

Tinderbox Pre-School was given permission to hold its annual sports day on Aldreth Playing Field on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

An East of England Community Land Trust Conference will be held at the Maltings in Ely on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

## 8. POLICE REPORT

Cllr Tindall reported that a van had been broken into on several occasions in Cherry Orchard on Saturday mornings.

## 9. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr P Wilson reported that delivery of the new wheelie bins would start in Haddenham week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September. A letter will be sent to all properties advising how the bins should be used. The Financial Director of Mick George Ltd had visited Cllrs Wilson regarding a recent planning application to run more lorries from the nearby site at Mepal. He assured them that a routing agreement would be put in place but some local movements would be unavoidable. Lorries seen in the village can be reported on [complaints@mickgeorge.co.uk](mailto:complaints@mickgeorge.co.uk) giving the time, location and registration number. The company also runs a grant-funding scheme, which the Parish Council may apply to at some point.

Cllr G Wilson had attended a Finance & Governance Committee meeting. A new Leader has been elected who feels some priorities such as the Southern Bypass and new leisure centre are becoming urgent and Cllr Wilson is concerned that District Council services may suffer for the sake of other schemes. The Scrutiny Committee has been disbanded and the current suggestion is that there should be a requirement for 13 councillors to "call items in" by 5 days.

Cllr Hunt had sent a report in his absence. The County Council is rolling out real-time bus information at stops across the County and this should be complete by the end of 2014. He supports the re-opening of Soham Station but also believes that the re-building of the Newmarket link is essential to give direct access from Soham to Cambridge and London. He hopes he has succeeded in obtaining two disabled parking bays in Bakery Close, Wilburton. He is also pushing for more frequent grass cutting of verges at the Lt Thetford/A10 junction. New street light lanterns are being installed in some areas of the County. A large project for work on the A14 in Cambridgeshire (£1.5 billion) is planned for 2016. Broadband continues to be rolled out. More funding has been obtained for County schools from central government. Cllr Hunt would also urge local organisations to submit applications for help towards minor local road improvements.

## 10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

- A. **Finance & Emergency:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July.
- B. **Fairchild's Meadows:** The next meeting is planned for early September. The hay has not been cut yet.
- C. **Green Footpaths & Trees:** A few trees in the Closed Cemetery have been trimmed back because they were overhanging the footpath.
- D. **Open Spaces:** (See Minutes MM 06/2013 Item 7) Further to the complaint last month regarding youths riding a mini motorbike in the Non-Conformist Burial Ground it would appear that they had also taken some of the fencing rails off to gain access to a small paddock further along the public footpath. PCSO Annie has been informed and Cllrs Norman and Haigh had repaired the fence.
- E. **Road Safety:** The Local Minor Highway Bid for Duck Lane had been successful and further details are awaited. Cllr G Wilson will work with Cambs County Council to put a plan together.
- F. **Wayman's Pits:** The weeds and grass at the Pits need to be urgently cut and carted away and this will be done by L Burton at a cost of £225. It was agreed this is emergency work, as it cannot be left for a further month. Cllr Norman proposed and Cllr P Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. **Aldreth Community Association:** Cllr Page had attended the latest meeting and reported that on approaching the Village Centre from the bottom of Aldreth there is no "School" sign and the sign from the other direction is also very worn. The Clerk had already reported this to the County Council.