

A meeting of the **HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK JOINT GROUP** will be held in **THE WREN ROOM, COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE, HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRYSIDE PARK** on **FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2008** at **10:00 AM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

**Contact
(01480)**

APOLOGIES

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman of the Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 14th March 2008.

**Mrs J Walker
387049**

3. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any Agenda Item. Please see Notes 1 and 2 below.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP

To note the Membership of the Group for 2008/09 as follows:-

(a) Cambridgeshire County Council

Councillor Mrs E Kadic

(b) Huntingdonshire District Council

Councillors M G Baker, Mrs M Banerjee, C R Hyams and Ms M J Thomas.

6. UPDATE ON TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 5 - 12)

To consider a report by the Head of Administration updating the Group on the Terms of Reference.

**Mrs C Bulman
388234**

7. **2007/8 FINAL ACCOUNTS** (Pages 13 - 18)

To consider a report by the Treasurer regarding the final accounts for Hinchingsbrooke Country Park for 2007/8 and other countryside sites across the District.

Mrs S Martin
388107

8. **SENIOR RANGERS REPORT** (Pages 19 - 20)

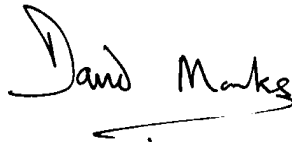
To receive a report by the Senior Ranger on park activities for the Period April to October 2008.

Mrs J Arnold
451568

9. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

To note that the next meeting of the group will be held on Friday 27th March 2009.

Dated this 16 day of October 2008



Chief Executive

Notes

1. *A personal interest exists where a decision on a matter would affect to a greater extent than other people in the District –*
 - (a) *the well-being, financial position, employment or business of the Councillor, their family or any person with whom they had a close association;*
 - (b) *a body employing those persons, any firm in which they are a partner and any company of which they are directors;*
 - (c) *any corporate body in which those persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or*
 - (d) *the Councillor's registerable financial and other interests.*
2. *A personal interest becomes a prejudicial interest where a member of the public (who has knowledge of the circumstances) would reasonably regard the Member's personal interest as being so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.*

Please contact Mrs Jessica Walker, Trainee Democratic Services Officer, Tel No 01480 387049/e-mail: Jessica.Walker@huntsdc.gov.uk if you have a general query on any Agenda Item, wish to tender your apologies for absence from the meeting, or would like information on any decision taken by the Committee/Panel.

Specific enquiries with regard to items on the Agenda should be directed towards the Contact Officer.

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Agenda Item 2

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the COUNTRYSIDE JOINT GROUP held in the Wren Room, Countryside Centre, Hinchingsbrooke Country Park, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire on Friday, 14 March 2008.

PRESENT: Councillor M G Baker – Chairman.
Councillors Mrs M Banerjee and J D Fell.
County Councillor Mrs L Kadic.

APOLOGY: An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor C R Hyams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Arnold, Miss N Giles, P Knight, Mrs S Martin and Mrs H Taylor.

10. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 12th October 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

11. UPDATE ON TERMS OF REFERENCE

Further to Minute 07/06 the Senior Democratic Services Officer updated Members on the developments with regard to the proposed new terms of reference and method of operation for the Group. In that respect, Members were disappointed to note that the item had been withdrawn from the Cabinet Agenda for 21st February 2008 to enable further discussions to take place between the Executive Councillor for Operations, Parks and Countryside and District Council Officers.

Having stressed the need to resolve this ongoing matter as soon as possible, and bearing in mind that the Group would not be meeting again until October 2008, it was;

RESOLVED

that an informal meeting of the Group be held on 18th April 2008 at 10am, in the Wren Room, Hinchingsbrooke Country Park.

12. SENIOR RANGER'S REPORT

In receiving and noting the contents of the Senior Ranger's report (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) comment was made as follows:-

(a) **Volunteers and Staffing**

The Group were pleased to welcome the new Countryside Centre Assistant to the Countryside Team.

Members were also encouraged to note that two of the young people who attended the Centre would be joining as young leaders and will take on a number of responsibilities as part of their role.

(b) **Countryside Centre and Café**

Details of the number of users of the Countryside Centre for the period October 2007 to February 2008 inclusive were presented and Members were pleased to note that the Centre already had 102 bookings for the next six months which it was hoped would generate an income of £8,000.

The Group were informed of the continued success of the café and noted that on Sunday 16th February, staff took over £700 a figure reached only occasionally last Summer.

The Senior Ranger reported that on Sunday, 16th March 2008, café resources would be spread across the Centre to cater for over 500 runners and supporters taking part in Sport Relief Activities.

(c) **Events and Activities**

The Senior Ranger presented the Group with details of events and activities over the autumn/winter period. Particular mention was made of the success of the Big Draw; a national yearly event. In June 2009, the Park will be hosting the Cromwell Veterinary Nurses Dog Show; an event to emphasise and promote good dog ownership.

