

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 13th November 2013 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

Attendance: Cllrs Bush, Fairchild, Goddard, Haigh, Hugo, Lyon (Chairman), Norman, Page, Smith and District Cllr Allen.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** having been circulated to all members were taken as read. Cllr Fairchild proposed and Cllr Haigh seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **MATTERS ARISING (For Information Only)**

a. **Steam Rally Signs:** (See Minutes MM 09/2013 Item 2c) The Clerk advised that the Steam Rally Secretary had already contacted the AA to ask for the signs to be removed and they would be taken down as soon as possible.

b. **Straw Lorries:** (See Minutes MM 09/2013 Item 19) The Clerk had received three responses:

The Highways Officer has raised an order for the gullies to be cleaned throughout Haddenham along all the main routes. She had also contacted the District Council to ask for a street cleaner to visit more often but had been told they only visit every 6 weeks and straw on the path would not be collected as they only carry out litter picking. She has asked if a crew from the Community Payback service could take this on and visit on a regular basis but is not sure when this will happen.

The District Council Enforcement Officer has visited the straw plant on three occasions, once to check the log had been set up and all existing hauliers notified of the routes and on two other occasions to monitor ongoing compliance. Failure to comply with a planning condition can result in the service of a Breach of Condition Notice or Enforcement Notice. He also advised that it is not within his remit or resources to contact hauliers and is the responsibility of the straw plant, which as of his last inspection has been complied with and is in order.

The District Council Waste Officer had advised that they have two mechanical sweepers for the roads and kerbs but are unable to sweep paths with them. They clean across the district on a 6 weekly cycle and additional visits can be arranged for serious issues only. Deposits from straw lorries are an issue across the district and there are no resources available to routinely sweep to tackle the problem. The District Council only has one path sweeper and this is needed to keep the main shopping centre in Ely clean.

The Clerk will now write to the Straw Burning Plant to ask for all hauliers to be reminded on an annual basis of the preferred routes. She will also write to the County Council, including County Cllr Hunt, to raise the awareness of the straw issues District and Countywide and ask what can be done about it. She will also point out the National Farmers Union guidelines on netting straw loads.

c. **Mini Orchard at Feast's Green:** (See Minutes MM 09/2013 Item 22) The varieties of apple trees have been agreed and purchased and Cllr Lyon will be consulted with regard to the positioning before they are planted.

d. **Gate at Newtown Pocket Park:** (See Minutes MM 09/2013 Item 10N) The new gate and fence rail had been fitted.

c. **East Cambs Local Plan:** (See Minutes MM 09 2013 Item 26) A response had been received that a rough estimate of the amount of proposed houses to be built in Haddenham by 2031 is 123, broken down as follows:

- Completions between 2011 and 2013 = 8
- Outstanding commitments (already have planning permission) = 37
- Estimated supply of future small windfall sites within the village = 39
- New allocations in the proposed draft Local Plan = 39.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr Parr – personal commitment, Cllr Tindall – work commitments, Cllrs G & P Wilson – on holiday and County Cllr Hunt.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All councillors present declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item 11 – Precept 2014/15 and the Clerk confirmed that they had all been granted a dispensation.