

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 13th February 2013 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

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

1. GUEST SPEAKER

Cllr Parr welcomed Mr Paul Duggan from the WISER Group at St Ives who gave a very interesting talk on organising an electrical waste-recycling event that his company would like to hold in the parish. They have joined with AmeyCespa and Cambs County Council to hold these one-day events around the district and will collect any household electrical items and batteries from the kerbside and process them on for recycling. A payment of £40 per ton would come back to the Parish Council to be used for the parish. It was felt that middle to late June would be a good time to hold the event and talks with Mr Duggan will be ongoing to put the details and advertising in place.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING having been circulated to all members were taken as read. Cllr Tindall proposed and Cllr G Wilson seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING (For Information Only)

- a. **Horse Chestnut Tree at Recreation Field:** (See Minutes MM 01/2013 Item 12) The Clerk advised that permission had been received from the District Council to fell the tree and an order had been issued to Conway Tree Specialists to carry out the work. She had also advised the insurance company of the situation.
- b. **QEII Deed of Dedication:** (See Minutes MM 01/2013 Item 17) The Clerk advised that Cllr G Wilson had found a copy of the conveyance document for the purchase of the Recreation Field, which had been sent to Fields in Trust and been accepted as proof of ownership and therefore a Statutory Declaration would not be required. Completion of the Deed is now going ahead.
- c. **Work at No 5 Station Road and Arkenstall Car Park:** (See Minutes MM 01/2013 Item 20) The owner of No 5 had signed a letter accepting the proposed work as full and final settlement of the alleged damage and an order had been issued to Mr A King to proceed with the work.
- d. **Precept 2013/14:** (See Minutes MM 01/2013 Item 21) Cllrs Wilson had spoken to Linda Grinnell at the District Council and it had been agreed by the members of the Finance & Emergency Committee that the Precept request for 2013/14 should remain at £77,727.
- e. **Highway problems:** (See Minutes MM 01/2013 Item 22) The Clerk had reported all of the problems raised by Cllr Goddard last month and they are being actioned.
- f. **Circus Tyanna:** (See Minutes MM 10/2012 Item 16) The Clerk confirmed that the circus would be visiting Haddenham between 16th and 23rd June.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Hugo – work commitments and County Cllr Bill Hunt.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public wished to make a complaint regarding the grave digging procedures at Haddenham Cemetery. He was concerned that the digger is being driven across the cemetery without due care in the wet conditions. He also complained that the gravedigger does not show due respect by keeping out of sight whilst the interment is happening and also enters the cemetery before all the mourners have departed. He questioned if the correct certification is in place for operating the machine. The Clerk will look into this further and write to Mr Wright and Mr Carter pointing out the concerns.