

end of the summer term.

6. To identify a location for the donated defibrillator

6.1 The Clerk reported that he had received a copy of the order for a defibrillator from the St John's Ambulance Brigade but that it had not arrived yet. Cllr Dilys Davies had identified a possible property in Battle to site the defibrillator. It was agreed that Cllr Dilys Davies and the Clerk should make an approach to the property owners after the defibrillator had been received.

7. To consider asking Powys to move the 30mph signs approaching Cradoc to near the village sign at Cradoc Golf Club.

7.1 This was considered to be a good idea but it was decided to wait until further evidence of speeding had been obtained, after which PCSO Alex Daniels would follow it up. Cllr Iain McIntosh offered his assistance if required.

7.2 It was also hoped that the 30mph sign just after the Oakfield Road junction in Cradoc could also be moved further out. This may be dependent on evidence of speeding in this area.

8. Financial Matters

8.1 The Clerk's hours for May and June (19), pay (£176.49) and expenses (£32.39) were approved. The HMRC payment of £67 and the Society of Local Council Clerks membership fee of £67 were approved.

8.2 The Clerk reported that the cashbook showed a balance of around £2,735 after current expenditure is taken into account. The budget monitoring spreadsheet indicated that spending was going according to plan with a projected balance at 31 March 2022 of around £2,700.

9. To approve the Council's insurance arrangements for 2020-21

9.1 The Clerk had negotiated the removal of the administration fee so the premium was the same as last year. The expenditure of £168 was approved.

10. To consider planting an oak tree near the corner of Oakfield Park (Cllr Kate Dunning)

10.1 Cllr Kate Dunning explained that she had a small oak tree that she would like to plant on the verge at the entrance to Oakfield Park. No objections had been raised by her near neighbours. This was considered to be a good idea and Cllr Iain McIntosh agreed to seek permission from the Highways Department.

11. To note action taken with respect to trees at the northern end of Battle Village overhanging the road.

11.1 The Clerk explained that concern had been raised about the safety of trees on Battle Common overhanging the road at the north end of Battle. The ownership of Battle Common is unknown. The Highways department has been asked to assess the safety of the trees.

12. Any planning applications that have arisen after the agenda was sent out

12.1 There were none.

13. Correspondence

- a) Older People's Commissioner's Newsletter**
- b) Powys Dyslexia Newsletter**
- c) Welsh Assembly consultation on qualifications for clerks**
- d) Focus on Play Newsletter
- e) PAVO July Newsletter
- f) Young Person's Mental Health Survey

- g) Climate Change Newsletter
- h) Neighbourhood Watch: free webinar about scams*
- i) Police and Crime Panel Annual Report

* circulated by email

** received by email but not circulated

14. To receive an update on the proposed Brecon school reorganisation (Cllr Iain McIntosh)

14.1 Cllr Iain McIntosh reported that Fay Jones MP and James Evans MS had visited the school and were supportive of the school staying open. Cllr Phil Davies had also had a meeting with school governors and he had indicated that he would not put proposals for closure of Cradoc School forward if he felt there was a risk of losing a judicial review.

14.2 Cllr Iain McIntosh said that hundreds of responses had been received to all the closure proposals which had increased the workload of the Education Department. An analysis of the responses and further recommendations are expected in September.

14.3 Cllr Dilys Davies had asked the Clerk whether alternative ways of funding the rebuild costs of Cradoc school could be found. The campaign group had been looking at this and were trying to find out whether a community building (for which financial assistance is available) could be incorporated into a new school build or whether it had to be separate in which case it would not help to reduce the rebuild cost. Cllr Phil Davies was interested in exploring ways of reducing the cost but would not admit that the proposal to close Cradoc School was driven by financial concerns. Cllr Iain McIntosh has written to the National Lottery and would contact them again for a response.

15. Issues to report to Powys County Council

15.1 Cllr Kate Dunning had received a complaint about poor grass and verge cutting in Cradoc by contractors who spent 20 minutes on the job and left a load of mess which had to be cleared up by local residents. Cllr Iain McIntosh said that he had forwarded this complaint to Lyn Parry who had passed it on the person who oversaw the contractors. No response had been received to date.

16. Date and times of next meeting to be advised.

The meeting finished at 8.18pm