

Present M T Davis (Chairman), Mrs P Amos (Clerk), Cllr. Clark; Cllr. Hennen; Cllr. Abbott Cllr. Best; Cllr. Campbell; Cllr. Dent; Cllr. Johnson; Cllr Gowing
7 members of the public

116/24	Payments - 9	a) The members to consider the following: accounts for payment:				
		Payments		NET	VAT	£
		Salaries	*Including tax & NI			2585.53
		Giff gaff	Pavilion data	8.34	1.66	10.00

		Events group	Annual donation			2500.00
		Southern electric	Hall electricity Feb-May	71.16	3.56	74.72
		BT	Hall phone & b'band April-Aug	98.33	19.67	118.00
		Worby tree services	Allotment access road clear			450.00
		Southern electric	Street light electricity May	318.46	17.74	336.20
		Idverde	Grass cuts June	584.47	116.89	701.36
	079/24b	Playfitness	Instruction board	500.00	100.00	600.00
		Worby tree service	Part of WMPF tree work			550.00
		Chadwick designs	Web site monitor backups & updates to June 2025	120.00	24.00	144.00
		Chadwick designs	Web site hosting to June 2025	95.88	19.18	115.06
		Invoices paid by Barclaycard				
	094/24d	Amazon	Fireproof safe	166.66	33.33	199.99
		Amazon	Bird box	13.10	2.62	15.72
		Amazon	Bird and bat box	31.64	6.33	37.97
		Garden selections	Bird box	16.66	3.33	19.99
		Amazon	Accident book	4.12	0.83	4.95
	Amazon	First aid box	21.49	4.30	25.79	
	Amazon	Blue plasters & eye bath	6.45	1.29	7.74	
*See appendix a for salary breakdown						
= Previously approved by Chairman or at previous meeting						
All payments to be made - Proposed: Cllr. Best; Seconded: Cllr. Hennen; all in favour.						
117/24	Risk Management/ Policies & Procedures - 10	a) To review policies/procedures: Child protection policy, amended version forwarded to Cllrs. on 9.7.2024. After discussion resolved to approve as read. Proposed: Cllr. Dent; Seconded: Cllr. Best				PA
118/24	Planning - 11	Planning: the clerk reported that the following planning applications had been received for comment: a) F/YR24/0497/F -Change of use of dwelling to mixed use dwelling and retail (retrospective) at 56 Doddington Road - no objections b) Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Johnson: has been struggling to contact our consultant. A meeting is being arranged with FDC . Grant paperwork has just been completed. The remainder of the grant should cover the consultant, leaflets etc. We need to move quickly in case of changes. We are looking to have the Morley Way land which is now a community asset, also registered as our village green.				
119/24	Highway matters/Street lighting/ Transport – 12	a) Street lights reported: None. Clerk asked Cllrs to consider the quote received today for street light electricity (next agenda) as SSE are the only company offering fixed term prices as per information emailed to them 9.7.2024. Clerk asked whether in principal they would agree to any of the offers so that they may be saved. After discussion agreed in principal, to the 3 year offer, this to be ratified at the August meeting. Ask what the penalty would be if we opted out later. If it's up to £100 all agreed to go ahead. b) Footpaths and highways issues: Cllr Abbott said that there is a large puddle of mud/slurry on March Rd adjacent to and the length of the Bellway's development. Cllr Davis will approach Bellway's. Also the traffic lights there now do not allow vision from Bridge Lane. Cllr Davis will look at this. Cllr Hennen said that on the Hook, on a site there a post and rail fence has been installed on the grass verge, he has reported this. There are no pending planning applications for the site. There is a sign on the Hook which is completely overgrown, it warns of a sharp bend. He has reported it. Also another leylandii hedge has been planted which is overhanging the road. Security fencing on Eastwood End where the new houses are being built, the fencing is on the road. Some of the verge has been taken into the garden. One house is now inhabited although planning says the footpath must be built before any houses are occupied.				PA MD MD

