

**10. EMPLOYER NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2014/15**

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council is excluded from claiming the newly introduced Employment Allowance because it is a public authority.

**11. FIDELITY GUARANTEE INSURANCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS**

The Clerk had produced a draft document covering primary insurance policy requirements laid down by Came & Company for the Fidelity Guarantee cover. The document was agreed subject to the Clerk gaining clarification on queries relating to money received and banking. This will be brought back to the next meeting for final agreement.

**12. LOCAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

The Clerk advised that the Local Audit & Accountability Act has now become law and will bring about the closure of the Audit Commission and in its place create a new framework for local audit. This will mean that with effect from 2017 parish councils will be able to decide themselves how to procure their own audit services. Smaller authorities with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000 will be exempt from routine audit and instead will be asked to introduce a new transparency code.

**13. REPEAL OF s150 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – IMPLEMENTATION (ENGLAND)**

The Clerk advised that the two-signature rule for payments is no longer in force but safe and efficient arrangements must be in place before it is abandoned. She had produced an updated procedure for ensuring that all payments are checked, both before and after being made and it was agreed that this should be recommended to the Full Council for agreement at the May meeting. Cllr Tindall proposed and Cllr Parr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. REQUEST FOR GRANTS**

Requests had been received from the Ladybird Boat Trust and Haddenham Guides. Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Tindall seconded that neither request fell within in the remit of the Council's policy to provide a grant and should therefore be refused. Motion carried unanimously.

**15. MATTERS TO REPORT**

Cllr Wilson was pleased to advise that an offer of £31,000 grant funding for the refurbishment of the Arkenstall Centre toilets had been received from WREN, subject to the receipt of two points of information. An acceptance letter containing this information will be sent to them as soon as possible.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30pm at Haddenham Library, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

There being no further business the meeting was called to a close at 8.35pm.

*DJ Lyon*  
29/5/14