

<p>services. It was likely that the Council would have to contribute for the next year as no new information had been received about a grant being available for the service. Bill Wright asked for funding of £150 plus VAT for two batteries for the SID device which was approved by Council. Bill Wright said that he was coordinating the Jubilee events and this was currently missing an input from youth organisations. Bill Wright then referred to Green Welford's recycling bins in the bus shelter, it was agreed to allow up to four additional bins to be placed inside the bus shelter.</p> <p>Alice George informed the Council that she was considering applying to WNC for Public Footpath status from Northampton Road to West End. She informed the Council that she had spoken with several groups and had received favourable feedback in relation to the proposed footpath linking the play area to the entrances of the Playing Field. although this was not in agreement with the feedback received by the Chairman from the WYCC committee. Cllr. Brotherton said that the Council should not spend a lot of time discussing the detail but should if the Council is prepared to support it in principle. Cllr. Gorrod said that the Council has not committed to the plan and is waiting for a detailed proposal to be sent to the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to provide a plan of the Playing Field to Alice George.</p> <p>Cllr. Irving-Swift said that she had grant monies available for the Scout Group, the Clerk was asked to contact the Treasurer for the Scouts</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>22/06 Agenda</p>	
<p>a) To discuss the addition of new equipment to the children's play area</p>	
<p>The Clerk referred to the December meeting where he provided information on the Cone Climber provided by Tay Play. Cllr. Gorrod and the Clerk had measured the area inside the play area near to the see-saw and found there to be enough space for installation. It is proposed to install it in the spring, there is a line in the 2022/23 budget to allow for this and there is also CIL funds available of £2,026.75. The Councillors approved the purchase and installation of the Cone Climber 2400 at £6,991 including installation plus VAT</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>b) To approve the budget and Precept for 2022/23</p>	
<p>The Clerk said that a budget of £44,500 had been identified for the Parish Council for 2022/23. Cllr. Brotherton said that it had been discussed at the last meeting and amended and was now ready to be approved. The Council approved the budget and Precept of £44,500 for 2022/23 which was an increase of 2.3%.</p> <p>Cllr. Gorrod read statements from the Unitary Councillors in relation to the WNC Council tax increase for 2022/23. Cllr. Irving-Swift: said that <i>'You made a reference to the formation of WNC and the impact on the council tax. This was debated last year. The council tax harmonisation started in March 2021. If you look at last year bill, the first harmonisation took place. This process will take three years in total. We are in our second year and then everyone in WNC will pay the same for the same band.'</i></p> <p>Cllr. Harris said <i>'The administration made a decision last year to harmonise council tax between all three legacy councils over a three year period. The process is currently in year two. Not all political groups supported this decision. There was an option to extend this process of harmonisation over up to seven years which would have lessened the impact over a longer period of time but this option was not accepted. From an historical perspective, Daventry District Council aimed to keep council tax low, it could be said for philosophical and/or political reasons. This was arguably an artificial position which is why the differential is now larger.'</i></p> <p>The Clerk said that the Northamptonshire Police Fire & Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold is asking for an increase of £5 a year in the council tax precept for Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service and an increase of £10 a year in the policing precept.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>c) To discuss the removal of Neighbour Comments from the On-line Planning Register</p>	
<p>Cllr. Harris said that he had met with the Director of Place at WNC and had been told that such comments were previously shown in South Northants and Northampton websites but not taken place on the Daventry website although they could be shown, Cllr. Harris was told it was likely the facility would be available from June on the WNC website. Councillors agreed that as the Unitary Councillors were dealing with this matter, no further action was required at this time.</p>	

