

5. Financial Matters

Mrs Whittle informed the Council that the Trustees of the Wood Account intended to purchase protection for bee orchids in Kenninghall woods.

6. The Chairman invited Mr William Nunn, leader of Breckland Council to give an overview of the current position of the District Council. Mr Nunn said that the biggest concern at the moment was the proposed local government reorganisation and the lack of consultation with District Councils. Because of press rumours, the District Councils have raised this with the Minister, David Milliband, who had said that there would be no formal consultation but the District Councils had until March to respond to the proposals. There had been a meeting of the leaders of the seven Norfolk authorities and a response was being sent to the Minister. The Parish Council unanimously felt that the lack of consultation and information in respect of the proposed reorganisation of local government including what may or may not be proposed for Parish Councils was objectionable and the Clerk was asked to write to the Minister with a copy to Mr Blair and Mr Nunn, pointing out the Parish Council's concerns that the legislation would be steam rolled through by the government without due consideration.

7. Correspondence

- a) The Clerk reported the letter from Diss CAB informing the Parish Council of the need to raise money for new offices. The Chairman proposed a grant of £120.00 to the CAB and this was seconded by Mrs Dennis and carried unanimously.
- b) The Chairman said that he had received a letter from a Bruce Tofield of CRed updating him on the position and suggesting that a group should be formed in the village to campaign for energy reduction and CO2 reduction.
- c) The Clerk reported the other statutory and general correspondence.

8. Any Other Business

- 1. Mr Kay said that the Village Hall Committee meeting had been scheduled for the same as tonight's Parish Council meeting and had had to be postponed and he hoped the next meeting would not clash.
- 2. Mr Groves raised the question of the state of the unoccupied house in the market place and the Clerk was asked to write to the agent for Quidenham Estate to see what their proposals were and if they could deal with improvement of the property.
- 3. The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 28th February 2006, at the Memorial Hall, Kenninghall at 7.30pm.