

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 15th January 2014 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

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

1. GUEST SPEAKER

Cllr Lyon welcomed Mr Stephen Smith the Speedwatch Co-ordinator who gave an informative update on the Speedwatch Scheme. The Police have changed their views on the role of Speedwatch and they now believe more can be done and it will become part of a wider traffic management plan. There is also evidence that speeding in the village has reduced since the introduction of the scheme. It is hoped that in the future data and information from Speedwatch sessions can be included on the Haddenham website and also provided to the Road Safety Group for consideration. He asked the Parish Council to reconsider its decision not to erect permanent Speedwatch signs at the entrances to the village and for the Parish Council to give some recognition of what the Speedwatch team has been doing. Cllr G Wilson wished to thank the Haddenham team for their efforts.

It was pointed out that the flashing speed signs in Station Road and West End flash permanently and the Clerk will report these to be repaired.

Cllr Norman thought it would be better to have signs that actually flash up the speed a motorist is travelling at but was advised that they are very expensive to supply and install.

Cllr Lyon thanked Mr Smith for attending.

- 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** having been circulated to all members were taken as read. Cllr Hugo proposed and Cllr Parr seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting subject to the following amendment: Item 2b – the insertion of the word **Haddenham** in front of **fen road**. Motion carried unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING (For Information Only)

- a. Straw Lorries:** (See Minutes MM 11/2013 Item 2a) The County Council had advised that they have no powers to enforce netting of loads but noted that the Police had also been copied into the correspondence and hoped that they would be able to progress enforcement action.

It was also reported that the drains in Station Road and some in the High Street are still blocked and the Clerk will chase up on the gully cleaning.

- 4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr Fairchild – ill health and County Cllr Hunt.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs G & P Wilson declared an interest in Item 17.

Cllr G Wilson requested it to be minuted that he is also a member of the District Council Planning Committee and although he would take part in discussions regarding the application at Item 7 he would keep an open mind until it has been considered at District level.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident from Hillrow addressed the Council regarding planning issues he is experiencing with his neighbour and formally requested a meeting with the Planning Committee to discuss this further. When the next Planning meeting is arranged he will be invited to attend.

A high number of Aldreth and some Haddenham residents were in attendance and wished to address the Council on the planning application at Item 7. It was agreed they would be allowed to speak whilst the application was being discussed.