sent letters to the DDC and Parish Council.

e. County Councillor Robin Brown addressed the meeting. He stated that budgets have been agreed resulting in a 3.9% rise in Council Tax. The County Council is continuing its support for the police and continuing a £1/2 million financial support for PCSOs. He also confirmed that the Empowerment Fund will be available.

005/12/08 _Matters arising from the minutes_

a. The Clerk reported that the flashing speed sign on the A361 had been fixed.

b. The Clerk reported that Street Doctor had been asked to look at the overhanging bushes on Bunkers Hill but no action had yet been taken.
**006/12/08 Finance**

a. Income received
   - £80.00  Headstone fees (Piner and Coles)
   - £30.00  Headstone fee (Mortimer)
   - £2.30   EON annual wayleave rent

b. Payments for approval

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* Regarding Cheque No. 001445, it was noted that a charge of £72.00 had been made for January, February and March 2007. These months are covered under the arrangement with the VHMC that no charge be made for rental of the village hall during those financial years where a payment of £2k was made. Therefore, it was unanimously agreed that a cheque for £456.00 be sent to the VHMC with a letter explaining the lower payment.

RESOLUTION* – All other cheques approved for payment. Proposed by M Warburton; Seconded by S Gilling. Payments approved.

c. Consideration and decision regarding Grass Mowing Contracts

A document showing the comparison of all tenders received for the two grass mowing contracts had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that D Grainger be awarded the contract for village greens and N Kennedy be awarded the contract for the cemetery.

RESOLUTION* – Contracts awarded as above. Proposed by P Banks; Seconded by K Alexander. Unanimously agreed.

d. Presentation of and discussion regarding second draft of Budget for Financial Year 2009/2010

The Clerk was tasked with obtaining tree quotes in time for the January meeting. An increase in the mowing budget was agreed to fall into line with the contract awarded for 2009/2010. It was agreed that the budget would be signed off at the January meeting.

e. Discussion and decision regarding quote for works to the cemetery

The Chairman reported that three options had been put forward for the pathway. It was agreed that the Chairman would meet with Mr Grant as the material used on the pathway needs to be sustainable and able to last a minimum of three years. It was noted that if examples could be inspected by the Parish Councillors, this would help them to make a decision.

S Halson noted that Breedon gravel had been used at the country park and there were concerns over how long it had lasted.

**007/12/08 Planning**

a. Applications received

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* This Planning application was discussed at the November Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council had requested a delay in response but had been denied. The Application had been passed before the Planning Committee and been granted.
b. Decisions received

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c. Appeals

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d. Update regarding building work at Arbury Hill

The Clerk read out an email received from DDC. The DDC has visited the site and agreed that the building is for farm use. It is understood that planning will be required when a change of use is planned. The owner, following discussion with the Parish Council, agreed to keep the Parish Council informed of any developments. It was noted that any planning application will be passed through Staverton Parish Council.

**008/12/08** Reports from Councillors

a. Greens

Nothing to report.

b. Trees

Nothing to report.

c. Playing Field

S Robson reported that, following non-collection of the bins, discussion had taken place with the DDC and an 8 week credit would be forwarded to the Parish Council.

S Robson also reported that the Cricket Club had received more grant funding towards the purchase of a tractor and roller.

M Richards reported that D Grainger had asked why the Parish Council has the bicycle track cut. It was agreed that M Richards and S Robson would request a meeting with D Grainger to discuss further.

d. Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

e. Cemetery

Already discussed.

f. Roads and safety

The Clerk reported that she had received an email saying that road markings had not been replaced at the Brookside Lane and Chapel Lane junction following resurfacing a few years ago. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to NCC Highways regarding this issue as well as the junction of Bunkers Hill and the A361.

S Robson noted that Ian McGiverney is the contact for MGWSP who attends the Parish & Town Council Meeting.

g. Street-Lighting

S Gilling reported that the light at the top of Church Green had been fixed.

It was agreed that following no response from Kuehne & Nagel regarding the accident involving a lighting pole on Pinfold Green, the Clerk should contact the Insurance Manager at the Duventry site.

h. Village Hall

The Clerk was asked to chase for the delivery of the sign for outside the Village Hall.
P Banks and K Alexander reported that the VHMC is making efforts to fundraising. The Film Society had agreed to donate the proceeds from one of its film nights. The VHMC is also looking for new members. It was noted, however, that Parish Councillors had expected the VHMC to make more use of its article in the Parish newsletter. It was noted that an email had been received concerning comments recorded in recent minutes in relation to the Village Hall Management Committee. Concern was voiced in the email that accusations had been made as well as spurious comments. The Clerk noted that she had replied to the email.

i. Newsletter
Additions were discussed and agreed.

j. Training
The Clerk notified Parish Councillors that the new Training Plan will be coming out in the New Year. Off To A Flying Start will once again be a part of the agenda, in case anyone wanted to sign on for it.

009/12/08 Update on issues regarding motocross circuit at Arbury Hill
The last meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. The owner (Mr Teverson) said that due to the current economic crisis, people were less inclined to race. Mr Teverson said that he does however plan a full schedule for next year and will forward the dates to the Parish Council when they are available.

010/12/08 Clarification of Resolutions regarding Village Hall Management Committee agreed at November’s meeting following publication of articles in The Daventry Express
It was noted that the Resolutions voted on at November's meeting were clarified in the Parish newsletter as well as shown in the minutes of that meeting. It was agreed that £4k was paid over and this money should be treated as a donation to the building project costs. It was also noted that the Parish Council had put time aside on the December agenda to discuss any approach from the VHMC but the VHMC had not taken up the offer. The Clerk reported that she had had a discussion with the Chairman of VHMC who said that he had been unable to put together the financial information necessary to make an approach. The Parish Council reiterated that any approach from the VHMC would be looked at on its own merits and that the matter is now closed until such time as any approach is made.

011/12/08 Setting of dates for 2009 Parish Council Meetings and Parish Annual Meeting
Dates agreed for 2009 are: 12th January, 9th February, 9th March, 6th April, 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December. The April meeting has been moved one week earlier than usual due to 13th April being Easter Monday. The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Meeting will be held on the same night of 11th May.

012/12/08 Consideration of Christmas Tree Recycling Project by DDC
It was agreed that, as last year, Pinfold Green and Church Green would be used as sites for the Christmas Tree Recycling Project.

013/12/08 To appoint delegates to the NCC Conference or Parishes to be held on Wednesday 18th March 2009
It was agreed that this matter be raised at the February 2009 meeting.

014/12/08 Discussion regarding bus route through Badby
It was noted that this discussion would not involve buses travelling up Bunkers Hill. P Banks knew the history of the issue and was sympathetic at the time of the change in bus route. When asked whether there was a chance of going back to the old system, P Banks reported that he had been told by Geoff Amos Coaches at the time that regulations did not allow for buses to reverse in built up areas. It was agreed that clarification was needed as to whether these regulations still apply. Mention was made as to whether a request could be made to Geoff Amos for the bus to come up into the village but some Parish
Councillors voiced concerns over speeding buses and the chance of hitting parked vehicles. The Clerk was tasked with writing to Geoff Amos to establish whether restrictions still apply and whether they would be amenable to discussing the issue further.

015/12/08 Correspondence
- Public Transport Guide
- Wildlife Training Workshops 2009
- Village Viewpoint – Winter 2008
- Clerks & Councils Direct – Winter 2008
- The Clerk – November 2008
- Glasdon product brochure
- Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association – Annual Report
- NCALC Update – Nov-Dec 2008
- Victim Support & Witness Services – Annual Report
- Northants ACRE – Supporting Rural Communities

016/12/08 Public Participation (2)
a. A member of the public asked whether Stop lines or Slow road markings could be made on Brookside Lane and Chapel Lane. It was agreed that this matter be raised with NCC Highways.

b. Another member of the public said that there is also a problem on the Catesby Lane and it was agreed that this matter also be added to the agenda for meeting NCC Highways.

017/12/08 Any other matters
None.

018/12/08 Date of next meeting
The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th January 2009

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.
THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

_Councillors_: Mr Mike Richards (Chairman), Mr Peter Banks, Mrs Sally Halson, Mr Steve Robson, Mr Mike Warburton, District Councillor Tony Scott.
_Others_: Mrs Sharon Foster (Clerk), 5 x Members of the public.

