

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Christmas Lights:** Cllr Page advised that the lights had been taken down and stored ready for next Christmas.
- B. Environmental Overview:** Meeting to be arranged.
- C. Green Footpaths & Trees:** Cllr Norman suggested that the County Rights of Way Team should be informed about the proposals for the wind farm in Berry Fen and the Clerk was asked to write to them.
- Cllr Goddard raised the issue of trees in the Churchyard, which are covered in ivy. Cllr Norman will investigate.
- D. Recreation:** Meeting to be arranged.
- E. Road Safety:** (See Minutes MM 11/2013 Item 9C) Cllr G Wilson presented plans for the work to be carried out in Duck Lane under the 2013/14 Local Minor Highways Bid and the Council was happy with the proposal.

(See Minutes MM 11/2013 Item 15) The bid for 2014/15 had been submitted for a toucan crossing in Station Road opposite Nos. 38 a, b and c and Cllr Wilson had attended the panel meeting last week to present the proposal. He has also approached Sanctuary Hereward and the District Council regarding funding for the project.

- F. Street Lighting:** Cllr Smith advised that the group had considered the request for additional lights in Church Lane and it had agreed that a decision should be deferred until the new building work has been completed. The cul de sac is private land and therefore the Council is not obliged to provide lights in that area. The situation will be monitored.

The Clerk is also investigating the expiry date of the contract with Westcotec Ltd, as the exact date is not clear due to it being taken over from MHB Services mid term and it may have a further year to run. She will report back as soon as possible.

- G. Arkenstall Centre:** (See Minutes MM 11/2013 Item 9D) The last petition forms to support the funding application for the toilets has been submitted. Approximately 650 signatures have been collected.

12. MEMBERSHIP OF PLANNING COMMITTEE 2

Cllr Tindall proposed and Cllr G Wilson seconded that Cllr Hugo should be appointed to become a member of the planning committee, which serves between November and April. Motion carried unanimously.

13. FEAST'S GREEN FOOTPATH

(See Minutes MM 10/2013 Item 16) Cllr Norman raised the issue that the footpath, which formed part of the planning conditions for the development now known as Great Mill View had not been fulfilled by the developer. Cllr Lyon advised that this was due, in part, to the inability to gain permission to use part of the frontage of a private property on The Green to enable the footpath to join up with the existing one outside the doctor's surgery. Plus the fact that Cllr Lyon had also received advice from the County Highways Officer that there were several issues, which would make the installation of a footpath dangerous and difficult and ultimately the County Council would not adopt and maintain it once installed.

Cllr Norman proposed that the planning condition should be enforced and a footpath installed inside the wall on Feast's Green with a view to it hopefully being completed at some point in the future. There was no seconder or support for this proposal and therefore no vote taken.

The time limitation on the funding put aside by the developer for the footpath is due to expire in 2015 and it was agreed that he should be approached to ascertain if he would be agreeable to donate some or all of it towards the proposed toucan crossing in Station Road.