120/24	War Memorial playing field – 13	a) Green flag accreditation: Further to an email received – forwarded to Cllrs 10.6.2024, clerk asked whether at a cost of £369.00 each application/year, Cllrs wished to apply for this accreditation for our WMPF? After discussion resolved not to Proposed: Cllr. Best Seconded: Cllr. Dent. Clerk asked for clarification about the benches - approved at the last meeting - information sent out 2.7.2024 Decision to buy 1 multicoloured picnic bench; 2 multicoloured for the children's fenced area; red bench for the ninja trail, with a black bin; 1 plain grey or green bench by the adult gym eqpt.; a small set forward bench seat in the alcove of the toilet block.	PA
121/24	Parkfield - 14	No report received. It is cricket season and football training has just re-started.	
122/24	Doddington Rd. Cemetery – 15	a) Headstones: Further to Cllr Dents report that some headstones are leaning, clerk has tried to contact 3 families. One who lives in the village has responded; another has been sent a letter; the third despite investigation seems to have no contactable relative. Clerk has found that Council are allowed to make safe any leaning headstones, but at our own cost. To train our own operative they would have to go on a stonemasons course. Quotes sought from 3 contractors: 1. £250.00 each to take away and fit ground anchors, less to just level up. 2 did not arrive. After discussion resolved to have all done as per quote. Proposed: Cllr Clark; Seconded: Cllr Hennen. Clerk to contact relative of Mr Rowley.	PA
123/24	Parish Hall - 16	a) Fire risk assessment: Further to minute number 102/24a. Councillors discussed at the June meeting that they wish to now have an annual professional fire risk assessment completed for the village hall. Proposed: Cllr Hennen; Seconded: Cllr. Campbell. Clerk to arrange with fire alarm contractors. Cllr Hennen asked to be relieved of the weekly fire alarm test which he has completed for more than 4 years. Cllr Davis asked for volunteers. Cllrs. Best and Clark and Abbott offered to share the task. Cllr Hennen will train everyone. b) Community living room: Further to an additional £2000.00 being received, Cllrs were asked for suggestion which might improve the hub/hall. Cllr Best said that the drains are blocked. Widen the wheelchair access ramp. Wall cupboards in the kitchen. Get quotes. Make wheelchair access easier/ramp - would we need a planning application?; After discussion resolved to install some wall cupboards and make the wheelchair access larger. Proposed: Cllr. Johnson; Seconded: Cllr. Davis.	PA PA MD
124/24	Correspondence /other business -17	Cllr Best said that FRYR/1055/21 as this has been withdrawn, is that the end of it - probably not. Secondly re the proposed developments with access from Morley Way, this has an objection from Anglian Water. Cllr Johnson has contacted planning who say that the original outline permission is for a limited period after which it permission will be withdrawn.	
125/24	Confidential item - 18	Confidential items comprising exempt information, members of the public asked to leave the meeting: Staff - To exclude the public (including the press) from a meeting of a committee it is necessary for the following proposition to be moved and adopted: "that the public be excluded from the meeting for items which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as indicated Proposed Cllr. Abbott : Seconded: Cllr. Clark Further to June's confidential item, clerk has spoken to Mr Del Millard who is willing to be employed on a zero hours contract, as long as all wages are subject to a PAYE system. Proposed: Cllr. Best; Seconded: Cllr. Clark	PA
126/24	Date of next meeting - 19	Next meeting: Tuesday 13 th August 2024 at 19.00. Meeting closed at: 20.45	

Appendix a*

	July 2024	NET	VAT	£
Handyman	Handyman duties			543.86
Clerk	Clerk duties incl. home wkg all.			1191.50
Hall steward	Hall steward duties			137.20
Cleaner	Hall cleaning			297.44
Inland revenue	Staff tax & NI			415.53
Total				2585.53