



**15/08481/FUL** Conifers Gardenland Nursery, Church Road, Cadmore End, HP14 3PJ

APPLICATION FOR: Demolition of existing buildings & erection of 1 x 5 bed detached dwelling with detached carport, associated car parking & served by the existing vehicular access (alternative scheme to PP 15/06356/FUL)

**No objection.**

**16/05074/FUL** Russets, Bolter End Lane, Bolter End, HP14 3NB

APPLICATION FOR: Householder application for construction of replacement detached single storey garage (part retrospective)

**No objection.**

**6) Finance -** i) Approval of payment of Accounts for February 2016  
Council approved the accounts for payment.

ii) To consider Clerks Salary increase & overtime

One Councillor suggested this matter be discussed in closed session but the Chair stated he had been advised that Government policy was to be as transparent as possible and this should only be discussed in closed session if the Clerk so wished.

The Clerk is currently on Spinal Column Point 26 and her last SCP increase was in 2014. The recommendation for Council to consider was that the Clerk's salary should be adjusted to SCP 28.

The majority of Councillors were very appreciative of The Clerk's work and the contribution she made to the Parish. This view was supported from the public gallery.

As background information the Chair reported that the Clerk was on a comparatively low scale even though she had been in office for nearly 7 years. As an example she had recently been appointed as Clerk of Piddington and Wheeler End Parish Council (a much smaller and therefore less challenging position) and her starting scale was SCP 29.

One Councillor objected to the amount of the scale increase because she stated that any increase should be capped in line with Government policy of capping local government employees at no more than 1% per annum increase.

The Vice-Chair stated that this was wrong and that scale adjustments to Clerks' salaries were not capped and Council were free to award any scale increase they thought justified. It was noted that Council's usual practice is to take note of the SLCC/NALC SCP award table but not be bound by it.

Notwithstanding this two Councillors still thought the proposed scale increase was excessive and consequently the Chairman called for a vote on the matter.

Councillors voted 8 to 2 in favour of the recommend SCP scale increase to Point 28.

The Clerk has worked 19.5 hours of overtime during the last two months of 2015. Council resolved to pay The Clerk the overtime in full.

iii) To consider street lighting quotations

SEC have highlighted a number of faulty lighting columns. These issues have arisen during the 6 yearly maintenance inspection and testing of all of our street lights and, as such, is an exceptional cost.

The works are for:

- a) The disconnection and reconnection of electricity supply to 3 street light columns and 1 street light pole bracket.
- b) The replacement of 3 damaged street light columns with new street light columns and LED Lanterns and 1 Control Box on a street light pole bracket.
- c) The replacement of 1 broken Street Light Lantern with a new LED Lantern.

**Action – Clerk**

<p>Council resolved to accept the quotations.</p>	<p><b>05/16</b></p>
<p><b>7) Grass Cutting as per the Devolution Agreement</b>  Council had previously agreed to accept the Devolution Agreement from BCC for grass cutting. Buckland Landscapes have quoted for all verges as highlighted on the maps provided by BCC. Grass cutting would take place on 6 occasions during the growing season. Council resolved to accept the quotation supplied.  The Clerk and The Chairman will sign the Devolution Agreement and return to BCC.</p>	<p><b>Action – Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>8) Land at Lammas Way</b>  Councillors visited the site before the meeting and raised concerns about the trees. They thought if problems were to arise it could prove very costly.  Council resolved to take on the responsibility for the grounds maintenance at Lammas Way rather than a freehold transfer.  This would only entail grass cutting and the responsibility for the trees would remain with WDC. The Clerk will confirm the decision with WDC and contact Buckland Landscapes to ask if this work can be undertaken as part of the quotation presented for devolved services.</p>	<p><b>Action – Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>9) Recommendations for appointment of Trustee(s) to the Mole and Pickett Charities</b>  Council received 3 applications for the position of Trustee(s) to the Mole and Pickett Charities. Councillors Detsiny, Harries and Smith interviewed all candidates and made recommendations at the meeting to invite candidates 1 and 2 to join The Board.  The Clerk will write to all candidates and the current Board of Trustees to inform them of the decision.</p>	<p><b>Action – Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>10) To agree installation of dog waste bins</b>  Council resolved to install dog waste bins on Ditchfield, Wheeler End &amp; Handleton Commons. The Clerk will also look at the bin near Edmonds Parade shops as this may need to be replaced.</p>	<p><b>Action – Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>11) Clerk’s report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Allotment rents have all now been paid. Some tenants have given up their plots and these are in the process of being reallocated. On the larger plots, some tenants have chosen to half their plot.</li> <li>II. Clive Setter from AED Locator (E.U.) was due to attend the February PC meeting but this has now been moved to March. He will give a presentation regarding the possibility of installing two HeartSafe® AED cabinets and defibrillators in The Village.</li> <li>III. Councillors should consider what they would like on the agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting. Suggestions were, a presentation from WDC on developing the Local Plan and an update from the Local Police.</li> <li>IV. Council agreed to have a stall at the Village Fete. Councillors should start to work on ideas for this.</li> <li>V. The Clerk has submitted the precept to WDC.</li> <li>VI. Complaints were received from Parishioners and the Conference Centre re flooding on Church Road, near the Conference Centre. This was reported to BCC.</li> <li>VII. LEAG will be holding a table top dale in Lane End Village Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February.</li> <li>VIII. The Clerk has recently received a few e-mails from parishioners about the poor state of Finings Road Car Park. I have directed these to WDC.</li> <li>IX. Jil Runge has temporarily stepped down from her role as secretary to LEAG. Jackie Price has offered to take on this role.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Action - Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>12) Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence &amp; Reports received</b>  Report noted.</p>	
<p><b>13) Matters raised by Councillors</b>  Cllr Harries reported that the Twinning Association is holding a French themed dinner in the G&amp;A on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.  Cllr Wright reported that the grass verge outside the T&amp;L site where the care home is being built has been damaged. The Clerk will contact BCC re this issue.  Cllr Wright expressed a concern about the rubbish in between the two fences which back onto the new housing development on footpath 25. Cllr Wright will contact WDC direct on this issue.  Cllr Osborn raised a concern that a property on Moorend Common has a skip on the Common. The Clerk will contact the property owner about this issue.  Cllr Smith reported that due to other commitments she is stepping down from arranging the</p>	<p><b>Action – All</b></p> <p><b>Action – Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Action – Cllr Wright</b></p> <p><b>Action – Clerk</b></p>

2016 Christmas in the Village event. Cllr Hunt with the help of Cllr Sarney has volunteered to continue with this. Council thanked Cllr Smith for all the work she has done with this event over the years. It has proved to be extremely successful.

Cllr King reported that he will write an article in the Clarion regarding the Park and Ride and will update the bus timetable for the next issue.

Cllr Sarney expressed concern about the speed of cars on Park Lane. The Clerk will contact the local police and ask if a community speed watch can be carried out.

Cllr Detsiny received a letter from Land and Partner regarding the Golden Gough, Lane End. The Clerk will send a copy of the letter to all Councillors.

NEXT MEETING: To confirm the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in the Sycamore Room.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting 20.40.

Signed..... (Chair)

Dated.....

Action – Cllr King  
Action - Clerk