

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that as at the end of April 2015 the parish has £22,762.18 of Section 106 Developer Contributions funding available to be allocated to projects that will improve community infrastructure.

The East Cambs HCV Joint Committee has been working since 2008 to address problems posed by heavy goods vehicles in the local villages. A series of environmental tests were carried out in 2012 and the results of those tests have now been incorporated into a report. They feel the next step would be for parishes to apply for Traffic Regulation Orders and members of the HCV Group will be invited to attend the July meeting to discuss the report and also the process to apply for TROs. The Clerk will also ask Cllr Hunt to be in attendance.

A copy letter had been received from Haddenham Charities to the owner of Vipans Farm at Hoghill Drove, where it appears a dyke has been filled in without permission. The letter asked for the dyke to be reinstated as soon as possible as it will affect drainage from neighbouring fields. The content of the letter was noted.

10. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There was no report from Cllr Hunt this month.

Cllr Cheetham reported that a District Full Council meeting had been held on 28th May when a proportional representation on committees was agreed to include the Independent Member. A new performance appraisal scheme has been introduced with immediate effect for District staff plus performance related increments from April 2016. A draft 100-day commitment plan with key priorities and actions to deliver was also discussed. A Community Land Trust workshop to improve understanding of the scheme will be held in the near future. A meeting is also planned with Cllr Roberts to discuss the scheme already in place at Stretham. Agreement of the final design and funding package for the District Leisure Centre will be discussed shortly. The planned cinema will be constructed independently of the Leisure Centre and should be ready by mid 2016. Ely Free Parking is to be enshrined in the District Council Constitution. Community Infrastructure Levy Workshops are planned to enable better understanding and improve the ability to secure funding for key village projects. A new Local Plan timetable and process needs to be agreed. A feasibility study will be carried out on Angel Drove car park to gauge the possibility of adding a top layer.

The three new District Councillors have the following membership:

Cllr Cheetham: Commercial Services, Asset Development and Service Delivery Champion for Economic Development.

Cllr Hugo: Commercial Services and Service Delivery Champion for Legal Services.

Cllr Smith: Commercial Services, Corporate Governance & Finance and Service Delivery Champion for Democratic Services.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & COMMUNITY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

- A. **Finance & Emergency:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th June.
- B. **Planning:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th June.
- C. **Allotments:** The new group had carried out an inspection and there is an ongoing problem with one allotment holder, which will hopefully be resolved shortly. All spare plots have now been re-allocated following the advert in Village Voice. The Regulations are being reviewed and will come to the Full Council in July for agreement.
- D. **Burial Areas:** No report this month.
- E. **Christmas Lights:** No report this month.
- F. **Environmental Overview:** All councillors had received a copy of the minutes from the last meeting held on 26th May. The outturn of the grounds maintenance contract for 2014/15 was discussed. The work had come in within the budget although extra work had been required to keep on top of the green footpaths. The group was pleased with the overall performance of the contractor and no problems were highlighted. The new contract is now in place and will be monitored closely. It was agreed to undertake a