



**(b)2 Foreign HGVs in Village**

The resident said that the number of foreign vehicles coming into the village at night had increased recently whilst work was being carried out on the A228 and that he frequently had to help drivers negotiate the Bull Road/Ryarsh Road/Snodland Road junction. Clls Hopper and Spooner both live on the junction and confirmed that vehicles attempt to turn there both day and night. Cllr Hopper has had to assist drivers on many occasions. A request for a larger "Not suitable for HGVs" sign had been denied by Kent Highways as there had been no recorded accidents although Councillors knew that several vehicles had been damaged. Cllr Hopper mentioned that Five Oak Green have a large sign and would contact their Parish Clerk to find out how this had come about. He also mentioned the recent communication about KCC's Lorry Watch Scheme and offered to get more information about it.

**(b)3 Increased Traffic Through the Village**

The resident was concerned that increased traffic through the village, again due to road closures during the work on the A228, would continue when the work was completed. Cllrs agreed that this was an ongoing problem but that nothing could be done to stop drivers choosing a particular route.

**(c) Removal of Vegetation from Church Wall**

Councillors were pleased to note that work had been started and would be completed soon.

**(d) Beech Tree in Churchyard**

The tree has now been felled.

**(e) Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

The Clerk had noticed that the sign had been removed on 11 October and reported it as stolen. After making further enquiries she discovered that it had been removed by Kent Highways as it was in danger of subsiding into the stream and it was also thought that it had not been sited in the correct position. A site visit had established that the sign had been correctly sited but that the post was too short. New contractors would replace the sign, date yet to be advised.

**(f) Any other matters arising**

Nothing was raised under this heading

**5 Parish Business for Decisions**

**(a) Request for Donation to The Beat Project re All Our Stories**

Cllrs Spooner and Grimmett and the Clerk, and Mrs Ivell, one of Birling's contributors, had attended a presentation on the All Our Stories project at East Malling Research and been very impressed with the book and the website. A copy of the All Our Stories book had been presented to every contributor and to each Parish Council. The Clerk is to keep the book which residents and visitors can view by contacting her. It was **AGREED** to purchase an additional 2 books to be displayed at the Flower Festival to promote further sales and the Clerk would order these for delivery before Xmas. Heritage Lottery funding of £10K had funded the project so far but further funding to continue the project was needed. It was **AGREED** to make a donation of £50.

**(b) War Memorial Restoration**

The Council, being aware that stonemasons will be extremely busy next year, **DECIDED** to go ahead with the cleaning of the memorial and restoration of the lettering. It was **AGREED** that A K Landers Limited be asked to carry out the work. The Clerk was asked to complete the forms for Sarah Hohler's Member's Grant towards the cost.

**(c) Any other business**

Nothing was raised under this heading.

**6 Open Forum**

Nothing was raised under this heading.

**7 Correspondence (all placed in the bag)**

TMBC – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2013

KALC – Letter from Paul Carter re KCC’s “Facing the Challenge” programme

Kent Police – Oil tank safety precautions

West Kent Wheels 2 Work – poster on noticeboard

**In the Bag**

Came & Co                      Parish Matters Autumn 2013

KALC                                Annual report 2012/13

Kent Police                      Rural Matters Autumn 2013

Clerks & Councils Direct                      November 2013 Issue 90

Commonwork                      Winter Workshop details

**8 Financial Matters**

**(a) Monthly reconciliation sheets, statement & PAYE forms**

Monthly reconciliation sheet, bank statement and PAYE forms were signed and monthly record handed out. After consulting with HMRC, PAYE input for the current year had been amended to correct errors made under the new RTI process.

**(b) Cheques to be signed**

The following cheques were signed:

1317	Mrs Grimmett	November salary & expenses	£285.50
1318	All Saints’ Church	S127 Donation Flower Festival	£250.00
1319	Kent Air Ambulance	S137 Donation	£50.00
1320	Age Concern	S137 Donation	£50.00
1321	T & M CAB	S137 Donation	£50.00
1322	Malling Area Community Service	S136 Donation	£50.00
1323	Victim Support	S137 Donation	£50.00
1324	All Saints’ PCC	S136 Donation	£1712.00
1325	The Beat Project	S137 Donation	£50.00

**(c) Notification of Precept 2014-2015**

The Clerk had forgotten to bring this file for which she apologised. This point will be discussed at December’s meeting.

**(d) Any other financial business**

Nothing was raised under this heading.

**9 Roads**

**(a) JPCTCG**

An interim meeting had been held on 8 November but neither Cllr Nudd nor Cllr Grimmett had been able to attend.

**(b) Any other business**

Several councillors commented that the recent repair to a large pothole on the A228 at the M20 junction roundabout was already breaking up and the Clerk was asked to report it. Nothing further was raised under this heading.

**10**     **Planning**

**New Applications:**

TM/13/03166/TNCA TQ567966 160493

Applicant:             Mr S Houldsworth  
Location:                10 Ryarsh Road Birling, West Malling, ME19 5JW  
Proposal:                Remove fruit tree causing damage  
BPC:                      No objections

TM/13/03181/FL        TQ568640 161076

Applicant:             Mr R Thorogood  
Location:                5 Legge Lane, Birling, West Malling, ME19 5JH  
Proposal:                Single storey orangery style extension and internal alterations  
BPC:                      No objections

TM/13/03358/TNCA TQ568073 160478

Applicant:             Mr A Beadle  
Location:                15 Bull Road, Birling, West Malling, ME19 5JE  
Proposal:                Fell Norway spruce which has outgrown it's situation and replace  
BPC:                      No objections

TM/13/03396/FL        TQ567762 160795

Applicant:             Mr & Mrs Watkins  
Location:                Ley Farm Barn, Snodland Road Birling, West Malling, ME19 5JF  
Proposal:                Split of existing single dwelling house into 2 self-contained homes  
BPC:                      Still with the Planning Committee

TM/13/03397/FL        TQ567762 160795

Applicant:             Mr & Mrs Watkins  
Location:                Ley Farm Barn, Snodland Road, Birling West Malling, ME19 5JF  
Proposal:                Split of existing single dwelling house into 2 self-contained homes  
BPC:                      Still with the Planning Committee

**Decisions:**

TM/13/02562/FL        TQ566842 162453

Applicant:             Mr B Hitchcock  
Location:                Highfield House, 62 White Horse Road, Meopham DA13 0UF  
Proposal:                Alterations to roof over garage to form annexe ancillary to house  
BPC:                      No objections  
TMBC:                    Refused 16 October

**11**     **Any Other Business**

Cllr Grimmett was thanked for attending the Remembrance Day service and laying the wreath on behalf of the council and there being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

**12**     **Date of next meeting:**

As previously agreed **10 December 2013 at 8.00pm**