**CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME AND THANKS:**

Councillors –new councillors -first year

B Bullock

E Brown

R Humphries

Mr Mrs Collens – Notice boards

D Fillis

Mr Handy Westbrook

N Paget

J Drew & PCC Xmas Tree (Mr Mrs D Paget)

Joy Todd –Webmaster

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 29TH APRIL 2014**

**APRIL:**

Repairs carried out to the Play areas following their annual inspection.

J Partt thanked for 14 years on the PC

Grass cutting quote for the Jubilee, Millennium and Pound recreation Fields, plus Chittoe Heath from Callaways @ £1926 was agreed.

**MAY:**

11 Councillors proposed and elected, P Mortimer and C Read Co-opted.

Mrs S Dolman became the new steward of the Social Centre.

a stone was donated by Mark Freemen of Sahara Sands for the plaque at the Pound playing field. Carnival Day?

**JUNE:**

PC Woodward presented a non-confidential crime and anti-social behaviour report.

Due to parishioners objections it was decided not to apply for a grant to tarmac the footpath from Horsepool to Breach Close.

10 bags of compost was awarded for being in the first 10 to enter the Best Kept Village Competition

A Grant of £5,000 from the Area Board for the BMX track was applied for.

**JULY**:

The PC meeting was attended by the Community Support Officer Gareth Cole.

A request for a water supply for the allotments was received.

12 attended a 1st aid course subsidised by the PC.

A metro speed monitor was installed at Church Hill.

The play area at the Social Centre had the fence repaired and the bark replenished costing £700.

Annual Audit of accounts

**AUGUST:** No meeting. WC Fun in the Sun took place on Tuesday during the school summer holidays

**SEPTEMBER:**

Cemetery Entrance completed at £1870

The Metro speed count for Church Hill was 85% at 35.3mph qualifying for a community speed watch scheme.

Bromham came 2nd in the Best Kept Village Competition – 1 point behind the winners – Burbage.

26th September the PC met with WC Highways on site to discuss parking and speed at The Pound and the A342 Melksham junction.

£5,000 BMX grant awarded from the Area Board. A £10,000 grant from Hill’s Land Fill to be applied for.

A second hand ride on mower was purchased for £700 for the cemetery.

Dog fouling on the pitch stopped a youth football match on the Millennium Field.

**OCTOBER:**

It was decided to return the Pound allotments to the Crown, existing tenants were offered a new Road plot at one year rent free.

Community Speed Watch volunteers to apply for training.

A large crack in the Cemetery wall to be repaired.

105 trees have been given through a grant for screening the BMX track.

New No Dog Fouling signs have been ordered for the recreation fields.

The Clerk’s salary was reviewed and was given a pay rise as recommended by NALC after a three year pay freeze.

A village website update was discussed to make it more user friendly.

**NOVEMBER:**

A meeting to review Policies and Risk Assessments took place.

The Shop proprietor agreed to remove the tree in the bank over hanging Church Hill outside the shop.

The £10,000 Landfill |Grant was awarded, a site meeting took place to agree the location of the BMX track.

C Read has worked with the Youth Club to set up a Youth Council. A committee/work party has not yet been required.

Crown Housing Proposals- the PC were not in agreement with the contents of a consultation document proposed by the crown for the Parish Magazine and requested a further meeting with the Crown.

**DECEMBER:**

A new Pavilion clock was donated by The Chairman.

Quote agreed for cutting the beech hedge at the Social Centre. £700

Wiltshire Waste provided a street sweeper for the Highstreet on 2 occasions to clear the leaves.

The village Christmas tree was donated by Mr & Mrs D Paget, the lights supplied by the PCC and erected by J Drew.

PRECEPT: AGREED AT £36000 the same as last year, although the government grant was less, making a 2% increase on the parishioners Council Tax.

Letters were sent to some residents in Breach Close concerning extending their boundaries, stating this land remains the property of the Crown Estate.

Crown Meeting on Dec 17th. The PC was not in favour of the proposed plans and suggested a plan for 15 houses (which would help address the identified need for 19 dwellings)with the land to the rear of Breach Close becoming a designated Green SPACE.

The Crown were disappointed that the PC would only support a small scheme, and therefore felt that this would not be viable at this time, but hope to continue to engage in positive dialogue with the PC and consult with residents in the future.

**JANUARY 2014:**

Enough money has now been raised to complete the BMX Track (£17000 plus contingencies). Grants agreed -£5,000 Area Board, £10,000 Land fill, £4000 Asters, £200 Carnival Committee, £6484 20’s Club, plus fundraising.

It was suggested that Bromham has a Neighbourhood Plan. This needs to be led by Parishioners.

Pavilion repairs agreed at £1650.00 to replace all facia boards and guttering.

Flooding around the parish caused problems.

The Post Office moved to the Village Shop (Thanks to David and Christine?) on Jan 16th. A new post box to be installed on the village car park.

**FEBRUARY:**

Mrs Payne from the Neighbourhood panel was concerned about the report of dog fouling on the recreation fields; the panel has agreed to fund a new bin and the cost of emptying for one year.

The Metro Speed Counts for the Pound and Highfield although above 30mph limit at 32 and 34, they are below the 35-38.9mph to be eligible for a speed watch scheme.

It was agreed not to re paint the white lines on the village car park at a cost of £650.

Cemetery hedge was cut by Jim Butler

Quotations to be sought for new equipment for both play areas.

**MARCH:**

Sarah Hanks WC Area Board Highways Co-ordinate and the Parish Community Warden met with councillors and went around the village identifying issues for repair.

Trailcraft was proposed to provide the BMX track @ £17000, the proposed location was again reviewed by councillors. It is hoped work will start in My after access for materials and contracts have been agreed. Work will take approx. 3 weeks.

The Crown has been requested to tidy the land to the rear of the Rectory and Breach Close.

The Dog Warden has been requested to visit Bromham due to the ongoing dog fouling problem.

The Clerk deposited PC records at the Wiltshire Records Office.