001/01/09 Apologies for absence
Mrs Karen Alexander, Mr Gary Bell, Mrs S Gilling, Mr John Page, County Councillor Robin Brown

002/01/09 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
None.

003/01/09 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2009
Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. All were in agreement that they be signed as a correct record.
Proposed by M Warburton, Seconded by P Banks.

004/01/09 Public Participation (1)
The Chairman opened the meeting to the public floor.

  a. A member of the public noted that she had recently had reason to use the bus stop at Pinfold Green and had enormous difficulty pulling a wheeled case over the golden gravel.

  b. A member of the public made comment regarding his planning application which had been discussed at December's Parish Council meeting. He had been away at the time of the meeting and so was unable to attend. He had been advised of the objections of the Parish Council as well as objections from the District Council and, following a meeting with the DDC, had decided to withdraw the application and re-submit at a later date. He intended having a site meeting and invited the Parish Council to be represented at that meeting. He would contact the Clerk when a date is agreed.

005/01/09 Matters arising from the minutes

  a. The Clerk reported that she is waiting for confirmation of a meeting with Lara Inglott of NCC re Catesby Lane, Chapel Lane and Bunkers Hill.

  b. The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Danny Haigh of Kuehne & Nagel regarding the damaged lighting pole on Pinfold Green. Following discussion, K&H had agreed to pay the cost of repairs to the pole. The Clerk then spoke to K&H's insurance company and had sent copies of correspondence. The insurance company will now contact ABB direct to arrange for the work to be carried out.

006/01/09 Finance

  a. Income received

     | Cheque no | Payee       | Details            | Amount       | Authority  |
     |-----------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
     | 001446    | S Foster    | Salary             | £293.63      | LGA1972 s.112 |
     | 001447    | S Foster    | Expenses           | £34.56       | LG(FP)A 1963 s.5 |
     | 001448    | Phone Co-op | Telephone calls    | £2.38 + VAT  | LG(FP)A 1963 s.5 |
     | 001449    | S Foster    | Newsletter printing| £64.59       | LG(FP)A 1963 s.5 |
     | 001450    | EON         | Lighting maintenance| £133.50 + VAT| PCA 1957   |

  b. Payments for approval

*RESOLUTION* – All other cheques approved for payment. Proposed by S Robson;
c. Consideration and decision regarding Tree Maintenance Contract
The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had met with James Burton of Cutting Edge on Friday. A proposal was discussed involving Cutting Edge carrying out an inspection of all the trees in the village and then consulting with DDC Conservation Officer to obtain agreement on any works needed. The discussion centred mainly on the chestnut outside Park House which James Burton reported that, after his previous inspection, he considered that major work needed to be carried out. He would carry out a further inspection and then consult with Rachel Booth (Conservation Officer) and agree the best course of action after which he would then report back to the Parish Council. Cutting Edge would then provide a written report to the Parish Council for forwarding to the insurance company and we would then be able to obtain quotes for the recommended works. James Burton agreed a sum of £500 for the cost of a full inspection of all the trees within the village, including consultation with the Conservation Officer at DDC and production of an inspection report. The Parish Council agreed the payment of £500 once this work has been completed.

d. Discussion and decision regarding quote for works to the cemetery
The Chairman had met with Eddy Grant regarding options for materials to be used for the cemetery pathway. To lay tarmac would cost £1,000 more than Breedon gravel but it would last longer. After much discussion regarding the financing of the project, it was agreed that there be a search for grants in order to carry out the work.

*RESOLUTION* – Grants be looked into for the above work. Proposed by S Halson; Seconded by P Banks.

e. Presentation of ¾ year accounts
The Chairman updated the Parish Council on the ¾ year figures. It was agreed that a third bank account be opened in order to ringfence money set aside for burial ground building work. It was agreed that the churchyard wall work already carried out has been completed and the Parish Council should look at getting costs for the next phase of work required.

f. Finalisation of budget for Financial Year 2009/2010
Following discussion, the budget for 2009/2010 was agreed and ratified.

