

We have a wish list of things that users would like to improve but money is tight. We will endeavour to keep improving the area little by little year by year.

After several years and much hard work, mainly by Cllr G Wilson, the newly refurbished Haddenham Play Area was opened in Sept 2012. Over 200 children, parents and grandparents were present when Baroness Ros Scott performed the official opening. The £100,000 project was funded by WREN, Awards for All, Section 106 (Developers Funding) from East Cambs District Council and the Parish Council. The new equipment also includes a zip wire and outdoor gym equipment for teenagers and adults. The area is very well used and is a great success. Cllr Wilson will now turn his attention to the refurbishment of Aldreth Play Area.

Road Safety: We have been successful in receiving a Joint Minor Highways Scheme bid to extend our 30mph speed limit down New Road to the position of the 40mph sign and down Hill Row past Glebe Way. The legal process has been carried out but the physical moving of the signs is still to start. Cllr Gareth Wilson recently attended the Panel to present next year's bid for improvements to Duck Lane to assist with slowing down the traffic and assist children crossing the road. We have yet to hear if we have been successful. He is also conducting a survey to find out if local residents would like a 20mph zone in Haddenham and recently went to see a new resident who enquired about road safety issues in Hop Row. The Parish Council is monitoring pollution levels produced by lorries on the main roads in Haddenham. We participated in a survey measuring particulates, vibration, noise and nitrous dioxide in conjunction with neighbouring villages. We have been continuously monitoring nitrous dioxide, recorded by the scientific officer of East Cambs.

Open Spaces: Members of Working Party: Nick Tindall, Robert Norman, Gareth Wilson and Andrew Page. Responsibilities include general maintenance and tidiness of the public open spaces in the village, grass cutting programmes and the care / repair of the seats around the village. The Council takes pride in maintaining open spaces & presenting them in good states of repair. We can report that public seating around the village is in good general order, maintenance and paint checks will continue to be undertaken during the year. There have been many positive comments received about the standard of the green areas and the users of the pitches on the Recreation Ground have commented on the suitability of the grass cutting for sporting purposes. A review is to be undertaken of the adequacy and siting of litterbins and dog bins. Generally these are well used appropriately; although there does continue to be a general litter issue around the village and regular examples of dog owners not clearing up after their dogs and either using one of the bins or taking it home. There have been instances where dog bins have not been emptied on schedule and we have liaised with East Cambs DC and the contractors to ensure collections are maintained on time. It is never nice to see these bins overflowing but this is preferable to them not being used. There are a number of areas being considered for additional bins or relocating existing ones, to ensure maximum use. The Council has invested in a number of litter picking tools to assist those kind residents in the Village who regularly [and voluntarily] collect litter left in open spaces. Our thanks are recorded to these people who take a pride in the Village. The working party liaises with other PC working parties, including Fairchilds Meadows and the Recreation Centre/Grounds management committee. There will be additional liaison during the year with the newly established Environmental Overview Group, to ensure effective working together with the other working parties and co-ordination of work programmes.

Planning: The Council has two planning committees who serve six months each and councillors can belong to one or both committees, which are elected in May each year. During 2012/13 the committees have considered 28 planning applications of which there were no objections to 24, comments were returned on 2 and 2 were recommended for refusal. Two of these plans were subsequently withdrawn by the applicants.

Street Lighting: The Street Light working group is responsible for installing new streetlights in the parish when required and if funds are available. We report all street light outages to the appropriate contractors. If you wish to report an outage please check the column or bracket light numbers before contacting the Parish Council. This will enable the fault to be reported and fixed promptly.

PC---- for Parish Council lights and CCC--- for County Council lights.

To report faulty streetlights please email Cllr Stuart Smith on stuartsmith@uwclub.net or telephone 740906.

Wayman's Pits: We are still trying to sort out the access problems to Wayman's but are having difficulties with the County Council Highways Department. Until we have their blessing we will not be applying to ECDC Planning Department for "change of use" permission. The Brownies have planted a