

7. CORRESPONDENCE

PCSO Annie reported that a scam had started recently with fraudsters pretending to be police officers on the telephone and trying to convince people to give their bank details or withdraw large amounts of cash, which they claim will be collected for forensic testing. She has visited the new Community Café in the Methodist Church and will try to pop in at least once a week on her day shifts. There are still problems with parents parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside the entrance to the school. The stabbing that occurred in Sutton Road on 1st April is still being investigated and the police are keeping an open mind at the moment. On the 3rd April several young men from Middlesbrough were in the village knocking on doors and wandering about in back gardens trying to sell various items. When questioned by the police their IDs were found to be fake and confiscated.

Connecting Cambridgeshire has confirmed that the new fibre broadband cabinets have gone live and faster broadband is now available in Haddenham, Aldreth and Wilburton. Information on how to sign up for the new service is available on the Connecting Cambridgeshire and Haddenham websites.

Permission was given for Tinderbox Preschool to hold a cake/nearly new stall on The Green on Easter Saturday.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Holy Trinity Church for the new hand gate in the Church wall.

County Highways are considering holding "drop-in sessions" in the village for residents to report or discuss any highway issues they have and wished to obtain the opinion of the Parish Council on this idea. It was felt that finding a suitable venue would be the first major obstacle and that the sessions would probably be a waste of time in view of that fact that it is very easy to report problems on-line or via the Parish Council Clerk. It was agreed that it would be more useful for the Highways Officer to be invited to attend the Road Safety Group meetings.

8. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There was no County Council report from Cllr Hunt.

Cllr P Wilson had attended two seminars to discuss redundancies, restructure of committees and a possible reduction in councillors from 39 to 25. The earliest this reduction could happen would be 2016 and would not affect the 2015 elections.

Cllr G Wilson had attended a planning meeting to discuss a detailed application for the Ely North Area, involving the construction of 2000 houses with another 1000 to follow on in a second stage. This would stretch Ely almost out to Chettisham but is within the Ely Masterplan. Positive points attached to the application would include a new primary school and road infrastructure to be built before the houses, 5% of the land would be available for self build and a new road would run through the development out onto the A10 to avoid additional traffic accessing it through the centre of Ely. Cllr Wilson has some concerns about the extra traffic but there are also plans to improve the roundabout on the A10 but not as far down as Angel Drove.

Cllr Wilson had attended a Finance & Governance meeting to discuss the audit and internal audit arrangements. He had also represented the District Council at the Cambs & Peterborough Joint Transport meeting to discuss long-term transport strategy. Items discussed included a new rail station at Soham, dualling the A10 from Ely to Stretham, resurrecting the rail lines from Wisbech to March and public transport.

He also advised that the District Plan for Strategic Housing Land is now available and part of it is relevant to Haddenham and a minor change to our development envelope but it complies with our Village Vision.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS & GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

- A. **Planning:** The next planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th April at 7.00pm at the Library.
- B. **Environmental Overview:** All councillors had received a copy of the minutes from the last meeting. The final costs for the Groundsman and Recreation Field contracts had come in under budget at £785 and £1086, respectively. Cllrs Norman and Haigh will carry out a risk assessment on all Parish Council