

9. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr P Wilson had attended a Community & Environment meeting where plans for the 3rd phase of the Ely Country Park were discussed; these include CCTV, new signage and more play facilities. Other issues discussed were gating off the slipway along the river to stop the ducks having access and keep it clean for people walking along there and a recent play audit carried out by the District Council, which has now been withdrawn due to a large amount of inaccuracies. Cllr Wilson also reported that there are concerns about the low attendance at Neighbourhood Panel meetings and that the Shape Your Place website is now up and running.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports this month from Finance & Emergency, Allotments, Green Footpaths & Trees, Open Spaces, Road Safety, Street Lighting, Haddenham Library, Neighbourhood Panel and Pond.

- A. **Planning:** The next meeting would be held on Thursday 24th January.
- B. **Burial Areas:** Cllr P Wilson advised that information regarding standard size headstones might need to be discussed next month. Further information and a plan had been received regarding the memorial to Freda Crofts (see Minutes MM 11/2012 Item 24) and this was agreed in principle but the Council asked for the proposed bench halfway down the side of the Closed Cemetery to be made of recycled plastic to make it as vandal proof as possible. Cllr Norman will liaise with the Conservation Society and this will be put on the agenda for formal agreement at the February meeting.
- C. **Christmas Lights:** The Clerk was asked to write to Alastair Hull at Haddenham Galleries to thank him for organising the distribution of the Christmas trees. The Council also thanked all who had helped with erecting the lights and those who had kindly provided the electricity to run them over the Christmas and New Year period. It was agreed that the display had been very pretty again this year.
- D. **Fairchild's Meadows:** Cllr Fairchild reported that a large quantity of donated yellow rattle seed had been spread at the Meadows.
- E. **Wayman's Pits:** Some of the yellow rattle seed had also been spread at the Pits and Mike Smith is liaising with the parishioner who wishes to donate a holly tree for the area.
- F. **Aldreth Community Association:** The next meeting would be held on Friday 18th January.
- G. **Arkenstall Village Centre:** The last meeting had been held on Tuesday 15th January. The panto had been a great success again. Members of the Arkenstall Committee had visited Gamlingay to see how their village centre (The Hub) is run and there will be a return visit to Haddenham in February. The second stage of the rise in hiring rates will take effect from 1st April.
- H. **Haddenham Youth Club:** It is hoped that a representative of the Youth Club will attend the Recreation Committee meeting on Monday 21st January.
- I. **Recreation:** The side wall and two doors on the Pavilion had been subjected to an outbreak of graffiti, which had been reported to the Police. It had taken a great deal of effort by Fred Walter to clean this off before he could repaint the surfaces and the Council was grateful to him for his prompt attention to the problem.

Cllr G Wilson joined the meeting at 8.05pm

11. SECTION 106 INVESTMENT STRATEGY

There were no projects to be discussed.