

**Minutes of the meeting of the Watton-at-Stone Parish Council held in the Community Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

Present: Mr. N. Poulton (Chairman)  
 Mr. C. Clark  
 Mr. D. Filer  
 Mr. I. Knight  
 Mr. D. Stock  
 Mrs. C. Dinnin  
 Mr. I. Harris  
 Mr. M. Smith  
 The Clerk (Mrs. J. Allsop)

Police: PC Andy Woodward and PCSO Paul Weston (until 1935)

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. McCash and Mr. Meischke.

**2 Public Participation**

None.

**3 Declaration of Interests**

None.

**4 Chairman's/Clerk's Report**

None.

**5 Report from P.C. Andy Woodward on Policing matters relating to the village**

Mr. Poulton said that Ted Brown had his strimmer stolen at the Community Hall this morning at 0930 when he left it unattended for a short while. Watton Dots and Tots were using the Community Hall facilities at the time, but did not see the strimmer go missing.

Mr. Poulton invited PC Woodward and PCSO Weston to report on policing matters involving the village.

PC Andy Woodward was pleased to report that the crime figures are down this year.

There were 55 reported crimes in the Watton-at-Stone area during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2007. For the same period this year the figures have dropped to 44 reported crimes with 14 detections.

The main incidents have been two distraction burglaries and a fairly serious assault between two local youths.

During June a speed survey was carried out in the High Street. The average speed of 30 mph was recorded which is an increase of 2 mph compared with a year ago.

PC Andy Woodward updated Parish Councillors on the vandalism that had occurred at the Community Hall.

PCSO Paul Weston said that a distraction burglary in Stapleford had resulted in an arrest and the offender received a jail sentence of 8 years.

The new Neighbourhood Watch e-mail OWL system, managed by Jill Dockley, is up and running. PC Woodward, PCSO Weston and Mrs. McCash can also access the system to send out e-mails to neighbourhood co-ordinators.

Mr. Poulton asked when we could expect to have the police comments on the Emergency Plan, which Mrs. McCash gave to the police in April. PC Andy Woodward said that he had looked at the report and had nothing to add and it would be returned to Mrs. McCash as soon as possible.

Mr. Poulton invited PC Woodward and PCSO Weston to report on policing matters during the Parish Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009. This was agreed. **Agenda: 01.09**

PC Woodward and PCSO Paul Weston left the meeting.

**6 Minutes of the last meeting**

**a) Acceptance**

**• Minutes of the Special Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

On behalf of the Parish Council, Mr. Poulton thanked Mr. Harris for the excellent letter he wrote to East Herts Council's planning department re the Wind Farm application.

Mr. Knight proposed that the minutes be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Mr. Stock seconded the motion and all present at that meeting were in favour.

**• Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

Page 7 item 8 a, Environment Sub-Committee - Grass cutting – Watton Green and the Lammas. First line of 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

‘Mr. Smith said that now the Stewardship Scheme on the July has expired’

Should read:

‘Mr. Smith said that now the Stewardship Scheme on the Lammas has expired’.

Mr. Knight proposed that the minutes as amended be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Mr. Filer seconded the motion and all present at that meeting were in favour.

## b) Review of actions

- **Write to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor re Land between Beane Cottage and Bridge at river edge**  
Refer to item 8 e, Specific items - Meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor re land adjacent to Beane Cottage.
- **Make flower festival grant-cheque payable to Watton-at-Stone PCC: completed.**
- **Clear weeds from disused area of the allotments: completed.**
- **Write to East Herts Council re plans for 55 Rivershill: completed.**
- **Write to East Herts Council re plans for 6 Newmans Court: completed.**
- **Write Parish News article re Village Directory feasibility survey: completed.**
- **Put a copy of the article re the Village Directory on the village notice boards: completed.**
- **Meet with Peter Allsop re updating the website: completed.**
- **Arrange for the Church hedge to be cut back: completed.**
- **Contact Watton Primary School to ask them to cut back their overgrown hedge**  
This hedge is the responsibility of Hertfordshire Highways. Mr. Clark contacted Watton Primary School just before the start of the summer holiday, however the hedge has still not been cut back. He agreed to contact them again to give them the contact details for Raj Goutam (Assistant District Manager, Hertfordshire Highways). **Action: C. Clark**
- **Contact Herbert Dzapata, Community Development Agency for Hertfordshire, re Parish Plans**  
Parish Councillors will meet with Herbert Dzapata (Community Development Agency for Hertfordshire) on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 1930 in the Community Hall.
- **Accept Prism Displays’ quotation for installing acoustic panels in the Main Hall: completed.**  
Mr. Poulton was disappointed to find, on his return from holiday in late August, that the acoustic panels had not been installed. He has been in contact with Prism Displays who informed him that the frames are all made, however they had a problem with the supply of the fireproof material that covers the acoustic panels. The material has now been delivered and we can expect delivery and fitting of the panels later this month.
- **Meet with Sunstopper Blinds to discuss blinds**  
Refer to item 8 a, Community Hall Trustees - Meet with Sunstopper Blinds to discuss blinds.
- **Ask Keith Burgess to do electrical inspection in September: completed.**  
The inspection has now been successfully completed.
- **Prepare a tree maintenance plan for the trees along the Lammas riverbank**  
Refer to item 9 Environment Sub-Committee - The Lammas – riverside tree maintenance.
- **Copy the e-mail re planning consent for 14 Beane Road to Mr. and Mrs. Oakman and Mr. Knight: completed.**
- **Write article for Parish News: completed.**

