

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Cambridgeshire ACRE will hold its 14th AGM on Tuesday 25th September at 6.00pm at the Cambridge Golf & Conference Centre at Huntingdon.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Witchford District Rainbows, Brownies & Guides for the use of Wayman's Pits during the District Walk on 7th July, which had been a great success.

A letter of thanks had also been received from Ely Soham Dial-a-Ride for the annual grant from the Parish Council.

Three councillors will attend a meeting on 2nd October to discuss the aims of the Cambridgeshire Future Transport project, which will look at ways to engage parishioners to ensure input from consultations is received from the widest audience possible.

A thank you card and email had been received from parents and children for the new play equipment at Haddenham.

An email had also been received from a resident who wished to say what a good job she thinks the new groundsman is making of the grass cutting, etc. She also mentioned that her father and brother are members of the Cricket Club and they are very pleased with the grass cutting on the Recreation Field.

The District Council will hold a training session on the new Code of Conduct on Thursday 13th September at 6pm in the Council Chamber.

The Aldreth Community Association AGM will be held on Friday 19th October at 7.30pm at the Aldreth Village Centre. Cllr Page volunteered to act as the Parish Council representative for the Association with immediate effect. Cllr Hugo proposed and Cllr Lyon seconded that his offer should be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

8. POLICE REPORT

(11th July – 31st August)

During the month a traffic light failure on road works in Station Road had been attended to control the traffic. Four males had been knocking on doors in the Haddenham area allegedly working for Zenith Windows but it would appear they were not genuine and may have been looking for items worth stealing. The Police will be working in conjunction with Speedwatch to tackle speeding issues identified in certain areas in Ely, Haddenham and Sutton. Speedwatch cameras have been working in Hillrow near the end of Butler's Lane. PCSO Annie had visited the Clerk on 10th August to catch up with any problems. She hopes to resolve an on going issue with a resident in Aldreth in the near future. She visited Haddenham again on 11th August to speak to a resident about some criminal damage, followed by a patrol of Aldreth. There had been an attempted break-in in Station Road, Haddenham. Three men, aged 18, 19 and 21, had been detained at Parkside Station in Cambridge in connection with this. Two were subsequently charged and one bailed whilst further enquiries are made. Patrols were carried out in Haddenham and Aldreth on 15th August and a call made to conduct some local enquiries following the theft of fuel from a car parked in Church Lane where unknown offenders had drilled into the fuel tank and stolen approximately £20 of petrol sometime between the evening of 11th and the morning of 14th August. The PCSOs carried out as many enquiries as possible in the Aldreth and Haddenham area, particularly the farming community, following a young lad of 15 being approached by a vehicle in suspicious circumstances on the night of Wednesday 15th August between 8:30pm and 9:00pm. It was discovered that one farm had had a large amount of potatoes stolen that night and it is possible the offenders may have assumed that the lad had witnessed their activity. A nearby farmer had called the police when the lad ran to his farm. The Police are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen a dark vehicle on Long Drove, Haddenham or 'The Boot' Aldreth at that time.

9. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Hunt reported on various issues including the Make Assets Count project, proposed major improvements to the A14 and rail improvements at Ely. The County Council hopes to achieve 90% super fast broadband by 2015. 4% of byways have been closed for the summer so save them from use by 4x4 vehicles, etc., due to the very wet conditions this year. He also spoke about changes to County Council pensions and the Cambridgeshire Future Transport initiative, which will look at working on a