MATTERS ARISING UPDATE - September 2012

Merton Green

Chairman/Councillor Cousins to report.

School Lane & Caerwent Village Traffic Enhancement Scheme

Letter and drawings received from Traffic & Network Manager of MCC – circulated. Also emailed 1st September.

Old Gym Building

Chairman had requested in the newsletter that any concerns re Old Gym activities be sent to us – none received. Information on activities in Old Gym building in Years 2010 and 2012 for comparison received from Old Gym Committee (enclosed). Petition of 5 signatures mentioned by Mr Shelley at last meeting was sent to the Chief Executive of MCC in February 2011. Further letter received from Mr Shelley (enclosed).

Crick Wildlife Reserve

Signed lease sent into MCC. Councillor Swift to report on any further progress.

Circular Walk

Councillor Counsell to report.

Footpath - Great House Farm

Chairman to report.

Time Team Field

Reply from MCC re grazing:

"While in principal the Council has no objection to putting the land over to grazing due to the high demand from grazing land the Council has to put all its grazing land out to competitive tendering. In addition there can be no reduction on the rent. As there can be no guarantee that the Community Council will be successful in being granted the land if it is to be used for grazing I would strongly suggest that the use remains as recreational in which case the Council can grant you the lease in preference to other interested parties." (interested villager informed)

Cwrt Morgan Adoption

Councillor Evans to report.

War Memorial Names

In correspondence with Deserie Mansfield regarding archives.

Provision of Allotments

Wrote to Brooms in Crick. Reply – the field next to McAlpines unlikely to be suitable for several reasons. We queried if they had anything else and also the cost – they do not have a standard price for this as it is not something they have been asked before –

they would need to consider several factors, including access etc - unless the budget is going to be financially viable for them they would not look into it. Basically they need an idea of what our approximate budget is and access requirements.

For info - typical plot size 10 rods (approximately 250 sq m/300 sq yds) – average cost \pounds 25 per year with concessions available.

Caerwent Playing Fields - responsibility of trees

Councillors Murphy/Hedley to report following their meeting with Mr T O'Donovan of MCC.

"Gated Entrance" A48

Councillor Murphy to report.

Provision of Dog Friendly Stiles

Footpaths Officer still trying to arrange meeting with farmer - Clerk chasing.

Caerwent Toilets

Welsh Water visited site and repaired leak on stoptap. They will make another visit in September to double check. They will reimburse us accordingly.

Dog Waste Bins

Three more bins will be located in Caerwent village shortly.

Tree Preservation Orders

Suggested a site meeting with Tree Officer and Councillor Counsell re Westwood Farm. Trees at Bradbury Farm Crick do not fit criteria. No obligation on part of owner to trim tree at Laburnum Steps, Llanfair Discoed.

Bridleway Five Lanes - Quad Bikes

Footpaths Officer and police visited area – quad biking now ceased on this bridleway.

Broadband Provision

Councillor Evans to report

Proposed re-instatement of Village Pumps

In correspondence with Deserie Mansfield regarding this.

Shirenewton Primary School

Request from MCC for minor authority representative recommendation. We have nominated Councillor Haddow. Shirenewton will make decision at their AGM on $24^{\rm th}$ September.