## c) Action points outstanding for more than two months

None.

## 7 Planning

### a) Applications

#### i) 3, Newmans Court (3/08/1377/FP/SD)

Single storey rear extension

In line with the Parish Council planning application protocol, Mr. Knight contacted the neighbouring residents, who had no objections to the application. Following consultation with two other Parish Councillors, he then instructed the Clerk to write to the Planning Department stating that the Parish Council had no comment on this application.

Parish Councillors agreed with the decision

#### ii) 103, High Street (3/08/1377/FP/SD)

Demolition of existing corrugated plastic lean to and erection of single storey rear extension

In line with the Parish Council planning application protocol, Mr. Poulton visited the neighbouring residents, who had no objections to the application. Following consultation with two other Parish Councillors, he then instructed the Clerk to write to the Planning Department stating that the Parish Council had no comment on this application.

Parish Councillors agreed with the decision.

**b) Decisions**

**i) 55 Rivershill (3/08/0980/FP/LH)**

Demolish part of existing conservatory and extension to provide additional bedroom

-East Herts Council Permission granted

**ii) 6, Newmans Court, Watton At Stone, Herts, SG14 3TN (3/08/1192/FP/MC)**

Insertion of single door (external) in place of existing window, and formation of steps externally

-East Herts Council Permission granted

**iii) 6, Newmans Court, Watton At Stone, Herts, SG14 3TN (3/08/1193/LB/MC)**

Insertion of single door (external) in place of existing window, and formation of steps externally

-East Herts Council Permission granted

**c) Appeal Decisions**

**i) 16 Moorymead Close (3/08/0980/FP/LH)**

Garage conversion to habitable room

- Appeal dismissed

**8 Specific items**

**a) Village Directory**

Mr. Stock said that no response has been received to date following our notice in the Parish News stating that the Parish Council is considering the possibility of expanding the scope of the current Village Directory to include more local people/companies who can serve the parishioners of Whempstead and Watton-at-Stone.

When the Village Directory is next due for updating, this item to be placed on the agenda for further discussion.

**b) Update from Website Working-Group**

Mr. Stock said that this item is progressing slowly as Peter Allsop is having problems getting connected to an internet supplier at his new residence in Portsmouth.

**c) Overgrown hedges in the village**

Mr. Poulton said that Hertfordshire Highways have cut back the overgrown hedge from the Waggon and Horses towards Stevenage and also the Great Innings hedge near its junction with the High Street.

Following a complaint from Cled Fursland, Mr. Poulton has cut back the overhanging brambles in the sportsfield hedge that runs along School Lane. Nick Whitehead is due to cut this hedge in mid-October.

Mr. Knight confirmed that the Church hedge was cut back in mid-July.

The hedge that boundaries Watton Primary School and runs along the footpath at the end of Glebe Close towards Church Lane is still uncut. Refer to item 6 b, Review of actions - Contact Watton Primary School to ask them to cut back their overgrown hedge.

**d) Report on East Herts Council meeting re the Wind Farm**

Mr. Poulton, Mr. Smith and Mr. Knight attended the East Herts Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September to discuss the Benington Wind Farm application. Engena, specialist consultants in renewable energy projects, gave a presentation on behalf of the Bott family. This was followed by a presentation from Stop Benington Wind Farm.

