

The Post Office in Ely is still situated in the ECDC car park and he hopes alternative permanent arrangements will soon be sorted out to give Ely a proper Post Office establishment again.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Finance & Emergency:** All councillors had received a copy of the draft minutes FM 01/2014 from the meeting held on 24th February 2014. There were no queries raised.
- B. Planning:** It was agreed that an Extraordinary Full Council meeting should be held on Monday 24th March to discuss the planning application for 100 houses on land to the rear of 18 Wilburton Road.
- C. Burial Areas:** Cllr P Wilson was pleased to report that the Cemetery is looking tidy and the grass has been cut. She was disappointed to note that plastic bags and wrappers are still being left in the compost area despite notices advising they should go in the bin. Cllr Lyon will ask Ferguson's to remove them.
- D. Environmental Overview:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th March.
- E. Green Footpaths & Trees:** A work party has cleared fallen trees near Guppy's Pond and the pond viewing area has been extended. The "Deep Water" and "No Fishing" signs have also been erected. Cllr Norman will obtain quotes to pollard some of the trees in the Closed Cemetery ready for the April meeting.
- F. Road Safety:** As reported earlier the LMHI Bid for 2014/15 had been rejected. Traffic calming works in Duck Lane will begin on 24th March and the road will be closed on 31st March to complete the work.
- G. Street Lighting:** Cllr Smith reported that the new property being built in Church Lane appears as though it will be illuminated to quite a high level.
- H. Aldreth Community Association:** There are concerns about tractors swinging out onto the newly seeded verge along School Lane and Cllr Page will try to speak to the farmers about this.
- I. Arkenstall Village Centre:** The Fundraising Committee had unfortunately had to take the decision to cancel Blossoms & Bygones this year due to a lack of volunteers to organise and run the event. They intend to advertise for new helpers for next year. It is not likely that Aldreth will hold an event for Blossoms either. Cllr Norman reported that the Friends of Haddenham are considering extending the Annual Fen Ride to help compensate for the loss this year.
- J. Haddenham Youth Club:** Cllrs G Wilson, Parr and Page had met with ^{Sarah Torr.} ~~Fanya Edge~~ the new Youth Club Locality Manager; she is very enthusiastic and will have two helpers to run the Club. Regular reports will be sent to the Council and councillors have also been invited to meet club members at the Pavilion during one of their sessions.
- K. Recreation:** Cllr G Wilson has submitted an application to Awards for All for funding towards the proposed refurbishment project for Aldreth Play Area. The annual play inspections have been carried out and the reports will be discussed in the near future.

10. INSURANCE RENEWAL QUOTES FOR 2014/15

The 3-year policy with Zurich Municipal would come to an end on 31st March and the Clerk had obtained two additional quotes from Suffolk ACRE and Came & Co. Cllr G Wilson proposed and Cllr Page seconded that a 3-year policy, excluding cover for street lights and the bus shelter, should be taken out with Came & Co at a yearly premium of £1938, making a saving of just over £2,300 on last year's premium. Motion carried by a show of 11 hands. Cllr Norman abstained.

11. RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY

Cllr Hugo had submitted a draft policy on renewable energy sources, which had been circulated to all councillors for consideration. It was agreed that the document would not be adopted as a Parish Council policy but it did contain a lot of good points, which Cllr G Wilson would take to the District Council to put forward for inclusion in the Draft Supplementary Planning Document on Renewable Energy.