

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk has contacted Wiltshire Council about appropriate weedkiller to use in the community. There is an ongoing debate about the ecological use of glysohates but they are still permissible provided the adequate licences are in place. The Parish Council's grounds maintenance contractor has attended all necessary course to administer weedkiller. • It is not advisable to do the weedkilling along the pavements until the weather is drier. It was recommended that the work is carried out from March. • The Clerk has reported the damaged road surface at the entrance to Maundell Close and stated that it will be dangerous for pedestrians, especially in the winter months. Wiltshire Council has responded to say that the surface has not degraded sufficiently to warrant repair. They will review the situation periodically. • There was a discussion about the grant request from the Devizes Community First Responder Group towards the purchase of a Raiser Chair. The Parish Council is supportive of the project but does not wish to fund the remainder of the amount needed as the chair will be used by Devizes Town and other surrounding villages as well as Rowde. It was proposed that the Parish Council would donate £300 (proposed by J Dalley, seconded by Y Pullen. All Councillors were in favour). • The Parish Council discussed repairs needed to the noticeboard on the High Street. The Perspex front, seals and back board all need replacing. The manufacturer has recommend purchasing a new noticeboard as it would not be cost effective to replace all of these parts. The Parish Council agreed to purchase a new board (cost £269 + VAT). • There was a discussion on the use of grant money by the Rowde Village Shop. The Village Shop has asked for consent to divert Parish Council grant money from the purchase of a new fridge and printer to pay utility bills and their insurance. It was agreed by the Parish Council that the shop is a village asset and that the funds could be used for this purpose. It was stated that the village shop needs more volunteer staff and more customers to ensure its long term future. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.	<p>The Common</p> <p>Update on the maintenance of the grassland sections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council thanked Mr Martin for maintaining the grassed areas adjacent and across from Holly House, the Common, in accordance with the agreement made last year. There was a query about whether the grass needs to be taken away to increase wildflower regrowth. • Problems with ragwort and water hemlock in other areas of the Common were raised. It was noted that when the grass is cut it should be made into hay. However, it is the wrong time of year to do this. It is suggested that all of the ragwort is manually removed from the area. • It was agreed by the Parish Council that there needs to be a policy for the management of the grassed areas on the Common. The Parish Council has inherited the maintenance and upkeep of the Common, by default. • There was a willingness amongst residents to try and maintain the area in agreement with the Parish Council. It was agreed to arrange a public meeting in January to discuss the grass management of the Common. 	Clerk
9.	<p>Grounds Maintenance:</p> <p>Monthly update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our grounds contractor was praised for the work that he has undertaken. <p>Winter tasks for Grounds Worker (HfT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council did not have any suggestions for further tasks at this time. 	

14.	<p>Planning Applications for consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19/08000/ADV: 1 x3m advertising banner for Braeside. The Parish Council had no objections to the application. 	
15.	<p>Highways Updates</p> <p>Visibility problems at High Street/Close Lane junction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wiltshire Council Highways department have recommended a mirror sited at the corner of Close Lane with the High Street to aid drivers crossing into Close Lane. This would have to be sited on private land. The Clerk will discuss this option further with Wiltshire Council and the local resident concerned. <p>Suggestions for wildflower grass verge areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wiltshire Council has asked for areas to be considered that would be suitable to plant wildflower seeds. There are grants available. The Clerk will send the guidelines to Y Pullen for consideration. It was suggested that the area along the Common adjacent to the recently dug ditch may be an appropriate area. However, remedial work would need to be undertaken first to level the area. Other areas initially suggested were adjacent to the pavement to the back entrance to the school and behind the noticeboard in Silverlands. There was a further discussion on whether it would be appropriate to have more trees planted on the Common. 	Clerk Clerk
16.	<p>Communications matters</p> <p>VE day celebrations – update from meeting on 8th October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A small group of people met to start planning for the VE day celebration on 8th May 2020. It is hoped that all village groups and organisations will be involved. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th November. Everyone is invited to attend. 	Clerk
17.	<p>Communications update</p> <p>Facebook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no updates. 	
18.	<p>Financial matters & monthly invoices for Sept (total £1,939.29).</p> <p><u>September invoices breakdown</u></p> <p>Admin costs: £1, 223.52 Grounds maintenance: £452.37 Safety reports: £263.40 Total: £1, 939.29</p> <p>Further invoices were approved for £ 315.15 for shed materials and equipment hire.</p> <p>Payment for invoices were proposed by L Wills, seconded by C Stevens. All Councillors were in favour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk will send bank account details to Bishops Cannings Football Club for payment. 	Clerk
19.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An e-mail has been received requesting the Parish Council chases the repainting of the white line markings on the A342. The Clerk has chased this with Wiltshire Council. The work has to be undertaken by a mechanical team and not a hand painting gang. It has been passed to the central lining team to have these works completed. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An e-mail was received with concerns for driver safety crossing from the High Street to Close Lane due to the adjacent hedgerows. Please see item 15 above. 	
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Next VE day celebration meeting: Tuesday 12th November 2019  Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th November 2019  The next Area Board Meeting will be held on 18th November 2019 at Devizes School at 6.30pm.  EVERYONE is welcome to attend all meetings. 	

A reminder that all requests for work/or goods should be presented to the relevant Committee first for authorisation.

Signed: Chairman Date: