

The meeting agreed to delay payment of the annual SPCA membership renewal until the position of Chief Executive had been resolved.

2] Annual Accounts for financial year ending 31/03/2007; the accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. The clerk explained that as the amount of reserves held was higher than acceptable to the District Auditor the council would have to explain what measures it was taking to reduce them. The council have agreed the following to cut this holding; reduce the precept, fund a website, planned road safety measures and repairs to public footpaths within the parish. The accounts were formally accepted.

9/ Planning matters;

There were no current planning applications for discussion. However the meeting commented on the apparent lack of activity at Barn Bank Manor following the appeal hearing. Clerk to contact the Planning Department for the current position

10/Correspondence received;

A list of all correspondence received since the last meeting was circulated to those present. If any councillor wants to see any of the correspondence they are to contact the clerk.

11/ Road, Highway & Footpath matters;

- It was confirmed the details of the Civic Amenity visits had been publicised in the parochial magazine and a notice was on the village notice board.
- Footpath No 11 the bridge over the stream at the Drimbles; this has been destroyed apparently with an axe. As the cost of repairing this is high the clerk is to contact the Footpath Officer at the County Council for advice.
- There is still concern about the speed of vehicles through the village. The provision of the Parish Council funded Vehicle Activated Sign was discussed and is to be pursued through all channels. It was noted that the police had recently been monitoring traffic speeds under the motorway bridge and it was suggested that the clerk contact P C Andy Heritage, at Gnosall, and discuss the problem with him.

12/ Items for consideration at the next meeting;

Clerk's annual salary review
District auditor; completion of annual return..

13/ Next meeting is on 11th July 2007.

Annual Parish Meeting; it was intended to hold this immediately following the AGM. However due to the lack of any members of the public present the meeting was cancelled.

NB the clerk will be away on holiday from the 5th June until 20th June