(d) **Wider District**

Members noted a range of work being undertaken in other parts of the District. Particular attention was drawn to the footpath and treework at Holt Island. In response to a question raised by a Member, the Group were advised that funding to replace the boardwalks in and around Holt Island was not currently included within the District's Medium Term Plan and that it had been agreed to use Eco-grids to gradually build-up grass paths and eventually remove the existing boardwalks.

(e) **Park Management**

The Senior Ranger informed the Group of the various work being undertaken at the Country Park. Particular mention was made of the tree surveys and associated work to be undertaken in Chestnut Avenue, depending on the works to be undertaken it may be necessary to employ outside contractors.

(f) **Friends of Hinchingsbrooke Country Park**

Members were encouraged to note that membership of the "Friends of Hinchingsbrooke Country Park" had increased

with a growing number of funding activities which had been organised by the Group, in particular the younger Committee Members. The Senior Ranger reported that funds raised from their events were now supporting the entrance improvements.

(g) **Miscellaneous**

Having been acquainted with details of a spate of thefts from cars and the Centre's café, Members were pleased to note that with the involvement of the Police and co-operation of Centre Staff, the two people involved had been caught and both sentenced to six months in prison.

The Countryside Services Manager informed the Group of recent activities being undertaken at the Country Park with particular mention to the plan of an outdoor gym area funded by Section 106 money which would link to the work of the Primary Care Trust on leisure development activities.

The Chairman drew Member's attention to the work being undertaken at the Godmanchester Nursery, in particular the purposeful work of Social Services and the continued efforts of staff in encouraging individuals back to work. The Senior Ranger informed the Group that not only was the programme a great success, there was currently a waiting list for volunteers.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that their next meeting would be held on Friday 10th October 2008.

(The Group noted an informal meeting to be held on Friday 18th April 2008).

14. SHORT WALK AROUND THE PARK

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Senior Ranger led Members on a short walk of recent developments at the Park.

Chairman

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**UPDATE ON TERMS OF REFERENCE
(Report by the Head of Administration)**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At their meeting on 18th May 2006, the District Council's Cabinet agreed to reconstitute the former Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Joint Liaison Group as the Countryside Joint Group. The terms of reference were extended to include all matters relating to countryside and riverside and other parks and open spaces across the District.
- 1.2 Members will recall that subsequent to this decision, discussions took place at meetings of the Countryside Group as to the new remit and status of the Group. During which time, a proposal was made that the new Group should meet on four occasions per year and that two of these meetings should be delivered in the form of site visits across the District.
- 1.3 The Group also expressed a desire to exercise increased decision making over the Countryside Service and to enhance their management responsibilities. This view, together with the constitutional implications of the proposed changes was to be presented in a report by the Head of Administration to a meeting of the Cabinet in February 2008.
- 1.4 At their last meeting, Members were updated on developments with regard to the proposed new terms of reference and method of operation for the Group. A report had been submitted to the Cabinet meeting outlining the proposals but had subsequently been withdrawn from the Agenda.

2. DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

- 2.1 The Executive Councillor for Operational and Countryside Services subsequently met with District Council Officers on 9th April 2008 to progress the situation.
- 2.2 At this meeting, the principle of holding two formal and two informal meetings per year was discussed. It was suggested that formal meetings should continue on a biennial basis in October and March and that informal site visits should be arranged twice a year to the Countryside facilities within the District.

- 2.3 The first of these site visits was arranged for 10th July 2008 and invitations were extended to Members of the Joint Group, local ward councillors and newly elected councillors. The visit was later cancelled due to lack of interest.
- 2.4 Subsequently at their meeting on 15th May 2008, the Cabinet reconstituted the Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Joint Group with their original terms of reference, a copy of which is attached at Appendix A. Councillors M G Baker, Mrs M Banerjee, C R Hyams and Ms M J Thomas were appointed to the Group for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

3. CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK JOINT GROUP

- 3.1 As the Cabinet at its meeting held on 15th May decided to reinstate the Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Joint Group, Members may wish to consider whether there is any need to hold biennial visits to Countryside facilities within the District Council and whether to retain a formal meeting cycle of two per year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Cabinet Minutes – 18th May 2006 and 15th May 2008
Countryside Joint Group Minutes – 14th March 2008
Previous reports and agendas of the Countryside Joint Group

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HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK LIAISON GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. MEMBERSHIP

4 Members appointed by Huntingdonshire District Council
1 Member appointed by Cambridgeshire County Council.

2. ADMINISTRATION

Servicing of meetings of the Liaison Group will be undertaken by the District Council.

Attendance at meetings of the Liaison Group will be open to Officers of both the County and District Councils.

