

- E. **Environmental Overview:** Minutes of the meeting held on 30th September had been circulated to all members together with an updated copy of the groundsman costs.
- F. **Green Footpaths & Trees:** Further to the report under Matters Arising regarding Hitches Piece footpath, the Council thanked Cllr Norman for taking delivery of the plantings and levelling them out along the footpath.
- G. **Road Safety:** Cllr G Wilson had met with Pam Joyce from County Council Highways to discuss various items and they had walked Station Road to look at possible places to install a zebra crossing. Cllr Wilson is looking into funding for this. Cllr Parr will supply the Road Safety group with the latest speed watch data.
- H. **Street Lighting:** The Clerk advised that the current maintenance contract with Westcotec Ltd is due to expire on 31st March 2014 and she will obtain an estimate from them of the likely increase in charges from 1st April, as this will be required when setting the Precept for 2014/15. At the appropriate time quotations for the maintenance will be sought from other contractors as well.
- I. **Arkenstall Village Centre:** A working party is looking into sound proofing the door in the small hall. Cllr Gareth Wilson is preparing an application to WREN for funding towards the refurbishment of the toilets. Cllr Tindall proposed and Cllr Parr seconded that Cllr G Wilson and the Clerk should be authorised as contacts and signatories for the application. Motion carried unanimously.

Cllr Fairchild advised that the amount of recycling at the Centre has reduced since the introduction of the wheelie bins but some banks need to be retained for those households that have no bins. The Parish also receives income for each bank located at the Centre and it would be good to support this.

- J. **Haddenham Youth Club:** An advertising flyer has been sent out to all 11 – 19 year olds in the area and posters have been put up around the village. Membership has increased this term and overall attendance figures have gone up. The members have been involved in drawing up a new set of rules and these include, amongst others, no smoking or use of foul language and sharing of equipment. Following a consultation the general consensus is that the young people value the club and would like to see more planned events. Coming up in October there will be information and advice on job searching, CV writing and interview skills, K9 Project and a talk by the fire service on road safety. Sadly the current youth leader, Joe Hoblyn is leaving at half term and a replacement is being sought.
- K. **Haddenham Library:** A meeting had been held and the Friends of Haddenham Library had agreed to enter into a lease with the Arkenstall Centre for the library premises. The Library will be holding a party on Saturday 26th October 2.30pm – 4.30pm to mark its 10th anniversary.
- L. **Neighbourhood Panel:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st October.
- M. **Pond:** Signage at the Pond will be discussed shortly and the committee will then make a recommendation to the Parish Council.
- N. **Recreation:** A new cleaning lady had started at the Pavilion on 1st October. Repairs are in hand to mend a sliding door in one of the changing rooms and the electrical timers are in the process of being fitted. The Clerk had received a report that day that the gate at Newtown Pocket Park is beyond repair and needs to be replaced as a matter of urgency. Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr G Wilson seconded that the Clerk should be authorised to purchase a new wooden gate and fittings as soon as possible under her power to spend up to £300 for emergency items. Motion carried unanimously.

Cllr G Wilson advised that a condition of the planning permission for the land adjacent to Northumbria Close is to put in play equipment and he would like the Parish Council to