

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

Attendance: Cllrs Bush, Fairchild, Goddard, Haigh, Hugo, Lyon (Chairman), Norman, Page, Smith, Tindall, G Wilson, P Wilson and County Cllr Hunt.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** having been circulated to all members were taken as read. Cllr G Wilson proposed and Cllr Tindall seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting subject to the following amendments:

Item 7a: Direct Debit payment to AmeyCespa (East) Ltd should read £120.24.

Item 9 para2: Replace the word "services" with **costs** and remove "this idea was squashed and" completely.

Item 9: Part of Cllr P Wilson's report had been missed out and it was agreed it would be included in this set of minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. **MATTERS ARISING (For Information Only)**

- a. **Bird Diverters:** (See Minutes FC 02/2104 Item 2) The Clerk advised that she had been unable to obtain a definitive answer on the "given metre intervals" and suspected that it should be "seven metre intervals" but this had since been superseded by the last planning meeting.
- b. **Straw lorries:** (See Minutes FC 02/2014 Item 8 para 1) The Clerk and Mr Roberts of Station Road had written to Dave White at the District Council regarding a regular weekly clean of Station Road but had been advised that due to limited resources and only two sweeping machines he was not in a position to increase the regularity from 6 weekly. Further correspondence between Mr Roberts and Mr White had resulted in additional cleaning being carried out and the situation is being monitored to assess what can be achieved on an on-going basis.

Mr Roberts had also enquired with the Clerk if the Parish Council or Sutton Straw Plant had considered paying for trimming work to be carried on the overhanging trees but was advised that as they are privately owned the Parish Council would not enter into this as it may set a precedent for other trees along the road. The Council could not speak for the Straw Plant. Mr Roberts had also reported bushes along the grass verge, which are in need of trimming back, to the County Council

He also suggested that it might be worth getting the local MP involved with the straw issues.

The Council was grateful to Mr Roberts for his efforts but the Clerk will respond to say that councillors feel they have done all they can and have exhausted all possible avenues of help and would suggest that Mr Roberts should personally contact his local MP regarding the issues.

- c. **Street Lighting Contract:** (See Minutes FC 02/2104 Item 16) The Clerk advised that she had signed the extended contract on behalf of the Parish Council and returned it to Westcotec Ltd on 1st March 2014.
- d. **Ely Soham Dial-a-Ride:** (See Minutes FC 02/2014 Item 14) A letter had been received from Gillian Leeper, Chief Executive of ESDAR advising that the proposed budget cuts by the County Council had been approved on 18th February. The members of ESDAR Board have decided to carry on with all the services they currently offer but to use the next 12 months to review and find improvements and cost savings. She thanked the Parish Council for its past and continued support and would like to attend a meeting during the year to explain the full extent of the work ESDAR undertakes and hear the views and suggestions the Parish Council may have for the future. The Council would be happy for Gillian to attend a future meeting.
- e. **Bus services:** (See Minutes FC 02/2014 Item 8 para 3) The Clerk had written regarding the queries raised at the February meeting but to date had not received a reply.
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr Parr – prior commitment.