

G. Environmental Overview: Cllr Lyon reported that the planning permission for Wayman's Pits will almost certainly only be granted with a condition for a County Council approved footpath to be installed instead of the proposed woodland path and this will obviously have an impact on the expected amount of expenditure and timescale to open the site. There had also been a mistake in the application due to the fact that the land is leased not owned by the Parish Council and therefore the form will need to be amended and 21 days notice given to the County Council that an application has been submitted for change of use. It was agreed that Cllr Cheetham would speak to the planning officer with a view to "calling in" the application to ensure it goes to the District Planning Committee and is not determined by the planning officer alone.

H. Road Safety: The LHIF Bid 2016/17 for a pedestrian crossing in Hop Row has been submitted.

Cllr Lyon is still awaiting the final drawings for the traffic calming measures at Top Corner and this will now be looked at in December.

Cllr G Wilson is still awaiting an answer regarding what could be done to alleviate vehicles running on the edge of The Green.

The Clerk had enquired with the County Council about the lorry/tractor signs that had been erected at the entrances to Wilburton and had been advised that they are classed as "roadside posters" and can only be used for a temporary period of 2 months at a cost £200 each. This issue will be discussed at the next road safety meeting.

Letters had been sent to three large farmers/hauliers who had been working out of Aldreth Fen, asking them to be considerate to residents living along the routes they travel with regard to speed and working hours. No replies had been received.

A letter had also been sent to Balfour Beatty and the Chief Executive of Cambs County Council expressing the Council's concerns and displeasure regarding how the replacement lighting work had been carried out in the parish.

I. Aldreth Community Association: Nothing to report.

J. Arkenstall Village Centre: A very successful event had been held on 24th October with 27 village organisations advertising their groups.

Cllr G Wilson advised that whilst at the event he had carried out a small survey of 34 people regarding their thoughts on a 20mph limit in the village and 33 people were in favour and 1 against.

K. Haddenham Library: Borrowing figures are very encouraging across the range of books, with approximately 100 visitors of all ages using the Library each week.

Donations of up to date modern fiction for both adults and children are still required along with non-fiction books, if they are less than 5 years old.

The 19th AGM of the Friends of Haddenham Library will be held on Thursday 26th November.

The recent "Silence! In the Library" fundraiser had proved a big success with five volunteers remaining silent for 5 hours. Donations are still coming in and the total amount raised has not yet been finalised.

L. Guppy's Pond: Nothing to report.

M. Fairchild's Meadows: Essential maintenance work will be carried out shortly to clean out the ditch in the Pond Field and this will in turn allow more water to run down into the pond.

The hedge-laying project planned for January is progressing and several volunteers have been recruited.

N. Recreation: A quote is being considered for safety matting under the outdoor gym equipment.

The Group had also considered a request for disabled play equipment, which will be investigated in due course.

