

Scrutiny Committee. Cllr Wilson also reported that following the recent County Council elections there are moves to come away from a cabinet system and go to a committee system, which will possibly happen in 2014.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Finance & Emergency Committee:** All councillors had received a copy of the draft minutes from the last meeting held on 13th May.
- B. Allotments:** A site meeting will be arranged shortly to review all allotments and carry out the numbering of the plots.
- C. Burial Areas:** A complaint had been received regarding grass clippings on fresh flowers on a grave and this had been dealt with. Notification had also been received from a relative outlining maintenance work planned for one of the older graves in their family. The Clerk advised that the sign on the composting area had been moved to a more prominent position to try to stop people putting bags and cellophane wrappers in the area.
- D. Environmental Overview:** A copy of the notes from the latest meeting had been circulated to all councillors together with an updated copy of the spreadsheet for the Groundsman, showing the latest financial position with the contract. Cllr Lyon will speak to the Groundsman regarding a few items that were raised. He had also met with some of the residents of Great Mill View to discuss the management of Feast's Green and this will be ongoing to reach an amicable solution. It was agreed there is a need for a dog bin near the Mill in Aldreth Road and this will be on the agenda for July to be authorised.
- E. Fairchild's Meadows:** A work party day had been held on Sunday 2nd June but was not well attended. All seats and wood were treated with preservative. The sheep have now left the Meadows and the nettles have been topped. Cllr Norman encouraged everyone to visit the area as there is a good crop of wildflowers in the wildflower meadow this year, including Ragged Robin.
- F. Green Footpaths & Trees:** The handrails on the bridge over the cut in School Lane and the toe board on the bridge at Lode Way have both been mended. A meeting had been held with the Tree Officer following concerns from a resident to the rear of the old pond site in Aldreth Road. A few of the trees need light crown lifting to alleviate encroachment over the access roadway and into the Lime tree. A further tree at the Non Conformist Burial Ground had also been inspected and is in need of some crown lifting. The Clerk will submit an application for this and quotes will be obtained for both jobs at the appropriate time.
- G. Road Safety:** Cllr G Wilson was pleased to see that the 30mph signs along New Road had finally been changed in accordance with the new extension of the speed limit.
- H. Wayman's Pits:** The Clerk was asked to remind Cllr Parr to arrange a meeting to discuss weed control on the site.
- I. Aldreth Community Association:** Blossoms & Bygones had been a very successful event in Aldreth again this year.
- J. Arkenstall Village Centre:** The AGM had been held recently and a new Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary had been elected plus an almost completely new fund raising committee, which has set a budget for funds to be raised for the coming year. It was noted that Cllr Fairchild had been Chairman of the Arkenstall Committee for 42 years and chaired 302 meetings. The Committee will be looking at the best way to set up the lease with the Library in the near future (see Minutes MM 05/2013 Item 25).
- K. Elizabeth March Foundation:** A meeting had been held at the beginning of May and the Foundation only meets three times a year.
- L. Haddenham Youth Club:** Cllrs Parr and G Wilson had met with the Youth Leaders and it was agreed that they would provide the Council with a regular report. Unfortunately the attendance numbers have dropped in recent weeks and this needs to be addressed.
- M. Haddenham Library:** The next fundraiser will be a Picture Show with a pantomime theme on Tuesday 25th June to be held in conjunction with the Haddenham Local History Group. A book sale had been held at Blossoms & Bygones and the Library had been transformed and used as a display area for Victorian