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| | f) | <u>Roads & Drains</u> The Lengthsman reported that drains were blocked outside of Sheila Gibbs property; Councillor A Boss will investigate the blockage. The Lengthsman will be requested to ensure the culverts are kept clear outside of Anna White Cottage on a regular basis. It was agreed that the roads have improved over the last 12 months. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | g) | <u>Telephone box</u> Chairman Manley and Councillor A Boss to investigate further the practicalities of installing a CCTV in the box and a method of locking the box. Any costs incurred by Councillor A Boss should be reimbursed by the PC. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Clerk's update | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | a) | <u>Precept meeting date</u> The precept amount for next year was discussed and agreed and signed by Chairman Manley. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | b) | <u>Litter Pick</u> All items have been ordered for the litter pick on 1 st February 2015. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | c) | <u>May elections</u> Preparations need to commence for the forthcoming elections. A vacancy notice will be put on the Village Hall notice board and will be advised to all residents via the Parish newsletter. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Planning | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | a) | <u>The Stables</u> Erection of stable block – the Parish Council agreed they would not be responding to this application. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | b) | <u>Bromsgrove & Redditch Housing Growth</u> A new date has been agreed for the Examination in Public of the BDP – June 23 rd 2015. Before this time there will be a 5 week consultation period regarding the new work commissioned from consultants by both RBC and BDP. Their findings should be made public on March 23 rd 2015. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | c) | <u>House of Commons report on the operation of the National Planning Policy Framework</u> This report raised concerns as it appears that in the future pressure will be put on inspectors to approve housing plans regardless of the criteria. Chairman Manley and Council Winslow to draft a letter outlining the PC's concerns which will be sent to Sajid Javid for his records. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | d) | <u>Housing Needs Survey</u> A copy of the 2010 document had been located and it was agreed that the needs of the village had not dramatically changed since that date, however the survey is very general and not at all specific. Discussions took place regarding resident Mr N Rands proposal to build 2 affordable houses on his site on Woodgate Road. The PC had concerns over who would occupy the properties once completed. The PC asked Mr Rands to attend the next meeting with more detail on occupation criteria going forward and the physical nature of the development. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | f) | <u>Twin Oaks</u> The response from BDC was unclear. Clerk to check with Forestry Officer regarding replacement of trees with new fruit trees. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. Finance | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 8. | Correspondence |
| | <u>Incoming mail</u> Bank Statement Barclays Bank Statement Barclays (Footpath account) Lengthsman invoice Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc Letter from Bromsgrove District Housing Trust Litter pick insurance information from AON <u>Outgoing Mail</u> Cheques – Payments (See Previous Minutes) Various Emails – WCC/BDC/CALC/Cllrs/Residents/Misc |
| 9. | Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda |
| a) | Bromsgrove District Housing Trust had responded that the correct criteria had been achieved by the residents that recently purchased Thriftwood Cottage on Manor Road. |
| b) | <u>Bentley Bugle</u> Councillor Manley thanked Councillor Winslow for her hard work in producing an excellent issue of the recent Bugle. Councillors would try to get more advertisers to support the next issue. |
| 10 | Date of Next Meeting 17 th March 2015 at 7.30 Bentley Village Hall |

Meeting Closed at 21.30 hrs

Signed:

**Cllr J Manley
Chairman**

Date: