

Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Apologies received from Jackie Saunders, DC James Long and PCSO Hannah Partington.

**Matters arising:**

- a) Coal House: As this has not been cleared, as agreed, matter to be referred back to Babergh.
- b) Telephone kiosk: now up and running as library. Marian Peck to check space available and condition of books on a regular basis.. Babergh information leaflets available in folder marked 'Information Point'.
- c) Play Area Trees: 2 Cherry, 2 Field Maple and 2 Hornbeam to be planted, to give some shade in the area. John Pawsey was thanked for ordering and donating these.
- d) Drains at Slough Hill, still appear to be blocked. CC Richard Kemp to contact relevant dept.

**Police Report;**

In October there were 4 reports

One burglary (other Building).

Residents are reminded to be vigilant, as there is an increase in crimes in Babergh West and requested to report any suspicious vehicles.

One report of assault, one of threatening text messages and one of an indecent image sent to a child.

**County Councillor's Report:**

Councillor Kemp reported some farmers are highlighting problems being caused to livestock, as a result of dogs fouling on farmland.

Fibre Optic / faster broadband – Mr Kemp to seek update.

**District Councillor's Report** – No report available, as Mr Long was unable to be present.

**Financial Report:**

The monthly finance report had been circulated and there were no questions.

The 2014/15 budget was discussed and a small increase agreed.

**Planning:** Application received for Change of Use, Landmark House, Hartest Hill. Papers circulated for decision.

**Village Hall.**

Quotes for insulation of back room are being obtained.

**Matters for discussion:**

- i) Bowls in the community. Although some interest was shown, unfortunately ,there are not the facilities within the village to accommodate this.
- ii) Commemoration of WW1 in 2014. Waiting to hear from PCC, hopefully to work together for a more visible memorial.

**AOB:**

i) Lucy Gregory was confirmed as the new Parish Clerk.

ii) Marian Peck received a vote of thanks for her work, during four years as clerk.

**Date of next meeting;** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm.