

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 5th September 2012 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

Attendance: Cllrs Fairchild, Haigh, Hugo, Lyon, Norman, Page, Smith, Tindall, G Wilson, P Wilson and County Cllr Hunt.

In the absence of Cllr Parr (Chairman) it was agreed that Cllr Tindall (Vice Chairman) would chair the meeting.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** having been circulated to all members were taken as read. Cllr Lyon proposed and Cllr P Wilson seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **MATTERS ARISING (For Information Only)**
 - a. **Statement from Cllr Hugo:** Cllr Hugo apologised to the Council for the comments he had made at the previous meeting and assured the members that he had no wish to upset anyone.
 - b. **Gully cleaning:** (See Minutes MM 07/2012 Item 22) The Clerk reported that the County Council has changed its system for gully cleaning. Half of the gullies in the East area, plus some troublesome areas, will be cleaned one year and the other half will be cleaned the following year. Haddenham is in Zone 12 and these were due to be cleaned at the end of August. It was reported that the gully opposite the Spar Shop has been done and the one in Glebe Way will be looked at.
 - c. **Water problems in Lode Way:** (See Minutes MM 07/2012 Item 8) Since the last meeting further correspondence had taken place between Anglian Water and Mr Allen of Lode Way and is still ongoing. He attended the meeting to update the Council on the current situation and it was agreed that if a site meeting is arranged a parish councillor will attend together with a district councillor and possibly an officer from the District Council. The Parish Council supports Mr Allen in his endeavour to improve the issues and it was agreed that a letter would be sent to Anglian Water, if necessary, after the site meeting.
 - d. **Haddenham Brownies Tree Planting Project:** (See Minutes MM 07/2012 Item 13) The Clerk reported that the Brownies had been successful in their application for a "Community Copse" pack and the trees will be delivered at the beginning of November. Amanda Buttress has some concerns about Wayman's Pits not having public access and had asked if an alternative site could be suggested but it was agreed that there is nowhere else where planting of this size could be accommodated and councillors are sure that the issues with public access will be sorted out eventually. A site meeting at Wayman's Pits will be set up to discuss the details further. Permission was also given for Amanda to use her parent's motor home to provide toilet access, a first aid base and tea making facilities whilst the planting is being carried out.
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr Bush – work commitments, Cllr Goddard – personal commitments and Cllr Parr – on holiday.
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Underwood wished to address the Council regarding the possible sale of the topper machine (see Minutes MM 06/2012 Item 21). He wanted to point out that it is safely stored, is not costing the Council anything and may be required for future use and he would therefore urge them to carefully consider all of these points before making a decision to sell it. Cllr Tindall advised that the sale had been discussed at the recent Finance & Emergency Committee meeting and no decision would be made until at least the next committee meeting on 29th October.

