

Preparations for the annual bonfire event, the repairing of the rec field fence and the installation of a litter bin in the area.

RESOLVED: The report was noted

5. FINANCE REPORT:

5.1 The October Financial Report

Additional invoices requiring payment received post report issue:

Marwood Estate (rec field rent)	£687.30
Raby Estate (Spa rent)	£35.00
L. Johnstone (reimburse sundries)	£29.44
CE Walker (grass cuts)	£748.80
F&R Jackson (skip re bonfire)	£144.00
Teesdale Memorial (cleaning memorial)	£669.00

RESOLVED: The November Financial Report was proposed as a true record by Cllr Coomer and seconded by Cllr Charge

6. LOCAL MAINTENANCE:

None reported

7. REVIEW OF 2018 BONFIRE & FIREWORK EVENT:

The Clerk gave a brief piece of feedback to members on the event.

The new procedures with bucket collectors wearing high viz vests as stewards generally worked well to identify them. From his observations at the various locations where collections were being made there was still an element of people attending that did not contribute, and others who were very generous.

The area to look at for next year's event will be around the Cross Keys – more collectors were needed or this entry point is fenced off.

Early count on the buckets was £1880. The burger tent expects to be down on last year, as they were less busy. That figure will come through in the next week.

Cllr Charge reported the event as extremely well received again, especially the big finish for Anne.

Members were pleased the event was overwhelmingly appreciated but felt more should be done to encourage those donations. An idea put forward was to invest in A3 posters to be put up prior to the event to remind people where the money goes

The Clerk referred to a single donation of £50 received from a resident, Mr David Reid. Members were very grateful for Mr Reid's kind donation. **RESOLVED:** Formal letter of thanks to be issued.

8. CORRESPONDANCE:

8.1 J. Redgate – request to place a memorial bench on the village green for Don Coates,

who had lived in the village for nearly 70 years.

Members discussed the request and the current situation with the benches on the village greens.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Roff the request is agreed on the proviso it would be a refurbished bench rather than a new one, as per the last such request. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Platten.

The Clerk will write to Ms Redgate to take things forward.

Cllr Platten proposed the council could look at access to all of its benches and improve if required. Seconded by Cllr Coomer.

9. PLANNING:

No new planning applications.

In Cllr Britton's absence the Clerk gave the Neighbourhood Plan update

As reported last month we have now started writing the Neighbourhood Plan. We have commissioned the last part of the evidence base which is an environmental survey and I should be able to report back on this by December's meeting.

We have delayed the public engagement until the New Year to allow us to continue finding out more information about the proposed development by Kebbell, Raby's plans for its assets in the village and also to obtain further feedback on challenges to the DCC county plan. It was decided that to carry out engagement without having the full picture on potential proposed developments could weaken the quality of the feedback we receive and therefore the plan itself. We received advice from DCC and Planning Potential on this matter.

We have been in touch with both Raby Estates and representatives of Kebbell over the last two weeks. We have formed a working party committee with Raby Estates to facilitate a closer relationship with the estates and the parish. We have our first meeting on the 12th of this month.

We will also be holding a joint open day at Gainford Hall on 25th November at Gainford Hall between noon and 3pm. Parishioners will be shown around the hall by the raby team who will outline their plans for the building and we will be on hand to discuss our progress with the NP with the parish.

Gainford Hall is one of the most important historic buildings in the UK and we welcome Raby's inclusive approach and willingness to discuss its plans with parishioners. The parish response to the open day has been overwhelming and very positive.

10. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE:

Cllr Johnstone will lay the wreath on behalf of the council at the service.

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS:

Monday 3 December 2018, 7.00pm Village Hall (Supper room)

Signed.....

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