

Parish Council 1.06.11 Charles Milner-Williams in the Chair ; Councillors John Davis and Janet Graham in attendance : a low-key meeting with half of the Parish Council unable to be there, and no-one from Borough or County.

In "Public Participation" Alan Leslie spoke about the recent decision on the **Travelling Showman Site** proposed for Thruxton Down. He wished to give a personal thank you, on behalf of Heather and himself, for the hard work that the Council had done in successfully opposing the project. Also from the floor, it was suggested that the overgrown state of the **Stream** particularly the stretch from Hamble House to the Lambourne bridge, be tackled. Council were all in favour.

The need for a suitable **waste bin** in the vicinity of the Sports Field/Play Area was again urged, and the Clerk will follow this up.

There was enthusiasm for a proposal by the PTA to site a **Basket-ball hoop** in the same area. It could be part of the Play Area, subject to ROSPA approval. Agreed in principle.

The **Sports Trust** had requested financial assistance with ongoing projects. It was agreed to make a grant of £400.

The **Hall Trustees** had also made an eloquent plea for funding, and, again, it was decided to grant £400.

Hedges and similar encroachments can cause problems for pedestrians and cyclists ; and even lead to accidents. It becomes especially acute in "the growing season". Would all those responsible for property please check and cut back where necessary. Thank you very much.

The **Planning** portfolio is very quiet at the moment. John Davis referred to an application for tree work at Goslings, to which he sees no objections. Returning to the topic raised by Alan Leslie, there was satisfaction with the outcome of the **Appeal**. The Chairman expressed the view that it was thanks to "the robust attitude of the Parishes" that the project had been rejected, and he again referred to the poor performance of TVBC in the whole affair. **However**, the possibility of an appeal to a higher court remains. This may not be the end.

Charles reported on the changes to **the Mobile Library service**. He had managed to get the timing improved....it would now be **2.35-3.05pm, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month**. This starts in **July** so the effective date for us is **Tuesday July 19th**.

Complaints about the state of 13 Halcyon Drive apparently "sold" some months ago, have been brought to the attention of the agents

Janet Graham intends to do maintenance on

notice-boards and bus shelters. Charles said it was good to have her back, and doing useful things for the community like that. He then mentioned a **warning** that people may be phoned and told that as they have "an impeccable record "in paying **council tax**, they qualify for some refund. " Please give us your bank details so that we can arrange it".....**Do not fall for it...give no information at all**.

Next meeting is on Wed. 6th July. Come along.

Not a Rubbish Tip. The Chairman asks us to publicise the fact that garden rubbish is being dumped adjacent to the **Electricity SubStation** leading to complaints from the Electricity Board and problems for property owners nearby. Please dispose of rubbish in sensible ways.

Sports Trust (from Trevor Barrett) Please support Steve Payne and his friends on their epic **Cycle Ride for Charity**. This is a true example of determination to help others. Please visit their web-site

www.charitygiving.co.uk/jogle .

(Editor's note; many readers will have seen the posters for this. Steve and friends are cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End7 days at 125 miles per day! Moneys go to charities such as The Hospice, but 25% will go to the Sports Trust's project to build a **Pavilion**. Having recently **driven** to not far short of J.o'G. we know it's an awfully long way , and these guys do fully deserve our cheers and financial support)

Marie Curie Cancer Care. A total of £155 plus gift aid was raised from 50% Village coverage. John J. Kelly apologises for the charity saturation and hard sell, and thanks all donators, and Sue King for the legal count.

Phone Box Library. Just as we go to print, a small "ceremony" took place there. The Andover Advertiser sent a reporter and photographer to get the story of the transformation from a rather run-down old phone box (albeit a "listed building") to the book exchange library, freshly painted and fitted out, that it has now become. Connie Chamberlain who lives in close proximity is to be "book monitor". You may just see all this in next week's Andover Advertiser.....so not to be missed !

Speaking of LISTED BUILDINGS ; just a reminder that our **Grade 1 listed Church** is open every afternoon these summer months, and does like to be visited. Do tell your visitors, and come along yourself.