East Herts Council planning committee have a provisional date of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November (at Castle Hall, Hertford) to discuss and make a decision on this application. Mr. Poulton hoped to see as many Parish Councillors as possible attend this meeting.

**e) Meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor re land adjacent to Beane Cottage**

Mr. Poulton met with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor to discuss the Parish Council's letter concerning land adjacent to their property (Beane Cottage). They would be happy to consider renting the land and would install a fence approximately 4.5 feet tall, clear the land of brambles etc and cultivate it in keeping with their own riverside garden.

After discussion, Parish Councillors agreed that a rent of £16 per annum, which is the cost of a single allotment, would be appropriate. Mr. Harris agreed draft a five-year non-transferable contract.

**Action I. Harris**

**f) Land South of Station Road**

Mr. Poulton reminded Parish Councillors that the public exhibition of the plans for the development of the HCC land adjacent to Station Road will be held at Watton Primary School on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September, from 1530 to 1930.

**g) Major Incident Emergency Plan**

This item to be placed on the agenda for the October Parish Council meeting.

**Agenda: 10/08**

**h) Vandalised fence in Walkern Road**

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July, Mrs. Dinnin reported to the Clerk that a section of fencing on the Walkern Road adjacent to the River Beane bridge had been stolen. Hertfordshire Highways put up plastic fencing later that day and will replace the missing fence in due course.

Mr. Harris said that when he walked his dog on the morning of Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July, he found the remains of the fence (which had been burnt) still smoldering in the Lammas field.

**9 Reports**

**a) Sub-Committees**

**Budget & Finance**

Mr. Filer reported on the following items concerning the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee.

• **Monthly accounts**

**Watton-at-Stone Parish Council**

**Petty Cash**

**Receipts**

None

**Payments**

None.

**Cheques issued**

Watton-at-Stone PCC	Flower festival grant	100.00
BSWW Parish News	Parish reports - Photocopying charges	73.30
BSWW Parish News	Wind Farm Flier - Photocopying charges	17.95
Greenwood Tree Care	To remove 2 trees on Lammas riverbank	570.00
Greenwood Tree Care	Grass cutting and Flower bed maintenance	1250.00
Ted Brown	Strimming near Community Hall	30.00
Ted Brown	Strimming around sportsfield and MPPA	90.00
Ted Brown	24 hours litterpick	174.00
HCC	Lighting energy charges – 01.04.08 -30.06.08	148.70
HCC	Lighting maintenance charges – 01.04.08 -30.06.08	205.11
J. Allsop	July salary	585.08
Greenwood Tree Care	To remove tree on Lammas riverbank	260.00
Frank Cooper & Son	July grass cutting	229.12
Ted Brown	Strimming near Community Hall	30.00
Ted Brown	32 hours litterpick	232.00
HCC	Graffiti remover	22.49
Hugh McAlpine	War Memorial cleaning	1580.00
Frank Cooper & Son	August grass cutting	137.47
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	Annual audit of accounts	334.88
Blue Bury Contractors	Restoration of allotment	<u>235.00</u>

6305.10

**Cheques received**

Sports and Social Club	¼ annual rent	<u>300.00</u>
		<u>300.00</u>

**Watton-at-Stone Community Hall**

**Petty Cash**

**Receipts**

Jim Keen – Main hall hire in April	160.00
Watton Dots & Tots – Pavilion hire	275.00
Richard Allison	30.00
Katie Howell	32.00
Andrea Chesterman	39.00
Westwell Football training	<u>20.00</u>
	<u>556.00</u>

**Payments**

Rosemary Brown – 7 hours cleaning	42.00
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Postage re MPPA floodlighting	<u>0.72</u>
	<u>168.72</u>

**Cheques issued**

Herts Fire Protection	Annual Service	75.56
HCC	Cleaning materials	45.05
Customs and Excise	VAT return 07/08	75.81
K. S. Burgess	Annual electrical Inspection plus repairs	165.00
John Phillips	Toilet opening duties 14.06.08 – 01.09.08	<u>78.00</u>
		<u>439.42</u>

**Cheques received**

Dave Boddy	Main Hall and Pavilion hire	397.80
Mr. Galven	Pavilion hire	24.00
Watton Youth Drop Inn	Main Hall and Pavilion hire	183.60
Sports and Social Club	¼ annual rent	<u>300.00</u>
		<u>905.40</u>

Mr. Filer proposed that the Parish Council approves the above payments. Mrs. Dinnin seconded the motion and all present were in favour.

