

agreement in place for all costs relating to the car park to be shared between the Parish Council and the Arkenstall Committee.

#### 14. ALDRETH TO HADDENHAM FOOTPATH

(See Minutes MM 07/2012 Item 14) Gavin Wiseman at Highways had advised that the footpath is not the responsibility of the County Council and therefore they would not arrange for their contractor to spray it for weeds or be prepared to contact the adjacent landowners to request that the hedges are trimmed back. It was reported that the grass verge along the footpath has since been cut during the last round of grass cutting by the County Council, which has made it better to walk along. It was suggested that Community Services could be approached for manual labour to help tidy it up. The Clerk was asked to obtain contact details from Gavin of the contractor they use for spraying and also to write to the relevant landowners about the hedges.

#### 15. PARISH COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

(See Minutes MM 07/2012 Item 19) Cllr Lyon proposed and Cllr P Wilson seconded that Haddenham Parish Council should adopt the same version of the Code of Conduct as adopted by the District Council. Motion carried unanimously. All councillors were requested to complete and return their Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Interests form to the Clerk by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

#### 16. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS – AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

Cllr P Wilson proposed and Cllr Lyon seconded that the following addition should be made to the Parish Council's Standing Orders with immediate effect:

7e. Councillors with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest are required to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place on a matter, which is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or affects that Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 17. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR THE POWER TO GRANT COUNCILLOR DISPENSATION

Cllr P Wilson proposed and Cllr Page seconded that the power to grant councillor dispensations should be delegated to the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 18. INVESTMENT POLICY

A draft Investment Policy had been circulated to all members for consideration and it was agreed this should be adopted. Cllr G Wilson proposed and Cllr Fairchild seconded. Motion carried unanimously. This will be reviewed annually in July.

#### 19. GRANTS & LOANS POLICY

A draft Grants & Loans Policy had been circulated to all members for consideration. It was agreed that it should be adopted subject to the following amendments:

- The first heading will be changed from Background to **Purpose**
- The third heading will be changed from Approach to **Procedures**
- A final paragraph will be inserted to read, "**This policy shall be reviewed and confirmed or amended by the Full Council on an annual basis.**"

Cllr G Wilson proposed and Cllr Fairchild seconded. Motion carried unanimously. This policy will also be reviewed annually in July.

#### 20. REPORT FROM HADDENHAM WALKABOUT

All members had received a copy of the report from the Annual Walkabout held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012. The Clerk had actioned most items that had been highlighted. She had obtained a new dog fouling sign for the Non-Conformist Burial Ground and Cllr Norman will arrange to put it up. Cllr Fairchild reported that a small Elder tree needs to be removed in the Churchyard as soon as possible.