*RESOLUTION* – Budget ratified. Proposed by S Robson; Seconded by M Warburton.

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### 007/01/09 Planning

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### 008/01/09 Reports from Councillors

a. Greens
The Clerk reported she had received an email from the DDC regarding the dog litter bin on School Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk organise for the bin to be put back up on the pole.
The Clerk reported that Christmas trees left on Church Green and Pinfold Green will be collected next week.
b. Trees
   Already covered.

c. Playing Field
   The Clerk and Chairman had met with D Grainger regarding the mowing of the bike track at the playing field. After some discussion, it was agreed by the Parish Council that the track be treated with weed killer instead of strimmed for the next 12 months. The matter would be monitored and any comments be brought back to the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to write to D Grainger and confirm three sprays per annum instead of seven cuts and that the spray used is non-toxic.
   The Chairman reported that D Grainger had asked whether it would be possible to weed kill the area around road signs and trees where it is difficult to strim. Again, it was agreed that the matter be monitored and any feedback reported.

d. Rights of Way
   Nothing to report.

e. Cemetery
   Nothing to report.

f. Roads and safety
   Regarding the matter of the bus route, the Clerk reported that she had written to Geoff Amos Coaches and was awaiting a reply. It was noted the Stoneway had specifically been extended to enable buses to back into it.
   District Councillor Scott noted that regarding the golden gravel, Staverton village had been re-visited to have the pathways swept of excess gravel some time after the gravel had been laid down.

g. Street-Lighting
   Nothing to report.

h. Village Hall
   The Clerk reported that D Grainger had agreed to cut the village hall grass but at no extra charge so long as the access was easy for his mower.
   It was noted that the Village Hall Management Committee is organising a number of events in the near future and becoming more active in its fundraising.

i. Newsletter
   It was agreed that the Newsletter had been well received.

009/01/09  Consideration of NCC's Local List re Planning Applications Consultation
   It was agreed that this be circulated.

010/01/09  Consideration of Communities in Control Consultation
   It was agreed that this be circulated.

011/01/09  Consideration of DDC Playbuilder Funding
   It was agreed that Sally Halson would attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

012/01/09  Completion of NCC/MGWSP Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire
   It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would complete the questionnaire.

013/01/09  Consideration of DDH Tenants Meeting Information
   It was agreed that the Clerk would chase for a meeting with DDH regarding the garages in face of the fact that the garages were now in such a state of disrepair.

014/01/09  Consideration of NCC Draft Council Plan and Budget
   It was agreed that the Parish Council would wait for meetings to be set up with the NCC.

015/01/09  Consideration of attendance at A361 Meeting with DDC
   It was agreed that Karen Alexander be requested to attend this meeting. If she is unable to, Pete Banks will attend.
016/01/09 Correspondence
• Active Ageing Newsletter – Winter 2008
• The Playing Field – Winter 2008
• Village Viewpoint – Winter 2008
• Northants ACRE Annual Report and Accounts 2007-2008
• LCR – January 2009
• Letter from NCC re Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework
• Safer Driving in Northamptonshire leaflet

017/01/09 Public Participation (2)
a. It was noted that the amount of traffic along Chapel Lane is quite high.

018/01/09 Any other matters
None.

019/01/09 Date of next meeting
The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th February 2009.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.
THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

_Councillors:_ Mr Peter Banks (Chairman), Mrs Karen Alexander, Mrs Sally Halson, Mr Steve Robson, Mr Mike Warburton.
_Others:_ Mrs Sharon Foster (Clerk), 2 x Members of the public.

**001/02/09 Apologies for absence**
Absent: Mr Gary Bell.
Apologies: Mrs S Gilling, Mr John Page, Mr Mike Richards.

**002/02/09 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
None.

**003/02/09 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2009**
Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. All were in agreement that they be signed as a correct record.
Proposed by S Robson, Seconded by M Warburton.

**004/02/09 Public Participation (1)**
The Chairman opened the meeting to the public floor.
a. A member of the public voiced concerns regarding planning application DA/2009/0036.

