

included in this. He has joined a working party to look at discretionary business rates and how charities and businesses may be affected.

## 11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports this month from Burial Areas, Christmas Lights, Open Spaces, Street Lighting, Haddenham Library and Pond.

- A. Finance & Emergency:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.
- B. Planning:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.
- C. Allotments:** Both sites have been inspected and letters will be sent out to those not being farmed satisfactorily.
- D. Fairchild's Meadows:** The paths around the Meadows have been cut after a delay due to the bad weather. The pond-dipping platform has been repaired. Unfortunately the pond is still losing water and this will need to be investigated further.
- E. Green Footpaths & Trees:** The Clerk reported that there is a dead Cherry tree in the Non-Conformist Burial Ground, which needs to be removed. This will be attended to over the coming month.
- F. Road Safety:** Cllr G Wilson reported that the details of the Minor Highways Improvement Bid (See Minutes MM 06/2012 Item 11D) had been discussed with Kevin Hall of Highways. The 30mph limit will move to where it is currently 40mph in Wilburton Road and out to where West End joins Hillrow along that road. Cllr Hugo commented on the proposal to move the Hillrow speed limit and questioned its validity and cost. The light on the island opposite the Baptist Church is being investigated. A pedestrian crossing of some kind in Station Road had also been discussed with Kevin but the very high cost would not make it possible at this point in time. It is hoped there will be an HCV report in September following the particulates report on vibration and noise, etc.
- G. Wayman's Pits:** Cllr Parr advised that correspondence has been opened again with regard to submitting a change of use planning application now that the 40mph buffer zone is in place.
- H. Arkenstall Centre:** Contracts for the caretaker and cleaner are being reviewed. Hiring rates for local organisations will rise by 30% with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Quotes for the toilet upgrades have been received and grant funding from between £25,000 and £55,000 will be sought. Quotes for other projects reported on previously (See Minutes MM 06/2012 Item 11F) are also being received. There is a problem with damp in the wall of the bungalow adjacent to the car park, which it is claimed has been caused by the tarmac surfacing carried out a couple of years ago. This will be investigated and an estimate for £875 to rectify will be considered at the September meeting.
- I. Youth Club:** Cllrs Parr and G Wilson will meet with the youth club leader to discuss complaints that have been received regarding mess at the Pavilion, smoking and youngsters climbing the MUGA fence.
- J. Recreation:** Installation of the new play equipment at Haddenham is going well and the surfacing has been started (See Minutes MM 06/2012 Item 11H). There have been a few problems and some adjustments to the original plan but these have been overcome. The outdoor gym equipment is very sturdy. There will be an official opening at some point. The skatepark repairs have also been completed. The Clerk had received a complaint from the Groundsman regarding dog fouling on the field and also under the hedge and it was agreed that an additional dog bin provided in the car park area might help to alleviate the problem. Cllr P Wilson proposed and Cllr Fairchild seconded that a bin should be purchased as soon as possible. Motion carried unanimously. The Clerk will also ask the Environmental Enforcement Officer to carry out some patrols around the field.

## 12. SECTION 106 INVESTMENT STRATEGY

There were no new projects to be discussed.

## 13. HADDENHAM BROWNIES TREE PLANTING PROJECT

Amanda Buttress of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Haddenham Brownies had approached the Parish Council with a request for a suitable site to carry out some tree planting as part of the Woodland Trust's Jubilee Woods Project.