d) To discuss safe access/egress from The Spinney	
Cllr. Gorrod said that as the Spinney was cleared of brambles to provide easier emergency access., Cllr Gorrod suggested there was still a need to consider steps or improved access due to the steep angle of the slope. Cllr. Brotherton said that there were problems with a fir tree and ash trees which are subject to a TPO. The Clerk was asked to contact the emergency services for any advice they might offer in relation to the maximum angle of the slope for their safe use if required	Clerk
e) To consider a request from a householder to realign a boundary fence	
The Clerk had circulated a request from the resident of 22 The Leys asking to move their rear garden fence beyond a tree within the Spinney and to take care of a tree which was causing the fence to bow. The Councillors agreed that the land could not be sold and the fence not moved as it could set a precedent to other householders.	Clerk
f) To receive an update and consider options in relation to the defibrillators	
Cllr. Gorrod said that the batteries and pads for the defibrillator had been paid for, but the supplier was still waiting for stock to arrive. Cllr. Gorrod said that the Council might have to consider replacing the current defibrillators in two months if the batteries and pads for the current devices were still not available.	
g) To approve the purchase of a bin for the children's play area	
The Clerk had circulated a paper in relation to a new bin for the Children's Play Area on the Playing Field. The cost of the bin from Glasdon was £202.90 plus £40.58 VAT, installation is £125 plus VAT. Councillors approved the purchase of the bin.	Clerk
h) To engage with the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP) and to appoint an AMP Working Group comprising the Clerk and a Councillor	
The Clerk said that WNC through NCALC was asking Parishes to map Unitary assets within the Parish While it was not thought that the assets would transfer to the Parishes in the next financial year, it could not be ruled out in the future. The Clerk said that a grant of £285.77 would be made to the Parish Council for taking part. Cllr. Esling and Cllr. Phelan agreed to take part in the survey with the Clerk.	Clerk
i) Clerk's update	
The Clerk said that the Allotments had been approved as an Asset of Community Value on the 20 th December 2021 A Grant of £2,088.00 was awarded by National Lottery Together for Our Planet programme to the Council for Helen Dyson to undertake a feasibility study to plant trees in the Parish area to help the community to take practical climate action The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Parish Council is paying for the marquee in relation to the Queen's Jubilee from 3 rd to the 5 th June, at a cost of £966 plus VAT. A deposit of £350 has already been paid for the marquee. The Clerk had received an application from 2 metal detectorists to undertake a search on PC land. Having taken advice from the County Archaeological Officer the request was declined on the grounds that it is not permitted unless as part of a scheme which has been approved by an Archaeological Advisor within the County	
22/07 Planning	
No Planning Applications had been received. However, the Clerk had received an email from Class Q Developers in relation to land on Newlands Road and the corner of Northampton Road. The developer will be invited to attend the next meeting on the 24 th February 2022. The Clerk was also asked to invite the Chairman of the Sportsfield Association. The email from the developer is to be sent to all Councillors who were asked to send any comments to Cllr. Curtis as Chairman of the Planning Committee.	Clerk
22/08 Reports	
a) Highways	
Cllr. Gorrod said that the Clerk had recently raised a number of potholes which had been actioned. Cllr. Gorrod said that he had again raised issues regarding blocked drains which were still in the same condition when previously reported.	
b) Rights of Way	
Cllr. Gorrod said that there were no new issues	
c) Playing field	

Cllr. Brotherton said that the equipment was in good order and the children's play area was being well used.																
d) Speed Indicator Device (SID) report																
The new SID is on order and the old SID continues to be used around the village.																
e) Welford Youth and Community Centre																
No new reports																
f) Village Hall:																
Cllr. Esling said that discussions were ongoing regarding an access ramp.																
g) Pocket Park																
Cllr. Esling said that the small team of volunteers had recently planted 300 hedging plants on the boundary nearest the highway.																
22/09 Finances																
a) Councillors noted the bank working balance at Unity Trust on the 20th January 2022 £41,950.44																
b) Councillors noted the standing order for street lighting paid to SSE on the 19th January £93.03																
c) The following payments were approved																
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22/10 21/10 Date of next meeting: Thursday 24th February 2022. The meeting closed at 9.38pm																

Signed that the Minutes are a true and accurate record

Signed by Chairman	Dated