

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 11th April 2012 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

Attendance: Cllrs Fairchild, Goddard, Lyon, Norman, Parr (Chairman), Smith, Tindall, G Wilson and P Wilson

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** having been circulated to all members were taken as read. Cllr Fairchild proposed and Cllr Lyon seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **MATTERS ARISING (For Information Only)**
 - a. **Groundsman Contract:** (See Minutes MM 03/2012 Item 13) Cllr Norman had not been in attendance at the March meeting and he advised that he was very upset with the decision not to award the contract to Mr Robert Howard. The Clerk had also received 29 communications from residents expressing their concerns and disagreement with the decision and a response had been sent out to address and explain the issues that were raised.
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs Haigh, Hugo and Page – all on holiday.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public wished to address the Council regarding the Groundsman Contract.

Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr G Wilson seconded that Standing Order 1f should be suspended for the duration of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Tindall seconded that the time limit under Standing Order 1e should be extended to 15 minutes for this section of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman advised that the tender process for the contract had been carried out strictly in accordance with the rules the Council has to abide by and the decision had been made in an open meeting taking into account the Council's responsibility to all of its parishioners and therefore would not and could not be changed.

Seven members of the public were in attendance in support of Mr Howard and four of them expressed their anger and concerns that he would no longer be carrying out the duties in the parish. It was felt that he had been loyal to the Council for many years and had been passed over for a cheaper option. The issue of mowing equipment was also raised.

A member of the public wished to complain about the increase in dog fouling on the streets and the amount of flyers being posted around the village by a slimming club.

Another member of the public wished to address the Council regarding a dedicated Parish Council website and this would be discussed more fully under Item 14.

6. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were submitted for authorisation:

Name	Service	Itemised	Total	Chq No/ Method
Littleport Timber Buildings	Supply + erect 2 x sheds and concrete bases at Haddenham Recreation Field		£4900.00	2085
Ely & District Citizens Advice Bureau	Grant 2012/13		£100.00	2086
BT	HPC telephone March – May 2012		£101.50	DD