

4.3	<u>Traffic Calming</u>		
4.3.1	The central white line had been painted along High Street. VS proposed that a further police data check be requested to evaluate its' effect. Seconded by DW. Clerk to contact Police.		CLERK
4.3.2	A request had been received, on behalf of a number of residents, for a police data check to be undertaken in Islington. Residents felt that speeding was a real issue in this part of the village, particularly at school start/finish times. After discussion it was proposed by DW that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The police be requested to undertake the data check • The police be requested to undertake speed guns checks at school start/finish times • The possibility of moving the 30 mph sign further out of the village (past Mobile Promotions) be investigated • The cost of a flashing speed monitor on the approach to Islington from Ranway be ascertained Seconded by MA. All in favour. Clerk to action all points.		CLERK
4.4	<u>Dog Fouling</u>		
4.4.1	The Clerk reported that the dog warden had visited the village and suggested two locations for dog bins – at the entrance to the playing field and on the verge opposite the Clubroom. GG proposed that this be undertaken, seconded by DW. Clerk to action.		CLERK
4.4.2	ENC had advised that they would produce a leaflet for distribution to all households in the village, reminding dog owners of their responsibilities. ENC would also publicise the matter in the next issue of Nene Valley News.		
5.0	Finance		
5.1	<u>Accounts for Payment</u>		
	J & S Pendred, two signs at Tofts Allotments	£94.00	
	Merchant Venturers, 80% of allotment rent, plot 12, Islington	£9.50	
	Citizens Advice Bureau, previously agreed donation	£50.00	
	Jane Teague, Clerk's salary paid by standing order	£144.00	
	It was resolved that all accounts be paid. Proposed VS, seconded JC.		
5.2	<u>Village Nameplates</u>		
	Approval was sought for the cost of two new village nameplates, to be installed at Islington and Polopit. The cost of the two signs is £406.59 including VAT and installation. Proposed by DW, seconded by JC. Clerk to confirm order to NCC Nordis Industries.		CLERK
5.3	<u>Cheques Received</u>		
	S Toon, pro-rata payment of allotment rent, plot 12, Islington	£11.88	CLERK
	J Bussens, quarterly garage rent	£66.25	
5.4	<u>Employer's Annual Return to Inland Revenue</u>		
	The Clerk reported that this had been received and was due for completion and return by 19 th May.		CLERK
6.0	Correspondence		
6.1	<u>Letter received from The Volunteer Centre</u> in Thrapston outlining the service they offer for young people's outings utilising one of their mini buses. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask their representative, Brian Houghton, to attend the next meeting to give further details of how this scheme works.		CLERK

- 6.2 Letter received from a resident concerning speeding and street lighting in Islington, the contents of which had already been discussed under items 4.2.2 and 4.3.2.
- 6.3 Email received from a resident concerning speeding through Islington. The matter had already been included in the discussion at point 4.3.2.
- 6.4 Letter received from Carillion-URS outlining the Junction Safety Review Study Consultation Exercise for the A14 between Thrapston and Brampton. The study is looking at options for safety improvements at the 11 junctions along this piece of road. Response required by 15th March. It was proposed by DW that a sub-group meet and formulate a response. Seconded by MA. Sub group to consist of IC, SP, JC, VS and Clerk. Clerk to arrange date for meeting.
Richard Jones from Astwell Augers, a business situated on the A14 junction with Denford Road, had attended the meeting specifically to hear the discussion regarding this item of correspondence. He expressed his concerns for the safety of his employees and visitors to the company due to the A14 access, especially in inclement weather. The company had also suffered two burglaries and had large machinery stolen, probably due in part to the easy access to and from the A14.
- 6.5 All other items of correspondence were listed and placed in the float file for circulation.
- 7.0 Planning**
- 7.1 Outcome of previous applications: No responses received from ENC. Enquiries had been made of ENC regarding the application for six houses at Manor Farm Court. The only information that had been forthcoming was that the plans were back with the developers for amendment.
- 7.2 New application EN/04/00106/OUT/PDM: Residential redevelopment at 87 High Street. The application referred to the possibility of part of the development being used for affordable housing. It was proposed that the application be supported if the development included some affordable housing. Vote taken, four in favour, one against and one abstention. Application therefore supported on that basis. Clerk to reply to ENC.
- 8.0 Milton Keynes and South Midlands Strategy – Update**
- 8.1 The Chairman reported that this had much wider repercussions than previously thought, with the probability that the area around Titchmarsh would be sandwiched between two major new conurbations: a linear city to the west from Corby as far south as Luton, and a corridor encompassing Stansted, Cambridge and Peterborough to the east.
- 8.2 Bob Seery reported that, as a County Councillor, he had been involved in this for the past 12 months. The strategy was seeking to redress the imbalance in the lack of housing in London and the south-east, resulting in cross-regional development. The proposals suggested an increase of 167,000 houses by 2031. This will inevitably have an impact on existing infrastructure – schools, hospitals, roads, etc.
- 8.3 Councillor Seery advised that the timetable for publication of the strategy is December 2004. Comments from interested parties must be submitted by 8th April and could be directed via Bob. A website – www.stopnorthants.co.uk - gives information about the over-development of the county. Pre-printed cards are available for concerned residents to send to Deputy PM John Prescott, voicing their opposition.

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8.4 It was proposed by JC that an item be included in the next issue of Titchmarsh Times outlining these proposals and advising residents that they could object by completing a pre-printed card. Seconded by GG. IC
IC to prepare article for T/Times.

8.5 The Chairman thanked Bob for his valuable input.

9.0 Village Improvements

9.1 Underground cabling

It was proposed by MA that the cost of this be ascertained from the electricity board. Seconded by GG. Clerk to investigate. CLERK

10.0 Reports from local organisations

10.1 Playing Fields Committee

NALC had confirmed that the PFC should be under the auspices of the Parish Council so that VAT on purchases could be reclaimed via the Parish Council's VAT return. A separate bank account for the PFC would no longer be appropriate.

10.2 Clubroom

It was disappointing to report that asbestos had been discovered and consequently work had not yet started. The completion date for the refurbishment had been delayed until June at the earliest. The Clubroom Committee might submit a request for a donation of £2,000 from the Parish Council towards these unplanned costs.

11.0 Date of next meeting

Thursday, 18th March 2004, in the Chapel.

12.0 Councillors' Review

The Chairman wished to record that the effort put in to producing the village website by the design team was greatly appreciated and he thanked them for the excellent piece of work they had produced. JC reported that she had attended the Thrapston & District Community Safety Forum on 26.1.04. As she was still awaiting minutes, she would report at the next meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.