

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Finance & Emergency:** The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 29th July.
- B. Planning:** The next meeting would be held on Monday 14th July.
- C. Allotments:** The group had met on 24th June to discuss a rent and regulations review and the provision of further water tanks at both sites. These items would be discussed later on the agenda. Several tenants had also been contacted regarding the untidy state of their plots.
- D. Burial Areas:** Cllr Lyon will speak to Ferguson's regarding complaints about grass being thrown onto graves from the cutter. Cllr P Wilson asked the Clerk to check when a person has been buried before approving an application for a headstone because she is worried that some stones are being installed too quickly and this is causing them to subside.
- E. Environmental Overview:** The next meeting would be held on Monday 14th July.
- F. Street Lighting:** Cllr Smith advised that the group would like to install two replacement low energy lanterns in the Churchyard to assess how effective they would be before consideration is given to replacing others around the parish. This will be an agenda item for September to authorise the expenditure. He also advised that there are actually 7 not 6 lights at the Social Club (see Minutes FC 01/2014 Item 14) and it was agreed that the extra light should be included in the maintenance agreement with Westcotec Ltd.
- G. Aldreth Community Association:** Cllr Page reported that sadly Tinderbox Pre-School had closed at the end of June (see Minutes FC 06/2014 Item 2b) but the committee is hoping to start a Mother & Toddler Group instead. The Village Centre is now looking for additional sources of income. The Association also is looking at ideas for a new Blossoms & Bygones event.
- H. Arkenstall Centre:** An Executive Committee meeting had been held on Tuesday 8th July and a Management Committee meeting would be held on Tuesday 15th July. The cost of the refurbishment work for the toilets has unfortunately risen since the original quote of two years ago and six members of the committee are trying to negotiate and monitor the contract. Cllr Tindall proposed and Cllr Parr seconded that the Clerk should write to the Arkenstall Committee and advise that other than the money already agreed, the Parish Council will facilitate the work with the £31,000 grant from WREN and funds already earmarked in the Precept but the Arkenstall Committee will be expected to pay any additional amounts above that. Motion carried unanimously. It is hoped that the work will start in September and there will be some inconvenience whilst the work is in progress but portable toilets will be provided in the car park and most meetings should not be affected.
- I. Haddenham Youth Club:** The report for May/June showed that 26 young people had attended the Club. The second Junior Youth Council meeting had been held and fundraising ideas were discussed. The Youth Council had completed a successful application for the Waitrose coin drop and this will hopefully run during July. A number of ideas for a stall at the fete in July had also been discussed. The Club opening times have changed to 6-8pm to encourage younger members to join. Letters have been sent to all parents to update them and remind them of club rules and request registration forms and contact details for all members. The better weather has enabled the Club to organise outdoor games such as swing ball and rounders. Whilst the girl's hour is running some male members have taken part in these activities or played football. The girl's hour has been developed as a six-week project to try to attract more girls to the Club and activities include jewellery making, mini top hat making and decorating place mats. This has proved popular and two new members have joined. Future activities will include flower making and decorating mugs and the final session will be a "mad hatters tea party". Other club activities have included a healthy eating week and quiz. Members of the Youth Council have produced an excellent poster to promote the girls hour.
- J. Guppy's Pond:** The bench seat and observation area were completed by a work party on 3rd May and members wished to thank the member of the work party who provided materials worth in excess of £60 at his own expense, as well as his skilled labour to lead the construction. Several positive comments have been passed on by visitors in appreciation of the work done. There has been further evidence of fishing and this was reported to the Parish Council and PCSO Annie. No action has been taken yet to inspect or work on the fallen willow tree but this will be tackled around the time of the Annual Boating Day on Sunday 7th September as it requires access from the water. The Boating Day will run from 2