**005/02/09 Matters arising from the minutes**
a. S Halson and S Foster stated that they had both looked at grant funding. It was agreed that they meet and report back to the next meeting.

**006/02/09 Finance**
a. Income received
   £590.48    VAT repayment
   £26.90     Nat West interest payment
b. Payments for approval

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*RESOLUTION* – All other cheques approved for payment. Proposed by K Alexander; Seconded by M Warburton. Payments approved.

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It was noted that a site meeting with the DDC is taking place on Tuesday 10th February in relation to the above planning application. P Banks will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

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008/02/09 Reports from Councillors

a. Greens
   Nothing to report.

b. Trees
   Nothing to report.

c. Playing Field
   Nothing to report.

d. Rights of Way
   M Warburton reported that he had received a complaint regarding dog fouling on EB14. He had spoken to Rights of Way Officer who will be erecting warning signs. There was a request that he make contact with the landowner to agree locations of the signs. It was noted that the trees on the Chapel Lane footpath have been cleared recently.

e. Cemetery
   P Banks had had a conversation with E Grant regarding the material to be used for the footpath. He had advised tarmac. It was agreed that tarmac would be used, subject to funding and budgets. S Robson reported that he had had a telephone call regarding a request to turn a headstone around. It was understood that it would be more acceptable to have both sides of the gravestone engraved. However, the Clerk was asked to research whether this is normally acceptable.

f. Roads and safety
   P Banks reported that a letter had been received from Geoff Amos Coaches regarding a possible change in the bus route. GAC advise that although they do understand the need to provide a service to the whole of the village, they are unable to make any changes to their timetable at this time. K Alexander reported that she had attended a meeting regarding the A361. At the meeting, it was agreed that the signage to the M40 be changed to take traffic away from the A361. It was noted that Street Doctor had cleared the drain which had been causing a problem on the left hand bend heading into Daventry. It would seem that the blocked drain had been the cause of the flooding. The Clerk reported that she has been in contact with MGWSP re setting up a meeting but, due to holidays, had been unable to set up a date yet.

g. Street-Lighting
   The matter of the street light on Pinfold Green has now been agreed with the insurance company and will be repaired.

h. Village Hall
   There was a request that a submission be made for the Badby website from the Village Hall Management Committee.

i. Newsletter
   Nothing to report.

009/02/09 Consideration of NCC's Local List re Planning Applications Consultation
The document had been circulated and it was agreed that no comment was necessary.

010/02/09 Consideration of Communities in Control Consultation
The document had been circulated and it was agreed that no comment was necessary.

011/02/09 Report by S Halson re Play Provision
S Halson reported that she had attended a meeting with Play Builder. There are three rounds of funding – one has already passed, one is due next month and the last is due to be held in November. It was agreed that it is an issue which the Parish Council would like to pursue and should canvas parishioners to find out how they feel about possible areas in the village being used. It was agreed that there would be a need to prove support for any application for funding. Any parishioners wishing to make comment should contact the Clerk. The matter will be placed on the agenda for March 2009.

012/02/09 Consideration of 2009 Village of the Year Competition
It was agreed that Badby would not participate this year.

013/02/09 Consideration of CPRE’s Stop the Drop Campaign
It was generally agreed that a litter pick would need to be championed by an individual. Parish Councillors would canvas parishioners but anyone wishing to take on the project is asked to contact the Clerk.

014/02/09 Consideration of representation on Rural Services Network
S Robson agreed to act as representative for Badby Parish Council.

015/02/09 Consideration of Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework
It was agreed that this be forwarded to Mike Richards.

016/02/09 Correspondence
- Thank you letter from Mr Morris
- Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2009
- The Clerk – January 2009
- Notification from DDC of intention to Adopt Public Health Act 1925 – Sections 17 to 19

017/02/09 Public Participation (2)
a. Nothing to report.

018/02/09 Any other matters
None.

019/02/09 Date of next meeting
The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th March 2009.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.
THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Councillors: Mr Mike Richards (Chairman), Mrs Karen Alexander, Mr Peter Banks, Mrs S Gilling, Mrs Sally Halson, Mr Steve Robson, Mr Mike Warburton.
Others: Mrs Sharon Foster (Clerk), 4 x Members of the public.

