

Carriageway repairs will be carried out from 51 Station Road through to High Ridge Farm on Sutton Road during week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> November. This will also prepare Sutton Road for surface dressing planned next year.

Witchford Parish Council is concerned about the traffic island at the entrance to the Household Waste Recycling Centre and the hazard of people turning right there, despite signs advising that drivers should use the roundabout to approach the Centre. Haddenham Parish Council has no direct experience of these problems but would support Witchford in their views.

The County Council is downsizing and has surplus desks and other items that the authority is looking to put to good use. Charities, schools, community groups and other public bodies are being urged to sign up to a free online reuse network called Warp-it at [www.warp-it.co.uk](http://www.warp-it.co.uk) where they can search for items the County Council or other organisations are recycling and make a bid to receive them for free.

Permission was given for a panto ticket banner to be displayed on The Green from 6<sup>th</sup> December to 14<sup>th</sup> January.

## 8. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Hunt had sent thanks to the Parish Council for distributing the flyers advertising the new Zipper bus service, which had started on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The donation from the Parish Council (See Minutes FC 09/2014 Item 8 para 1) will be used mainly towards new graphics on the side of the bus and the rest towards the flyers. The Clerk will query two issues with the timetable; the stop outside the Spar Shop is still listed as being at the junction of Hop Row/High Street and there is also no mention of the bus connecting at Stretham with the one to and from Cambridge.

Cllr G Wilson had attended a Corporate Governance & Finance meeting where the main topic discussed was audit issues. He had also attended a Regulatory Support Services meeting to discuss service delivery plans from each District Council department. A seminar had been held to discuss various issues, e.g. ASBOs, drunken behaviour and dog fouling, which have all been brought together under one Anti Social Behaviour Act. The District Council had met and agreed to add additional housing in Soham from the 10-15 year plan to the current 5-year plan to address the problem of a shortfall in the Local Plan. The Inspector considered this on 11<sup>th</sup> November and the official outcome will be published in February 2015.

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

- A. **Finance & Emergency:** The draft minutes FM 05/2014 of the last meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October had been circulated to all members.
- B. **Planning:** The next planning meeting would be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November.
- C. **Burial Areas:** The Burial Areas Group had met to assess the situation with regard to extending the Cemetery but it was decided that at the present rate of burials there is no need for any action to take in additional ground at this time. The situation will be monitored and providing nothing exceptional happens to cause the need for more space it will be formally reviewed again in April 2016. All allotment holders that could potentially be affected by an extension had been advised of the situation.
- D. **Christmas Lights:** The lights will be erected on the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> November and switched on the following weekend. The trees have been ordered at a cost £145 and Cllr Norman will help to transport them to Haddenham Galleries ready for distribution in the High Street.
- E. **Environmental Overview:** A meeting had been held on 4<sup>th</sup> November and all councillors had received a copy of the minutes. Cllr Cheetham will speak to Mr Parkes regarding trimming his hedge where there are brambles overhanging the Aldreth to Haddenham footpath and if he is unable to do it the Council will arrange to get it done. The grounds maintenance tenders are in and these are being analysed and references sought ready for a decision at the December meeting. Cllr Lyon would meet with Mr Waller that weekend to discuss plans to cut the hedge back and allow a woodland path to be installed for pedestrian access to the south east end of Wayman's Pits. The Haddenham Village Sign has badly deteriorated and repainting it is not an option, an alternative metal sign will be investigated with Mike Overall. Other minor work and tasks such as the trees in the Churchyard will be tackled throughout the winter.