

A resident in New Road had written regarding vehicles using the lay by in Hop Row for long term parking thereby making it inaccessible for drivers wishing to park for a few minutes to do shopping in the High Street. The Clerk had enquired with the Highways Department about a waiting time restriction sign being installed but had been advised that this would cost in the region of £2500 due to the legal process involved. It was agreed that a reply should be sent to the resident advising of this cost and also that the Council is sympathetic to the problems raised but it also has no funds available to pursue an order and also feels that this is outside of its jurisdiction and remit.

The next Neighbourhood Panel meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at Witchford Village Hall.

The Clerk had received a complaint regarding rubbish bags being left out at the entrance to the housing estate in Church Lane, which she had passed to the Client Waste Officer at the District Council. He advised that there had been a vehicle breakdown during the refuse collection on the previous Monday but all bags had been collected as soon as possible. He would also monitor the area to ensure bags are not being left out when they shouldn't be. The Clerk will also advise the resident of the contact details for the Waste Officer and Cllrs Wilson to enable him to report problems directly to the District Council.

The Clerk had received a request for a wedding party to use the Non-Conformist Burial Ground to take photographs on the 11<sup>th</sup> August. It was agreed that this is an open space for the use of all and future permission for this type of activity would not be required.

Haddenham Sports & Social Club wishes to erect a smoking shelter and security lighting and had contacted the Clerk to ask if permission was required from the Parish Council to do so. It was agreed that the Clerk would ascertain if planning permission would be required and then liaise with the Social Club to follow the correct procedures.

## 9. POLICE REPORT

11<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July

PCSO Annie has been deployed under 'Op Enfield' to help ensure Euro 2012 passed off peacefully and lawfully. The priority has been public safety where there has been an increased visible presence on the streets of Ely, Littleport and Soham during and after the England and other significant matches. Those officers not deployed under this operation have continued with their normal duties including patrolling all villages in her absence. During the month Annie has visited the Sheltered Housing Scheme in Camping Close for a chat with a couple of residents and the scheme manager. She has conducted a reassurance visit following the theft of tools from a works van parked on a private driveway in Camping Close, attended an abandoned motorbike at the Recreation Field where it was soon established that it had been stolen and a motorbike accident in Hillrow. She has also visited a witness to an assault in Haddenham, in order to view their personal CCTV footage. High visibility patrols have been carried out in both villages and there have been no parking or other issues at the time of these patrols. These areas will continue to be monitored along with an address in Aldreth, which is causing concern at the moment due to the amount of visitors to that property.

## 10. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr P Wilson advised that an amendment to the planning application for land to the North of Northumbria Close would be coming out in relation to surveys relating to amphibians, reptiles and great crested newts. She reported that she would attend a Community & Environment meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July when items to be discussed would include a funding bid to the Department of Communities for wheelie bins for recycling in the District, a review of the Ely Market review carried out in 2012 with a view to some items being withdrawn or changed. Other issues to be discussed will be domestic violence, the Community Grant Fund and a consultation on the Ely Riverside mooring bylaw.

Cllr G Wilson had attended a seminar on the effect benefit changes are having on private landlords renting out their properties, making them very reluctant to do so. The effect of which is causing the bed & breakfast costs in East Cambs to rise. Cllr Wilson also reported that the problems with the roof at The Grange would not be covered by insurance. He had also attended a seminar about the new Code of Conduct and advised that the District Council is still in the process of amending the code before it is adopted. There is a new initiative called Making Assets Count to make sure all government land and buildings are being used as efficiently as possible. Cllr Wilson feels parish councils should also be