

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.**

Cllr Julie Parr, Chairman of Haddenham Parish Council welcomed twelve members of the public and ten Parish Councillors.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** were taken as read. Cllr Fairchild proposed and Cllr G Wilson seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr Robert Bush and County Cllr Bill Hunt.

4. **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Cllr Parr welcomed Inspector Paul Ormerod who had recently replaced Inspector Sissons at Ely Police Station. He spoke about his background prior to coming into this role and then went on to explain the changes being made at District Level, which has given East Cambs its own local police area resulting in an increase of 8 constables and 2 sergeants. He also spoke about a new senior management team, the Shape Your Place website, parking issues in Haddenham and the new national 101 number for reporting non-emergency calls. Cllr Parr thanked Inspector Ormerod for attending and he left the meeting.

Cllr Parr then welcomed Katy Fox, Co-ordinator for the Haddenham & Aldreth Community First Responder Team and she gave a short introduction to the work the team does within the community. After undergoing extensive training and CRB checks the responders have been active since October 2010 and in the first year covered 4000 hours on call. All responders are volunteers and are called upon to attend in the first instance whilst emergency patients await the arrival of an ambulance, however they are not allowed to attend children under 8 years old. They are part of the East of England Ambulance Trust and are currently fundraising to purchase a 2<sup>nd</sup> kit to enable two responders to be on call at the same time. Katy thanked the Parish Council for its recent donation of £300 towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> kit. Andy Fox then gave an informative demonstration of the resuscitation procedure. Cllr Parr thanked them both for attending.

5. **COMMUNITY BUS PILOT SCHEME**

Cllr Parr was pleased to welcome Anita Howard, Finance & Business Development Manager for Passenger Transport for Cambs County Council who outlined the Cambridgeshire Future Transport Programme. She explained that the provision of public transport would be more difficult in the coming years with a proportion of subsidised services not working. Following a conference in February 2011 a number of objectives had been agreed and an umbrella programme formed to include projects to develop transport solutions of which community engagement will play a large part. She was very pleased that Haddenham Parish Council is being proactive with the bus service questionnaire that had been sent out recently to Haddenham, Aldreth & Wilburton and the response it had received. She is also looking forward to working with the Council and the commercial and community operators to try to reach local solutions to the meet the needs identified in those responses. Cllr Parr thanked Anita for attending and she then left the meeting.

6. **PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS**

- A. **Chairman's Report**

I am about to complete my fourth year as Chairman of Haddenham Parish Council and thank my fellow councillors for inviting me yet again. Last May we welcomed 3 new Councillors to the Parish Council, Robert Bush, David Lyon and Andrew Page. As I live in the north part of the village I always use Grunty Fen to get to Ely. Coming out of Ely Way on the way home was always a hazardous manoeuvre due to the speed of the traffic coming from Witcham Toll. Now we have the new 40 mph section it should be much safer. My thanks go to Bill Hunt and Gareth Wilson for supporting the Parish Council for getting this done.