001/03/09 Apologies for absence
Absent : None.
Apologies: Mr Gary Bell, Mr John Page, County Councillor Robin Brown, District Councillor Tony Scott.

002/03/09 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
S Halson declared an interest in Agenda item 18/03/09.

003/03/09 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2009
Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. All were in agreement that they be signed as a correct record.
Proposed by M Warburton, Seconded by S Robson.

004/03/09 Public Participation (1)
The Chairman opened the meeting to the public floor.

a. A member of the public gave each Parish Councillor a copy of the statement she will be making at the Daventry District Council Planning Committee meeting on April 13th with regards to planning application DA/2009/0036.

b. A member of the public noted that Agenda item 12/03/09 is not a letter from the local Neighbourhood Watch group.

c. A member of the public asked for an update on the meeting with Daventry & District Housing with regards to the garages on Pound Lane. The matter is to be discussed later in the meeting.

005/03/09 Matters arising from the minutes
a. P Banks reported that he had attended a site meeting at Underwood with regards to a recent planning application which had been withdrawn. The applicant will be submitting new plans, having taken advice from DDC.

006/03/09 Finance
a. Income received
£695.61 NCC Grass Mowing Grant

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b. Payments for approval
* It was noted that this cheque takes into account a credit note forwarded to the Parish
Council for non-collection of the Playing Field bin.

*RESOLUTION* – All other cheques approved for payment. Proposed by P Banks; Seconded by S Robson. Payments approved.

007/03/09 Planning

a. Applications received

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| DA/2009/0109 | Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of replacement single storey extension | The Laurels, 4 The Green, Badby NN11 3AF | Support |

b. Decisions received

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008/03/09 Reports from Councillors

a. Greens

One negative comment has been received regarding strimming of the greens. It was noted that the metal guards have made it difficult to cut right up to the trees on The Green. The situation will continue to be monitored.

One negative comment has also been received regarding the weed killing of the cycle track at the playing field. It was agreed that the situation be monitored.

b. Trees

The Clerk confirmed that an inspection is due to be made before 31st April 2009.

c. Playing Field

Nothing to report.

d. Rights of Way

It was noted that signs re fouling have been posted on EB14 and following the posting of photographs showing a recent attack on sheep, there has been a significant decrease in the number of people using the field where the attack took place.

P Banks reported that he had received a letter from Andrew Hartshorn in Canada enquiring as to the possibility of installing a bench near to the exit of Honey Lane in memory of his parents. It was agreed that M Richards and P Banks would look into this and report back to the next meeting.
e. Cemetery
It was noted that at the last meeting, the Parish Council had agreed to use tarmac for the new pathway subject to funds being available. The Clerk and S Halson had met to discuss grants and are looking into two possibilities. It was agreed that matter be on the agenda for the next meeting.
The Clerk reported that three graves had been re-filled during the month. P Banks passed on thanks from one of the families concerned to the Clerk in dealing with this matter.

f. Roads and safety
The gravel has again filled up the drains on School Lane.
There is a large pot-hole at the bottom of Bridge Hill on the A361.
The Clerk reported that she has been in contact with Nick Gore and they are trying to set up a meeting.

g. Street-Lighting
Nothing to report.

h. Village Hall
K Alexander circulated a copy of the VHMC Treasurer's Report. The VHMC has requested quotes for new heaters. It was noted that regular bookings are now being taken.
The VHMC is being restructured to include new people and members of community organisations.
Quotes are being obtained for work to the floor and windows. It was reported that half of the boards underneath the flooring may need replacing and quite a few of the windows need either replacing or refurbishing.
It was noted that fundraising events are taking place – the next being a Mama Mia sing-along evening on 4th April. However, it was noted that no Parish Councillors are supporting events.
The Parish Council congratulated the VHMC on their efforts on fundraising and development of the VHMC.
M Richards reported that a member of the public has concerns with Minute 352/09/08a recorded in the Minutes dated 8th September 2008 and requests that the following statement be recorded. “The total cost paid from the halls funds was £29,506 ... None of this capital derived from the sale of the school house (£7,350) which remains invested. As shown on the accounts forwarded previously, £17,180 of surplus income was taken from investments and the remainder of the hall contribution come from cash reserves built up deliberately towards the project”.

i. Newsletter
Nothing to report.

