

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.**

**Attendance:** Cllrs Bayes, Cheetham, Goddard, Lyon (Chairman), Morris, Norman, Parr, Ray, Smith, G Wilson and P Wilson.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr Hugo – District Council commitments, Cllr Tindall – on holiday and County Cllr Hunt.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none. *Cllrs Parr + Ray declared a pecuniary interest in Item 14 and the clerk confirmed a dispensation is in place for both.*

3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** having been circulated to all members were taken as read. Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Cheetham seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **MATTERS ARISING (For Information Only)**

- a. **Funding:** (See Minutes FC 06/2015 Items 14 & 15) Letters of thanks had been received from the Community First Responders and Haddenham Bonfire Committee for the funding agreed at the last meeting.
- b. **Land Registration:** (See Minutes FC 06/2015 Item 23) The Clerk advised that all Statements had been signed by Cllr Norman on 11<sup>th</sup> June and the registration process is now going ahead.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Toby Bush, organiser of the Haddenham Beer Festival, thanked the Parish Council for the use of the Recreation Field and Pavilion for the event, which had been held over 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July. It had been a huge success with wonderful weather and an attendance of 2000+ people, which had enabled funding to be raised for several local charities. The final details of this will be forwarded to the Council once they are known. A couple of minor complaints had been received but on the whole everything had run very smoothly. There are now plans to hold another event in 2016. Cllr Parr thanked Toby and his volunteers on behalf of the Council for providing the parish with such an enjoyable family event.

Chris Prescott wished to register his grave concerns regarding the street lighting programme being carried out by the County Council/Balfour Beatty, which has been on going since February. He had logged 41 lights that have open holes with plastic fencing around them, some of which are obstructing footpaths making it necessary to walk out in the road to get round them. He was appalled at the dangerous conditions these new lights have been left in for weeks on end despite his complaints to BB. Cllr Lyon advised that he had met with the Customer Liaison Officer for BB that afternoon and he is also disappointed with the performance of the contractors but assured Cllr Lyon that the work would be completed by the end of July. Cllr Hunt is also aware of the situation and following up on it.

Members of the public wished to address the Council regarding traffic issues in the village and it was agreed they would be allowed to join in the discussions under Item 6.

6. **HCV GROUP**

Owen McLaughlin, Secretary of the Joint HCV Group attended the meeting to give a presentation about the results of the environmental testing and research that had been carried out in Haddenham and five other villages during 2012. The HCV Group had been founded in 2007 by parish councils who are concerned about the effect of HCVs on their communities. It has involved Earith, Mepal, Haddenham, Wilburton, Sutton, Cottenham, Hilton & Witcham. Their aim is to work together to reduce traffic problems in their villages by addressing the issues of congestion, safety and environmental damage arising through HCV movements and the inadequacies of the road infrastructure. The Group decided to try to evaluate the situation through environmental testing and research, which was carried out to measure noise, particulate pollution, nitrogen dioxide and vibration. The results, particularly for noise and particulate pollution, show that there is a serious risk to health and well-being. Testing was done at