

18. GUPPY'S POND

(See Minutes MM 11/2012 Item 10H) The Pond Management Group had raised concerns regarding illegal fishing in Guppy's Pond. It was agreed that although the Council shares these concerns there is very little it could do to stop it happening. No one has actually been caught fishing and there are already "No Fishing" signs around the Pond, which makes it very difficult to deal with. It was agreed that an article could go in Village VOICE and this may bring it to the attention of local residents and make them more vigilant.

19. REVIEW OF DOG BINS AND LOCATIONS

It was agreed that the Open Spaces Group should look at the current locations of dog and litter bins in the parish and report back to the next meeting with a recommendation for any additional bins. Cllr Page will also enquire in Aldreth about the existing dog bin possibly being moved down to the end of the village.

20. WORK AT NO 5 STATION ROAD AND ARKENSTALL CAR PARK

(See Minutes MM 11/2012 Item 16) The owner of No 5 Station Road had been advised that a revised quote from Mr King had been accepted by members of the Finance & Emergency Committee and she had been asked to sign a letter to signify her acceptance of the work to be carried out as full and final settlement of the matter. The Clerk had received notification that she was not prepared to do so.

Cllr Fairchild proposed and Cllr G Wilson seconded that a further letter should be sent advising that the Council has agreed to carry out the work as stated and recommended by her builder to address and cure the problem and it is expected that this would be the full and final extent of what is required. Therefore the Council requires her to sign the letter as acceptance of this understanding and once this is to hand an order will be issued to Mr King to proceed with the work. Motion carried unanimously.

21. PRECEPT 2013/14

(See Minutes MM 11/2012 Item 14) Following the decision to set the Precept at £77,727 the Clerk had received information regarding changes to the calculation of the parish tax base and an allocation of £6,022 funding from the District Council. As the situation was not totally clear to the Council it was agreed that Cllr G Wilson would speak to Linda Grinnell at the District Council to gain further information as to whether the requested Precept should be reduced by £6022 or left as it was. Cllr P Wilson proposed and Cllr Norman seconded that once this information was to hand the Finance & Emergency Committee members should be given the authority to make the final decision on the amount requested. Motion carried unanimously.

22. MATTERS TO REPORT

Cllr G Wilson reported that the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy Scheme will mean that developers will be liable for a charge of £90 per square metre for new properties built in Haddenham and 15% of this would come straight to the Parish Council to be spent on capital projects within the parish. The CIL payments will not apply to affordable housing developments. He also advised that there is a new consultation document on Ely Parking Charges available on the District Councils website.

Cllrs Lyon, Parr, Fairchild, Norman and Tindall will form the membership of the Environmental Overview Group and this will be formalised at the February meeting. Cllr Lyon will organise a meeting during the coming month.

It was queried why some telegraph posts in the village appear to have piles of sawdust around their bases but it was thought these had been caused by boring holes to check if they are going rotten.

Cllr Goddard had made a list of several highway problems and will give a full list to the Clerk to be reported for attention.

He also reported that the tree root pushing up the path near the main entrance to the Holy Trinity Church is becoming worse and Cllr Norman will investigate.

Cllr Norman requested a list of costs to date for the Groundsman and Cllr Lyon would provide this at the first Environment Overview meeting.

