

judged the parish gardens and has indicated his choices. At the Celebration Evening he will give a

presentation on "Wollerton Old Hall – Past and Present". Councillors agreed a buffet supper be provided, with tea and coffee (bring your own drinks otherwise) and a plate be placed for voluntary donations. Any shortfall may come from the Council funds. The usual 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded, with Highly Commended etc and it was unanimously agreed that a Special Citation be awarded annually for outstanding contribution to the visual environment of the parish.

To discuss: Powers to cap Billing Authorities' Council Tax and Parish Councils' Precept levels.

Thought is that Parish Councils will not be restricted but there will be need to look closely at

current levels of spendings/ precepts.

To discuss: Consultation on Surface Water Management. Cllr Powell stated this was guidance to developers on how to use surplus water systems to minimise run-off/waste. There is no flood risk in

Norton in Hales.

To discuss: HM Queens' Diamond Jubilee preparations – June 2012. Cllr Lucas said he would mention this in the Monthly Messenger – councillors suggestions included a street party, possible amalgamation with the Church Fete or the Fun Day; other ideas welcome.

Training. Cllr Kiessling said she wished to attend Budgets & Precept Setting and Law & Procedures at cost of £20 per session.

AGM of ALC. Cllr Lucas agreed to go on 6.11.10 with Chairman's lunch at £16. allowance.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Cllr Nixon spoke of the danger at the junction of the Tunstall Hall road with the Bypass – when waiting to turn right towards Betton off the Bypass cars are overtaking; there is also a problem when waiting to cross the Bypass from the Betton direction and go towards the Gingerbread Man pub. The Clerk will ask Highways if there are any suitable safety measures which can be implemented.

Cllr Ankers reported the flagstones at the bottom of Griffin Close are uneven – this problem has arisen from time to time and is caused by the tree roots lifting the slabs – a difficult problem to solve.

Cllr Finlay-Burrows had reported to the Clerk the small raised cover in the centre of the Bellaport Road at its junction with Beswick Lane.

Cllr Groom said the area of subsidence near Betton House which has received attention recently was again showing a problem.

Date of next meeting 2nd November 2010.