

historic in nature it is not protected and no permission would be required to remove it. She also advised that the Parish Council had contacted her in 2012 for advice about the wall. It had more recently been acknowledged by the Council that demolishing the wall would be more costly than repairing it and therefore it was agreed that Cllr G Wilson would consult Building Control to obtain more advice on what work would be required to enable quotes to be obtained ready for the next meeting in March when it would be discussed more fully. The Clerk had also received a reply to her letter to the owners of 19 The Green, who advised that the mirror and house number are attached to their section of the wall and would draw the Councils attention to the Party Wall Act 1996.

A Domestic Violence Awareness Day will be held at The Maltings in Ely on Wednesday 13th March.

An enquiry had been received from the Witchford District Guide Leader regarding a suitable area of land for a Guide (Scout) hut to be erected in Haddenham. Cllr Norman advised that he already has a Scout hut on his property and would be willing to talk to the Guides as well.

A letter had been received from the owner of 28 Aldreth Road regarding her concerns about people using the bus stop on the frontage of her property and the safety aspect of there being no path or proper area for them to stand. She asked if the Council would be prepared to try to get it moved further along the road where there is more space to stand. It is believed that the stop is only used a couple of times a week for the bus which goes down to Aldreth and it is also known that this service is under threat of being axed and may well disappear in the coming months making the stop redundant. With this in mind the Council would be reluctant to initiate moving it at this time.

The Conservation Officer at the District Council is intending to run an 18-month project to draw up a comprehensive list of buildings of special architectural or historical interest to offer them a level of protection against undesirable alterations and/or irreplaceable loss and wishes to engage parish councils in the process. Cllr Parr will contact Mr Barry Coombes, a local historian, to ask if he would like to be involved.

Consultation on the draft Local Development Framework Vision will run from 11th February to 25th March. There will also be a public exhibition in the Arkenstall Centre on 20th February when the draft vision for Haddenham will be available for viewing.

The Clerk had received details of a road closure at Earith Bridge over six weekends starting on 1st March due to maintenance work to the bridge. These details will be posted on the website.

9. POLICE REPORT

(11th January – 10th February)

Officers were called to assist on the Earith Road on 15th January due to a car accident. During the evening high visibility patrols were carried out around Haddenham and Aldreth. Further patrols had been carried out during the month and no problems found. On 9th February PCSO Jonathan Hall was requested to visit Guppy's Pond where unwanted fishing has been taking place. There were no fishermen present but he will include the site in his Haddenham patrols. Enquiries have been made regarding an incident of fuel being siphoned from a lorry in Hillrow between 6th and 7th February. There has been an increase in burglaries in East Cambs particularly in remote locations and vulnerable properties that are not overlooked or have neighbours within close proximity.

10. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr P Wilson reported that she had attended a Personnel meeting on 7th February, items discussed were the Health & Safety Policy, Freedom of Information Act and budget monitoring.

Cllr G Wilson had attended several meetings mainly to discuss the budget and the next Full Council meeting will make a decision on the proposed 2% increase in council tax. There should be no need for cuts this coming year due to the Council having built up substantial reserves. He advised that homelessness is becoming a big problem but one hostel in Ely has re-opened and a new one has opened in Soham, which will help.