

cheaper more sensible service than the 106. The household waste recycling centre liaison committee will continue until May 2013 and will review opening times, signage and ways to re-sell good items being brought in. The Council has pledged £400,000 for cycle training for all primary school children. The 50mph limit is now in place at Little Thetford on the A10. Cllr Hunt supports the extension of the 30mph limits to be implemented for Haddenham. He has also written in response to the appeal for planning permission in Hod Hall Lane. He reported that there will be an election in November for a new Police Commissioner and he would urge all parishioners to take the time to study the candidates, when their details become available and to vote.

Cllr P Wilson reported that she had attended a Scrutiny Committee meeting when business rate pooling had been discussed. This would mean that local authorities, after sending the required funding to government, would be allowed to keep a portion of the rates, which could then be used for other projects. The District & County Councils together with Fenland and Hunts hope to be part of the scheme. She would also be attending a Community & Environment meeting on 11th September when the Cambs Health & Well-being Strategy, S106 grants, community grants and budget monitoring would be discussed.

Cllr G Wilson had attended a Planning meeting where the rules for traveller sites had been discussed. District Councils with a Local Plan in place will be in a better position to say no to inappropriate planning. Permission was granted for an application for 6 traveller sites in Burwell. A site in Whitecross Road already has planning permission but no funds to progress it and Cllr Wilson is trying to get the District Council to apply to run it, as they are successfully doing for several other sites in the district.

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

There were no reports this month from Burial Areas, Christmas Lights and Haddenham Library.

- A. **Finance & Emergency:** The draft minutes (FM 03/2012) of the last meeting held on 24th July 2012 had been circulated to all members. The next meeting will be held on Monday 29th October.
- B. **Planning:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th September 2012.
- C. **Allotments:** The group would meet the next day to carry out an inspection of the allotments and review the tenancies.
- D. **Fairchild's Meadows:** The next meeting is planned for Monday 1st October. There is a problem with some of the Elm trees and Cllr Norman will look into this and report back to that meeting.
- E. **Green Footpaths & Trees:** Permission had been received from the Tree Officer to go ahead with trimming ten trees back, which are overhanging the play area, skatepark and zip wire and the expenditure for this would be discussed later under Item 27. The Cherry tree in the Non-Conformist Burial Ground had been removed and taken away (see Minutes MM 07/2012 Item 11E). The Clerk had received a request from a parishioner for netting to be fixed to the footbridge along Cut Bank at the Lode Way end to prevent it from being slippery in wet weather. Cllr Norman will investigate to see what can be done.
- F. **Road Safety:** The extension of the 30mph limits in Hillrow and New Road (see Minutes MM 07/2012 Item 11J) are going ahead and would be discussed later under Item 30.
- G. **Arkenstall Centre:** The general hiring charges have been increased by approximately 30% from 1st September and rates for community organisations will increase from 1st January 2013. The projects for the toilets and heating upgrades are still being progressed. The Clerk had received a letter from the Crime Prevention Officer regarding suggested safety measures to be introduced following an incident at the caretaker's flat. This had been passed to the Arkenstall Committee for action. The Clerk apologised that she had forgotten to ask if the Parish Council meeting could be moved to the room next door due to the noise (see Minutes MM 07/2012 Item 22) but it was noted that the Zumba class was considerably quieter and therefore it was agreed that the meetings should stay in the usual room for the time being.
- H. **Street Lighting:** Cllr Smith reported that the bracket light had finally been supplied and erected in Church Lane. (See Minutes MM 05/2012 Item 17H).