

## **Clerks Report May 2017**

### **Action Points Following the March meeting:**

#### **Precept**

The 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of the Precept for the sum of £1903.00 has been remitted by Richmondshire District Council.

#### **Internal Audit**

David Ashforth has been notified of the Parish Councils decision.

#### **Financial Matters**

The clerk has generated a digital cashbook to enable easier processing of the VAT refund claim and End of Year Accounts. No end of year statement has been received as yet so all accounts are reconciled to the final statement received of 02/03/2017.

The bank reconciliation has similarly been generated.

The Vat refund claim has been processed.

These items are included as agenda items.

#### **Dust from the Quarry**

I have had the following response from the Quarry Manager:

Firstly I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

We have experienced high winds recently and it seems to be carrying what little dust there is further distances.

We are currently trialling a new product from one of our suppliers. He said it needed to be applied once per month. We are the first quarry to use it for them and we find it is more like 4/5 days for reapplication. We are putting as much water down around the haul routes throughout the day also when required.

I will monitor the situation and please don't hesitate to contact me if it continues to be an issue and we will see if we can improve.

Please extend my apologies to anyone effected and let them know we are doing all we can to help alleviate the problem.

#### **Insurance**

A number of brokers have been approached and quotes are awaited.

### **Notices Received:**

#### **Highways Reports**

Please see the Community page of the Village Website

#### **NHS Reports**

Please see the Community page of the Village Website

#### **YLCA Notices**

#### **CYBER ESSENTIALS' – HM GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDED CYBER SECURITY SYSTEM**

We have received an enquiry from a member council regarding a cyber security package called 'Cyber Essentials'. This a government-backed cyber security certification scheme that sets out a minimum for cyber security suitable for a range of organisations, and they cite local authorities as being one of these. See more details at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cyber-essentials-scheme-overview>