

33. WHEELIE BIN UPGRADE

The Clerk advised that the new contractor was finding it difficult to fit all of the rubbish collected in the parish in the current wheelie bin. Cllr Fairchild proposed and Cllr Haigh seconded that the bin should be upgraded to a larger model. This will involve an increase in the monthly charge to £12 per empty and incur a changeover fee of £20. Motion carried unanimously.

(LA 1982 ss5&6)

34. MATTERS TO REPORT

It was reported that the Aldreth Village Centre has ongoing problems with a neighbour and this has been reported to the Police who are looking into it.

The Clerk had received advice from the District Council that it would not be able to supply a plastics recycling bank (see Minutes MM 03/2012 Item 3a). The provision of a bank cannot be justified due to the costs involved and ongoing cuts and they could not consider a trial period either due to the costs. They are, however, hopeful that funding from Central Government in October will allow them to improve the kerbside recycling (including plastic bottles) and help them to address some of the issues.

Cllr Haigh reported that the black boxes in the High Street had all been taken away and then suddenly reappeared at a later date.

Cllr Hugo reported that the first open week of the National Garden Scheme would be on the weekend of the 19th/20th May and all were welcome to visit his gardens.

Cllr Page enquired about a bus shelter in Aldreth but was advised that this has already been looked at in the past. *but it could be timely now for it to be considered again.*

The Clerk will report a section of Long Drove off Hillrow Causeway, which has collapsed.

Cllr Norman wished to know why two letters sent to the Parish Council regarding Robert Howard had not been read out at the last meeting in April. Cllr Parr explained that they had already been replied to before the meeting and were therefore considered as having been dealt with. He also wished to know why the hard work of Cllr G Wilson in obtaining funding for the play equipment was mentioned in the replies. Cllr Parr advised that this was to address the fact that some parishioners felt that the Council was prepared to spend thousands of pounds on play equipment but not on keeping Robert Howard on as Groundsman and this had been mentioned to clarify that the play equipment was being funded by grants and not from the Council's existing funds.

The Clerk advised that a dedication ceremony for the bench in memory of the late Ken Bowcock would be held at Fairchild's Meadows on Saturday 2nd June at 3pm and refreshments would be served afterwards at the Methodist Church room.

Marcus Bell from the District Council will attend the July meeting to give a report on the findings of the NO2 monitoring, which has been carried out in Haddenham over the past year.

35. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th June 2012 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

There being no further business the meeting was called to a close at 9.02pm

J. Wilson
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