• **BDO Stoy Hayward LLP - Annual Return of the Parish Council accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

Mr. Filer reported that we had received 'a clean bill of health' from BDO Stoy Hayward who had carried out the annual statutory approval of the Parish Council accounts.

He also reported that a communication had been received in March 2008 from BDO Stoy Hayward giving a local council briefing. This indicated that in future years approval of the annual return would be required by 31 July. He did not think that this presented any problem for us. There were also a number of other factors raised such as the independence and planning of audits, asset registers and how councils deal with these matters. He had discussed these with Mrs. McCash and both were of the opinion that we conformed with the recommendations.

• **Allianz insurance**

Mr. Filer read out the following e-mail dated 26<sup>th</sup> July from Julia Holmes (Assistant Underwriter, Allianz Cornhill).

'Thank you for your letter dated 8th July 2008 regarding the Long term Undertaking. We apologise for our delay in replying.

We do appreciate your comments regarding the need to seek the most competitive insurance policy in the market and it appears that our LTU ties the Parish Council to Allianz for at least three years. However, in practise our LTU does NOT tie the Council to Allianz because under the terms of the LTU Allianz should not increase our rates and regrettably we do increase our rates which means Allianz does not comply with the LTU. Therefore, we do not expect the Parish Council to remain with Allianz for three years consecutively, although we hope that you do! But we still allow a 5 % discount for up to three years. We automatically increase the three years to another three years once the original three years expires.

We hope we have clarified the situation and have left the status of LTU on your policy. However, if you still require the LTU to be removed please advise us.'

Mr. Filer instructed the Clerk to e-mail Ms. Holmes stating that we wish Allianz to remove the LTU reference from their next invoice to enable us to go out for competitive quotations.

Ms. Holmes responded on 15<sup>th</sup> September as follows.

Thank you for your e-mail dated 1st September 2008 regarding LTA currently on your policy. We note that you wish to delete the LTA and we have noted our records to delete the LTA from next renewal, June 2009 as the LTA is currently providing a 5% discount under the policy under renewal June 2009.

Mr. Filer said that this confirmation enables us to go out for competitive quotes in 2009.

**Community Hall Trustees**

Mr. Poulton reported on the following items concerning the Community Hall Trustees.

• **Hot water urn**

The hot water urn in the kitchen has developed a leak over the summer months and needs replacing. Prices for replacement urns have been sort and Mr. Poulton suggested either of the following.

- 10 litre Swan catering urn                      £46.99
- 16 litre Swan catering urn                      £52.99

Mrs. Dinnin said that the 10 litre urn was an ample size for the Community Hall. She said that users tend to completely fill urns even though the amount of water they are heating is beyond their requirement. The smaller capacity urn would therefore ultimately save on electricity,

Mrs. Dinnin proposed that we purchase the 10 litre urn. Mr. Filer seconded the motion and all present were in favour.

**Action: J. Allsop**

• **Meet with Sunstopper Blinds to discuss blinds**

Mr. Poulton and Mr. Stock have met with Sunstopper Blinds and Awnings to discuss the repairs required. These repairs include the removal of the top control-lines on the high-level blinds and the small blinds either side of the emergency double-doors.

Sunstopper Blinds and Awnings have provided a quotation of £220 (plus VAT) to supply and fit the replacement parts required. If a new rail is required on one of the blinds sets there will be an additional cost of £79 plus VAT.

Mr. Poulton reminded Parish Councillors that the blinds were originally installed in the pavilion for privacy and security reasons and also to protect the Watton Millennium Tapestry from sunlight.

Mrs. Dinnin proposed that Sunstopper Blinds and Awnings' quotation be accepted. Mr. Knight seconded the motion and all present were in favour. **Action: J. Allsop**

- **Vandalism at Community Hall and on sportsfield**

All Parish Councillors were kept informed about the vandalism that occurred during the summer holidays.

Some of the high level windows were broken and the Jack Turner seat was vandalised.

An insurance claim has been submitted to Zurich Municipal for replacing 3 high level glass windows with polycarbonate ones. Jack Turner's son will be removing and replacing the seat.

- **Window winder Mechanism in the Main Hall**

One of the recently repaired window winding sockets is not working properly. Mr. Poulton will ask Mr. Meischke to arrange for its repair on his return from holiday. **Action: N. Poulton/J. Meischke**

## Recreation & Amenities

Mr. Knight reported on the following items concerning the Recreation and Amenities Sub-Committee.

- **MPPA – Floodlighting**

Mr. Knight has contacted CU Phosco and Floodlighting Limited re the repair of the three broken floodlighting units. Unfortunately, neither supplier is able to repair the units. They have both been asked to supply quotations for replacement units. Floodlighting Limited (the original installers of the floodlighting system) have now supplied its quotation, however, Mr. Knight is still waiting to here from CU Phosco.

Mr. Poulton said that the Community Hall Trustees would be seeking grants to cover 50% of the cost.

**Action: I. Knight**

- **Additional Football facilities**

Mr. Knight said that the Glebe Committee decision has been delayed because clarification is being sort from the East Herts Council planners as to what would be allowed in the way of a change of use on the land requested by the Parish Council.

Mr. Knight will contact the secretary of the Diocesan Committee (Nigel Bengier) to see whether Mr. Poulton, in his capacity as District Councillor, could speed up the contact being made by the Diocesan Surveyor with the East Herts planners.

**Action: I. Knight**

## Environment

Mrs. Dinnin reported on the following items concerning the Environment Sub-Committee.

- **Grass cutting – Watton Green and the Lammas**

The Lammas and Watton Green require another grass cut. This will be completed by next week.

- **The Lammas – riverside tree maintenance**

Following a site visit, Mrs. Dinnin has identified two areas of tree maintenance along the Lammas riverbank. She has e-mailed Adam Welch to ask him to contact her the next time he is doing work on the Lammas so they can discuss the work required and he can provide quotations.

- **Trees in Hazeldell**

This item was put on the agenda at the request of Mr. Stock.

- Two out of the three trees on the bank opposite numbers 43 to 47 Hazeldell have died and been subsequently removed, these need replacing.

- Two trees were planted opposite 63 Hazeldell following the gas works carried-out in the area. One has died and needs replacing, the remaining tree is living but needs staking.

Mr. Stock said it is totally unacceptable to lose trees. The Parish Council's policy is to preserve, protect, and where opportunities arise, enhancing the environment in and around the village of Watton-at-Stone.

It was agreed to write to Hertfordshire Highways asking them to replace the missing trees identified above and stake the tree 63 Hazeldell.

**Action: C. Dinnin**

- **Highways repair works in Perrywood Lane**

Mr. Filer said that only one of the agreed repairs works has been done in Perrywood Lane following the installation of the new water main.

Mr. Filer and Mr. Poulton to liaise to ensure the repair works get done.

**Action: D. Filer/N. Poulton**

**b) Routine reports**

**i) Fire-alarm test**

The fire-alarm was tested before the start of the meeting.

**ii) Monthly village-report**

Mr. Harris completed this report on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008, the result of which is as follows.

- **Sportsfield:**

Condition of grass	Bench seat still needs repair.
Litter	Good.
Dog fouling	Clear.
General	Clear.
- **Children’s Play Area:**

Condition of surface	Good.
Litter/Litterbin	Clear.
Large swings	Good.
Small swings	Good.
See-Saw	Good.
Rainbow multi-play and slide	Good.
Two spring sit-on	Good.
Teen shelter	Good.
General	-
- **Bike ramps area:**

Junior Jump	Good.
Double Ramp	Good.
Fun Box	Good.
- **Community Hall:**

General Condition (Exterior)	Good.
Litterbin	Good.
Car Park	Good.
General	Good.
- **Multi-Purpose Play Area:**

Surface	Good.
Boundary Fencing	Good.
Tennis nets	Good.
Litter	Good.
General	Good.
- **Great Innings Play Area:**

Equipment	Good.
Surfaces	Good.
Litter	Some litter.
Dog fouling	None.
Trees	No Change.
Comments	-
- **Allotments Area:**

Access	Open.
Condition of paths between Allotments	Good.
Condition of Allotments under cultivation	Good.
Condition of Allotments not under cultivation	
Litter	
Comments	
- **Culverts on Mill Lane**

Litter and rubbish in and around Culverts	Clear.
Dog-fouling	None.
Comments	
- **Salt bins**

Perrywood Lane	Good.
Entrance to Great Innings	Good.
Great Innings South – outside number 93	Good.
Station Road	Good.
Moorymead Close (2)	Good.
Hazeldell	Good.
Footpath 17	Good.

