

Clarification of ownership of hedges is being looked into and also advice on responsibility for dogs using the Meadows. The pond is quite full of water at the moment and the bulrushes will need spraying to ensure they do not spread too far. A work party day had been held on Sunday 8th March.

N. Elizabeth March Foundation and Robert Arkenstall Education Foundation: Nothing to Report.

10. WAYMAN'S PITS PLANNING APPLICATION

Cllr P Wilson proposed and Cllr Cheetham seconded that a planning application should be submitted for change of use of the land from tip to amenity area. Motion carried unanimously.

(Local Government Act 1972 s227)

The hedge has been cut back in readiness for the installation of the woodland footpath. (See Minutes FC 11/2014 Item 7)

11. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre. The agenda was finalised and approved and it is hoped there will be guest speakers from the Arkenstall Committee and Haddenham Surgery plus a visit from PCSO Annie Austin.

12. PARISH ELECTION 2015

The nomination period will run from Monday 30th March to 4pm on Thursday 9th April and the Clerk should know within a couple of days if there is to be a parish poll or not on Thursday 7th May. It is hoped it will be possible to report this information at the Annual Parish Meeting. If there is a poll then consideration will be given to producing a leaflet featuring all candidates and final details regarding distribution will be discussed at the next meeting in April.

13. STREET LIGHTING

(See Minutes FC 02/2015 Item 11) A meeting had been held with Keeley Russell of Balfour Beatty on 17th February and complaints raised regarding some of the new lights have since been resolved or are in the process of being resolved.

The Clerk had received further concerns that if a light in the vicinity of 32 Bell Gardens (CCC17) is to be removed it will leave the area very dark and pedestrians feeling vulnerable at night. Balfour Beatty had advised that this is not considered an issue and the only way the light can stay is if the Parish Council adopts it. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Keeley to put the removal on hold to give councillors the opportunity to assess the situation and report back next month with a recommendation.

Cllr P Wilson proposed and Cllr G Wilson seconded that the Parish Council should adopt the heritage light outside the Baptist Church to prevent it from being replaced with a standard column. Motion carried unanimously.

(Parish Councils Act 1957 s3)

The Clerk also advised that the current round of works is due to be completed by 26th March and the remainder of the scheme works have been rescheduled for June.

14. REQUEST TO USE HADDENHAM RECREATION FIELD FOR BEER FESTIVAL

Cllr G Wilson proposed and Cllr Goddard seconded that permission should be given for a Beer Festival to be held on the Recreation Field on 3rd, 4th & 5th July 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

15. REQUEST FROM BONFIRE COMMITTEE TO USE THE GREEN & FAIRCHILD'S MEADOWS

Cllr P Wilson proposed and Cllr Haigh seconded that permission should be given for the Bonfire Committee to hold a fund raising stall on The Green on 17th May and to use Fairchild's Meadows for the Annual Bonfire & Fireworks Display on 6th November. Motion carried unanimously.