

Following the recent tractor accident in Wilburton he is totally committed to making the village roads safer and working with County Officers and farmers to put measures in place to hopefully avoid accidents of this kind in the future. He has written to the Police Commissioner regarding the speed of agricultural vehicles and also the use of red diesel. He spoke about the boundary review and proposed changes. A new 15-registration bus is now being used for the Zipper service and a Young Person 4 month unlimited pass can be purchased for £99.50. Application forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk. Passenger numbers are up but they still need more people to use the service. In October/November he will ask parish councillors to ride on the bus for one day to record the usage of the service. He is trying to obtain mitigation help from the County Council for villages that will be subjected to increased commercial traffic relating to the A14 improvements. The County Archives are being relocated to Ely. He is delighted at the outcome of the Berry Fen application being withdrawn and also advised that Tree Preservation Orders had that day been applied to the Oak trees in Dam Bank Drive. The Stretham wind farm application is coming up at the District Planning Meeting in October.

Cllr Hugo reported that the District Full Council had agreed to commence a review of the Local Plan and this will include housing issues to be addressed. A letter had been sent to REG Windpower requesting the removal of the mast from Berry Fen as soon as possible but no reply has been received as yet. The final stages of the Local Authority Trading Company report will be presented in January 2016. A ~~provisional~~ provincial financial outturn of £142,000 under spend was reported for 2014/15. Cllrs Cheetham and Smith have been appointed as District representatives on the Haddenham Drainage Board. A review of public conveniences in Ely is being carried out together with a public consultation for charges to use them. Service Delivery Plans for 2015/16 have been approved. A Special Full Council meeting had been held to discuss the Boundary proposals for East Cambs with the outcome of Haddenham & Aldreth becoming a 1-councillor ward, Stretham, Little Thetford, Wilburton & Witchford a 2-councillor ward and Sutton, Mepal, Wentworth & Witcham a 2-councillor ward. Lucy Frazer MP had held an open meeting in Haddenham on 29th July, assisted by Cllr Hugo. Ten people attended and topics included roads and the recent tractor crash. Cllr Hugo also confirmed that TPOs had been applied to Oak trees on Dam Bank Drive. The provisional completion date for the Ely Bypass is October 2017.

The three Haddenham Ward District Councillors have launched their own Facebook page.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND COMMUNITY GROUP & APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

- A. **Finance & Emergency Committee:** The next meeting will be held on 27th October.
- B. **Planning:** Draft minutes of the last meeting held on 19th August had been circulated to all councillors for information.
- C. **Allotments:** There are some issues with an allotment at the Recreation Field and the Group has been unable to meet with the tenant as yet but it is hoped this will be possible during September in order to try to resolve the problems.
- D. **Burial Areas:** Nothing to report.
- E. **Christmas Lights:** The Group is now going into planning mode for the display this year.
- F. **Communications:** All councillors had received a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 27th July and further items would be discussed later in the meeting.
- G. **Environmental Overview:** The next meeting would be held on 14th September.
- H. **Road Safety:** Several items would be discussed later in the meeting. Notes from the Road Safety meetings are now being posted on the website and the new Parish Council Facebook page and lots of comments have been received. Cllr Parr reported that a very successful Speedwatch session had been held recently with very few motorists exceeding the speed limit.
- I. **Street Lighting:** Nothing to report.
- J. **Aldreth Community Association:** The Vintage Fete had been very successful.