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| Beane Road  | Good. |
| • <b>Dog-waste bins</b>   | Good. |
| Footpath 17   | Good. |
| Sportsfield   | Good. |
| Church Walk   | Good. |
| Walkern Road  | Good. |
| Station Road  | Good. |
| High Street (by Memorial)   | Good. |
| Great Innings   | Good. |
| Mill Lane   | Good. |
| Opposite 5 School Lane  | Good. |
| <b>War Memorial</b>   |       |
| Comments  | Good. |
| <b>Ornate Village Sign</b>  |       |
| Comments  | Good. |
| Post  | Good. |
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| • <b>Bench – Jack Turner</b>  |       |
| Mr. Poulton has spoken to Jack Turner’s son who will arrange for the seat to be removed and a replacement seat installed. |       |
| • <b>Post and rail fence on sportsfield</b>   |       |
| Mr. Smith has replaced the vandalised section of post and rail fencing on sportsfield.                                    |       |

**iii) Weekly sportsfield-report and action**

Nothing to report apart from the loss of Mr. Brown’s strimmer.

**10 Correspondence received**

**a) Two letters from Mr. M. Inman**

The Parish Council received two letters from Mike Inman concerning the installation of double-gates at the rear of 132 High Street which opened out directly onto the allotment land. Mr. Meischke and Mr. Stock contacted the owners and the gates have now been re-hung to open into the owner’s garden.

Mr. Poulton thanked Mr. Meischke and Mr. Stock for resolving the problem.

**b) Hugh McAlpine re War Memorial – cleaning and restoration**

Mr. Poulton read out the following letter, dated 31<sup>st</sup> August from Hugh McAlpine.

We have carried out the works to the Memorial and I enclose my invoice covering costs.

The fracture that I had mentioned in my quotation appears to have spread further across the stone – it is probably the result of a rusting steel fixing, damage incurred during re-erection of the memorial or even a natural fault within the stone. Either way, it is not critical as the stone affected appears to be a panel rather than something structural and can be removed at a later date when and if the fracture has completed its course. The panel could then be replaced or ‘glued’ together. You may prefer to do nothing as the stone does not present a hazard in my opinion. As a consequence of this I felt it pointless to insert a stainless steel pin as I had suggested – this would not have preserved the panel and would have served to deface it. I have reduced my bill accordingly.

Should you or any of your colleagues wish to discuss this further, please feel free to call me although I shall be away until 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Please convey my apologies to the council for the delays in carry out the work.’

Mr. McAlpine reduced his invoice by £100 from the original quotation of £1630 for repairing and cleaning the War Memorial.

**c) BT – Adopt a Kiosk**

BT are inviting parishes who are losing their old K6 style red kiosks an option to adopt the kiosk (without the telephone mechanism) to it can remain on-site. This does not affect Watton-at-Stone because our K6 kiosk has not been identified for removal.

**d) The Rural Housing Trust**

Julia Mackie (Area Program Manager, The Rural Housing Trust) wrote on 4<sup>th</sup> September to offer the Parish Council a short presentation about the work of the Trust and how, in partnership with Parish Councils, they help research and develop schemes of affordable local needs housing.

Parish Councillors agreed that a presentation was not necessary at the present time but will bear it in mind for the future. The Clerk to write accordingly.

**Action: J. Allsop**



## 11 Village organisations

- **Wotton Youth Drop Inn:** Nothing to report.
- **Wotton-at-Stone School Governors:** Nothing to report.
- **Wotton-at-Stone Neighbourhood Watch:** Nothing to report.
- **Wotton-at-Stone Allotment and Garden Association:** Nothing to report.
- **Wotton-at- Wotton-at-Stone Memorial Hall Management Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Stone Pre-School Playgroup:** Nothing to report.
- **Wotton-at-Stone Scout & Guide Group:** Nothing to report.
- **Wotton-at-Stone Sports & Social Club:** Nothing to report.
- **Police Authority:** Nothing to report.
- **River Beane Restoration Association:** Nothing to report.

## 12 Items for Parish News

No items were identified for inclusion in the October 2008 issue of the Parish News.

- **The meeting closed at 2132.**
- **The date for the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008.**