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- Verges in Eardiston were very poor. The Clerk to confirm the remit of the Lengthsman and see if it was possible for him to undertake in keeping in good order.

PC31 – Speed Reduction Measures in Eardiston – Cllr Workman had sent a report to Councillors outlining discussions that were held with representatives from WCC and Safer Roads Partnership. Mr Brienza, WCC had begun delegating tasks to departments within WCC for assisting with road calming measures in Eardiston. A follow up meeting to be held.

PC32 – Lindridge Autumn Show/School Competition – The date had now been set. A cheque for £200 was signed at the meeting to be passed onto the Autumn Show Committee, as the contribution from the Parish Council.

The children's competition had not been well attended as previous years. The Headteacher thought this may have been down to the fact that the school is paperless now and correspondence is sent out via email. This would be addressed differently for next year.

PC33 – Standing and Financial Orders – Cllr Benbow confirmed these had been reviewed by himself and Cllr Williams. More changes from the financial model, were required to fit our current circumstances. The Clerk would issue to all members before the next meeting for review. The standing orders – currently 3L – press at meetings – superceded to give automatic right to record – therefore this would now be deleted under CALC recommendations. 18F Procurement Rules – comply with EU rules – await on this until further notice. All agreed.

The Clerk was advised to set up a password for the Parish Laptop. This was given in a sealed and dated envelope to the Chairman.

Cllr Williams also commented that risk assessments would be discussed at next meeting.

PC34 – Parish Awards – Cllr Williams reported that three nominations had been received. Cllr Mrs Lowe would also second look the nomination forms received. A forthcoming date would be set. Cllr Williams to circulate copies of citation forms. Certificate would be arranged.

PC35 – Review planning matters, applications and decisions

PLANNING REFERENCE – 16/00758/HOU
FRONT EXTENSION TO BUNGALOW
Holmer Bungalow, Fox Lane, Menithwood, Worcestershire, WR6 6UG
Mr and Mrs Hudson

PLANNING REFERENCE – 16/00661/OUT
OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON A BUS
AND COACH GARAGE AND WORKSHOPS. RESUBMISSION OF
15/01220/OUT
Mr and Mrs Yarranton

This application may have potential monies from S106. If and when a detailed application is received, the Parish Council will hold a public meeting to assess the views and requirements of residents.

PLANNING REFERENCE – 16/00359/HOU
Removal of existing conservatory and formation of two storey extension with first floor extension over existing single storey. Whole property to be rendered.

Damson Orchard, Menithwood, Worcestershire, WR6 6UG
APPROVAL

PLANNING REFERENCE – 16/00969/CLE

Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use of caravan for holiday purposes in breach of condition 2 of planning permission 76c 178 for in excess of 10 years.

Red Lodge, Frith Common, WR15 8JX.

Mr and Mrs T and S Love

PC36 – Report of Matters Arising from Last Meeting –

Cllr Benbow confirmed he had spoken with Chris Carter and that the hall and car park were insured through specialist Parish Hall insurers.

Filing cabinet and My Parish Website to be discussed at next meeting.

PC37 – Correspondence for information –

- Insurance renewal documentation received from Came and Company
 - Letter sent to Grant Thornton – Audit Return
 - Correspondence received from Mr P Davies, Lindridge – concern of speed on A443 at Lindridge.
 - Email sent and received from Cllr K Pollock in connection with speed issue of A443 at Lindridge.
 - Email received from Steven Greybanks – architect representing the applicant for The Nags Head.
 - Email sent to the applicant of The Nags Head.
 - Email to Mr Carless asking for advice of speed reduction measures in Eardiston.
 - Emails received from Dave Jew and Gerry Brienza following up on site meeting with Parish Council representatives with regard to speed reduction measures in Eardiston.
 - National PayScale increase received via CALC from SLCC.
 - Letter to TSB advising of pay increase for Clerk.
 - Email received and sent to Jo Cross, MHDC- reply to initial response to potential S106 grant money available if proposed outline development takes place in Eardiston.
 - Email received from Paul Lodge, MHDC – re wheelie bin situation being left out. CLERK TO CONTACT MHDC
 - Report online regarding the road sweeping in Eardiston; overgrown shrubbery in Lower Frith Common.
 - Email sent to G Brienza and associate departments with concerns over the road slip at Frith Common
 - Email sent to planning services re: siting of static caravan at Broombank.
- **PC38 – Items for Future Agenda**

- - Emergency Plan
 - Lindridge Autumn Show
 - Road and Drainage Issues
 - Speed Restrictions in Eardiston
 - Standing and Financial Orders
 - Parish Awards
 - My Parish Website
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PC39 – Items for Teme Span and Next Meeting Date

Items to be submitted:-

Date of next meeting and Emergency Plan Item.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th September at 7.00pm at Lindridge Parish Hall.

The meeting ended at 10.30 p.m.