

- 6.3 The Risk Assessment for the Parish Council had been circulated and was reviewed. There were no changes required as the risks remain the same and the appropriate management of those risks is in place. To be reviewed in two years time – as recommended by Internal Auditor.

7. Planning

- 7.1 No planning applications have been received from South Norfolk – however the Parish Clerk and several parish councillors are aware of the proposed application by Richard Long for an anaerobic digestion renewable energy unit on land off Morley Lane, Morley St. Botolph. The Parish Clerk had printed the site location map with the site access routes and transport summary report as she was concerned about the implications for the parish of the tractors/lorries taking the crops to the digester going through Deopham and Hackford.

There was concern that though the application and supporting transport summary say that the incoming traffic will travel from the east – ie the B1172 and into Morley Lane presumably the reason for wanting a new digester in Morley is to serve the western side. This means all the land farmed by the applicant and farmers contracted to grow for him in Woodrising, Cranworth, Hingham, Hardingham and Deopham/Hackford.

The quickest route from Woodrising/Hingham/Deopham/ is to come via Deopham/Hackford to Morley and the contractors used by the applicant will use the quickest route.

The contractors last summer drove large tractors with large trailers carting maize and rye grass at all times of day and night and drove too fast on the small narrow lanes and roads – the vehicles are too wide and destroyed verges and caused dreadful damage. The narrow lanes in Deopham & Hackford are already used by enough large farm traffic without adding outside contractors who have no regard for the village environment.

As there are no footpaths in the village, pedestrians will be at more risk of being hit than they currently are.

Morley Parish Council have commented and said that once permission is given, how will enforcing and policing any conditions regarding traffic movements be carried out.

After discussion it was agreed that a letter be written to South Norfolk Planning outlining the objections of the Parish Council and saying that if approval is given there must be a way of ensuring the traffic does not come through Deopham & Hackford.

- 7.2 Cats Cradle, Church Lane, Hackford, NR18 9HN – removal of existing conservatory and proposed side extension, loft conversion and front porch (App. No 2016/2938) – has been approved with usual conditions.

8. Deopham Playing Field

- 8.1 Jackie Phoenix reported on the fundraising being carried out for the Playing Field Hut improvements via the Playing Field Development Group. She handed over two cheques - £108.50 from bingo, £103.90 from the coffee morning. The £300 grant from South Norfolk will be used for buying tables for use at future fundraising events and Jackie is in the process of ordering the tables.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 Katherine Gray from the High Oak Music Group would like permission to use the playing field on July 1st 2017 for the 25th birthday event she is organising for the group. It was agreed in principle dependent on the weather in the preceding week – if the field is under water then the Parish Council may change its mind!

10. **Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday March 8th 2017, 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.