

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 11th March 2015 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

Attendance: Cllrs Cheetham, Goddard, Haigh, 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 Haigh seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting subject to the following amendments:

Item 9L: "The hedge along Hinton Hedges Drove had been cut back at the end of January".

Item 8 para 2: "..... been allocated to ESDAR this year should become included in the budget for future years for community transport," and "Cllr Wilson had failed to secure £40,000 in the budget for road safety issues".

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- a. Hitches Piece:** (See Minutes FC 02/2015 Item 17 para 1) The Clerk had received notification from the Rights of Way Officer that drainage of a piece of land with a footpath or any public right of way over it remains with the owners of the land.
- b. Post Box in Hillrow:** (See Minutes FC 02/2015 Item 17 para 3) The Clerk advised that the Collections Planning Manager had looked into the request for the replacement box in Hillrow but feels that the area does not warrant a new box at this time because there are currently boxes in service on either side of the road a short distance away plus boxes in West End, Hillrow Causeway and at the Post Office. The Parish Council was disappointed that its efforts had not resulted in the box being replaced but now feels the matter must be closed.
- c. Parking Signs:** (See Minutes FC 02/2015 Item 17 para 6) The Clerk had received an email from PCSO Annie Austin advising that the police now think that the proposed parking signs for outside the Spar Shop would not be suitable and would be likely to be challenged. The police enforce parking on the basis of Threat, Risk and Harm and this will therefore lead to patrols outside vulnerable areas such as schools as a priority over the location described and she is not aware of any accidents caused by parking at this location. She also feels that the Parish Council should raise awareness of the issue by carrying out a leaflet drop in the parish.
- d. Boundary issue at Recreation Field:** (See Minutes FC 02/2015 Item 15) The Clerk had obtained a copy of the land registry plan and it clearly shows the fence line as a straight line. She had subsequently written to the new owners asking for a meeting to discuss the situation but to date she had not received a reply and will chase this up again.
- e. Fence at Aldreth Play Area:** (See Minutes FC 02/2015 Item 17 para 2) The owner of the adjacent property and the fence has now repaired it.

- 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr Parr – holiday, Cllr Hugo – personal commitment and Cllr Bayes – work commitments.

- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

- 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public raised the issue of travellers in Grangers Drove, who are causing problems by blocking the drove and preventing local farmers from gaining access to their fields. The situation has been on going for approximately three months and is becoming a big issue. Cllrs Hunt and G Wilson will gather the facts and look into the situation to see how they can help.

Cllr Hunt gave his report at this point as he had to leave for another meeting and this is minuted under Item 8.