**Visit by David Astins Pembrokeshire County Council**

**To advise us on County Council future plans re Environmental Services**.

**Mr Astins explained that County Council are looking to reduce their current budget for these services by at least £400,000 per annum**

**The services that will be affected within our community are Grass Cutting and Maintenance of Children’s Play Area**

**Grass Cutting areas**

1. **River View**
2. **Children’s Play Area**
3. **Verges Ware Memorial/ Village Green.**

**The current cost of the above is £2,500 for 12 cuts per year, Councillor Ray Watkins queried 12 cuts, and Mr Astins is to check on this as PCC are paying for 12 cuts**

**Children’s Play Area**

**Maintenance of Children’s Play Equipment, Health and Safety Checks etc.**

**The current cost of weekly/monthly H & S checks is £600 Plus £100 for an independent yearly check of £100. This does not include any costs for repairs etc. Any equipment deemed unfit for use is removed and not replaced.**

**David was asked if PCC has published this planned budget cuts in order that the public can be made aware of these additional Costs if Community Councils have to increase their Precepts, he is to check on this.**

**Asked what would happen if we refused to accept these additional responsibilities we were advised that in all probability PCC would just give a much reduced service or no service at all.**

**All these services are currently carried out by external companies i.e not employees of PCC**

**Councillor Alison Kavanagh thanked Mr Astins for attending our meeting and the information he was able to advise us on.**