

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

- A. Finance & Emergency:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 27th October when the main agenda item will be the Precept for 2016/17.
- B. Planning:** Nothing to report
- C. Allotments:** The Group had met with a tenant at the Recreation Field site and ironed out some issues. Improvements have been made to the plot and the Clerk was instructed to now send the tenancy renewal letter.
- D. Burial Areas:** A complaint had arisen following an interment in Haddenham Cemetery with a headstone being removed and laid on another grave but the Clerk had resolved the issue and the funeral directors, who were not a local firm, had spoken to their grave digger and assured the Clerk that it would not happen again. Three very old headstones have been tampered with at the Non-Conformist Burial Ground and need to be re-instated and made safe. The Group will meet to ascertain what needs to be done and also look at a programme to make up some sunken graves in the Cemetery.
- E. Christmas Lights:** The Group had met and some additional lights have been ordered. They will meet again soon to sort out the rest of the lights prior to putting them up.
- F. Communications:** Cllr Ray is working on the website to sort out various problems with the Business Directory and other problems caused by a spam attack last year. Thought is being given to each parish councillor having a council email address and also a profile on the website. The envelope containing miscellaneous information, which is circulated around all councillors each month will now be placed in the Library for councillors to access if they wish to. With immediate effect the draft minutes of each meeting will be sent out to councillors as soon as they are ready instead of the week before the next meeting, this should speed up any items that need to be actioned.
- G. Environmental Overview:** Minor modifications have been made to the frequency of Street Cleaning. The hedge on Haddenham Recreation Field has been cut. Cllr Smith asked how much this would cost and the Clerk will obtain the price from the contract schedule and advise him accordingly. Cllr Lyon advised that the planning officer is writing up approval of the planning application for Wayman's Pits with a condition that the proposed footpath must be agreed with the County Council before any work is started on the site. Once permission has been received the issue of the footpath will be looked at again.
- H. Road Safety:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21st October.
- I. Aldreth Community Association:** Cllr Bayes reported that the Cut end of School Lane needs some trimming back and Cllr Lyon advised that Fergusons have already been asked to carry out the work. Apparently the bridge is also becoming slippery and hazardous and Cllr Bayes will obtain some photos. The Association is planning another Pop up Pub event in November and their AGM will be held on Friday 30th October. The new kitchen has been completed in the Village Centre and everyone is very pleased with it.
- J. Arkenstall Centre:** An event will be held in the Centre on Saturday 24th October for local organisations to promote themselves. There have been problems with the heating system, which has proved very costly. The Management Committee is very pleased with the display of flowers in the garden, which is kindly looked after by the Women's Institute.
- K. Haddenham Library:** A sponsored silence will be held in the Library on 31st October to raise funds.
- L. Guppy's Pond:** The Boating Day was very successful with two kingfishers putting in an appearance.
- M. Fairchild's Meadows:** The Bonfire Field has been topped ready for the fireworks event on 6th November.
- N. Charities:** Now that the school has two new mobile classrooms one of the original rooms is vacant and this will be made into a library. The school is busy fund raising for this project and the Charities will also help with funding.