009/03/09 Update on Play Provision and findings
The Clerk reported that she and S Halson had met and agreed that the best way to find out how people feel about play provision in the village would be through a questionnaire. A draft had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk should find out whether there is any possibility of allowing a play area on registered greens. If not, then those options should be removed from the questionnaire. It was agreed that the questionnaire could either be circulated by Parish Councillors or with the Link at the end of the month.

S Halson reported that she and the Clerk had met with DDH at the garages on Pound Lane. The garages have been fenced off and will be demolished in the near future. As yet, there are no plans on what to do with the land and DDH will await the results of the questionnaire. The land on which the garages stand belongs to DDH but the Parish Council and NCC also own pieces of land across the front. S Halson is in the process of obtaining a plan of site to clarify who owns what. It was agreed that the matter be placed on the agenda for April's meeting.

010/03/09 Consideration of CPRE's Stop the Drop Campaign
There has been no progress on this matter and so the Campaign will not take place this year.

011/03/09  Consideration of procedure regarding apologies for absence from Parish Council meetings
Notification had been received from NCALC as to the procedure regarding apologies from Parish Councillors. It was agreed that attendance and commitment to the Parish Council is important and regular absences could be seen as treating the Parish Council with some disregard.
M Richards reported that J Page had taken the decision to resign and the procedure would now be set in place for replacing him.
M Richards would also speak to G Bell.

012/03/09  Consideration of Neighbourhood Watch letter
The Clerk read out a letter received from the Western Area Neighbourhood Watch Committee. It was agreed that the Parish Council supports the Badby Neighbourhood Watch group.

013/03/09  Consideration of nomination for Royal Garden Party
Following receipt of a request for nominations from NCALC, two nominations had been received. However, neither P Banks or M Richards wished to be put forward.

014/03/09  Consideration of and decision regarding vehicle crossing at Pinfold Green
The Clerk reported that the land being crossed is not registered village green and belongs to DDC. It was agreed that the Clerk would find out whether any permissions are needed for the works which have been carried out and, if so, whether they have been sought and granted.

015/03/09  Consideration of CPRE invitation to attend CPRE Northants Planning Road Show
M Warburton agreed to attend at a cost of £29.00.

016/03/09  Consideration of request for permission to erect a marquee on The Green
It was agreed that permission be granted subject to previous conditions.

017/03/09  Consideration of DDC letter regarding Youth Clubs
It was agreed that there is no need for a Youth Club in the village at this time but consideration could be made for providing transport to Daventry Youth Club, if required.
S Halson left the meeting.

018/03/09  Consideration of email from Preston Capes PC regarding planning concerns
Following some discussion, it was agreed that DDC be asked whether they, as a service provider, carry out a survey of Parish Councils to canvas opinion on the efficiency of the service it provides. The Clerk was tasked with contacting DDC.

S Halson re-joined the meeting.

019/03/09  Correspondence
•  NCALC Update – Jan/Feb 2009
•  DDSN Safer Stronger Partnership Objectives
•  LCR – March 2009
•  Town and Parish Standard – February 2009
•  Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2009

020/03/09  Public Participation (2)
a. A member of the public noted that the track on the playing field has developed quite a divot on one side. She stated that the Allotment Society have an amount of stone which could be used to fill the hole. It was agreed that the Cricket Club be contacted with a request for assistance. M Richards, P Banks and S Robson agreed also to assist.
b. A member of the public noted that there is a complaints procedure for DDC.

c. A member of the public noted that the tarmac at the edge of Everdon Road is starting to give way.

d. As regards the Pound Lane garage site, a member of the public raised the option of using the area for designated parking.

e. A member of the public requested details of planned VHMC events for putting on the Badby website.

f. A member of the public requested a copy of the correspondence relating to agenda item 008/03/09h.

021/03/09  Any other matters
Nothing to report.

022/03/09  Date of next meeting
The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 6th April 2009 – one week earlier than usual due to Easter Monday falling on 13th April 2009.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.