The Liaison Group will meet at least once each year.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

To monitor implementation of Clause 2 of the Agreement between the County Council and the District Council under which -

- ◆ the County Council wish to see the District Council continue to run the existing services listed in the attached Appendix and to adopt performance measures similar to those listed; and
- ◆ any change to the existing service levels will be agreed between the County Council and the District Council via the Liaison Group before its implementation.

To liaise, on behalf of the District Council, with users of services at the Country Park and to undertake periodic public consultation to which all users, Officers and Members are invited to discuss and plan future developments at the Country Park.

To agree annually the wider role of the Rangers at the Country Park in offering specialised expertise of importance to the residents of Cambridgeshire as a whole.

To ensure on behalf of the District Council that the Rangers continue to provide support for the Care in the Community Programme which provides work placements for handicapped adults.

To receive for information an annual budget for the Country Park.

Upon closure of the accounts in each financial year, to receive a statement from the District Council of all income received and expenditure incurred in the use of the Country Park, all surplus income over expenditure continuing to be reinvested in the Country Park in accordance with previous practice.

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APPENDIX 1
(Existing Services)

Service Provided	Performance Measure
<p>1. Site Provided</p> <p>(a) Visitor Centre to be open to the public every weekend during the year and a Ranger to be available on site every day for the public between April and October. Centre to be cleaned daily. Centre to be maintained to current standards. Annual safety checks by fire and police</p> <p>(b) Woodland - to be managed in accordance with the County Park Management Plan.</p> <p>(c) Grassland - to be managed in accordance with the Country Park Management Plan</p> <p>(d) Water bodies - no activities on surrounding land should be detrimental to either the water quality of Alconbury Brook or the lakes. Management of bankside vegetation and banks to be in the interest of public safety, wildlife and other users in accordance with the Country Park Management Plan.</p> <p>(e) Hardened paths including the Bund to be maintained in current condition using material which meet British Standard???</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • feedback from visitors • number of visitors • quality and diversity of woodland habitats • public use of grassland • quality and diversity of grassland • water quality • habitat diversity • visual appearance and public use

- (f) Litter - the whole of the site to be kept clear of litter to the standard of 'a' class carriageways as defined by the Environmental Protection Act 1991.
 - visual appearance and public feedback
- 2. Casual Visitors**
- (a) Free and open access to all visitors' 24 hours a day.
 - number of visitors/traffic counted
 - (b) Visitors should have access to the visitor centre at weekends and summer afternoons.
 - (c) Visitors should have access to the battery cars at all times by prior arrangement.
 - usage of battery car
 - (d) Visitors should have access to refreshment facilities at agreed times
 - income received
 - (e) Visitors should feel safe and welcome in their visit and free to actively enjoy the facilities provided or just enjoy relaxing in a peaceful environment.
 - annual visitor welcome audit according to Countryside Commission guidelines, conducted by the County Council or their nominated representative
 - (f) Rangers should be available to answer questions and provide information when the Visitor Centre is open. Staff and volunteers should always be as courteous and helpful as possible.
 - public feedback (number of complaints/compliments)

3. Organised Visits

Performance Measures/Minimum annual totals

The County Council would expect the following services to continue to

be provided:-

- (a) School Visits by all schools in the county, charged at the same rate, and outside the area.
- (b) Youth Groups' activities, Cubs, Scouts, Guides, (including camping) • 1 school visit per week of the school year
- (c) Park based Youth Group activities, e.g. WATCH • 12 meetings
- (d) Continue to provide facilities for outdoor events e.g. mountain bikes, cross-country running, orienteering. • 1 event
- (e) Watersport events - Public sailing courses • 60 days public sailing. Numbers taking part
- Public fishing by day and season ticket at reasonable cost • Numbers taking part, price of day ticket
- (f) Talks/guided walks to the public and organised groups.
- (g) Volunteers • number of long term volunteers
• number of volunteer days worked in the Park
- (h) Provision for individuals with special needs. This will be very much on demand. • level of activity and number of individuals taking part.
Feedback from client groups

4. Information and Advice

Standard Response Times to Written Enquiries

Rangers will be expected to be available to advise the following client

groups on a range of issues including those listed.

- (a) General Public; requests for information, advice, feedback on projects. • 3 weeks
- (b) Volunteer organisations; eg Wildlife Trust, RSPB, charities • 3 weeks
- (c) Parish Councils • 3 weeks
- (d) District Councils; site management advice, planning permissions, programme and strategy development, service provision as per current job descriptions • As requested
- (e) County Council; site management advice, comments on planning applications, strategy and policy development (eg Structure Plan, Rural Strategy, EAP) Annual Reports as per current job descriptions. As requested
- (f) National organisations, eg Countryside Commission, Sports Council. Comments and input into policies and projects as per current job descriptions. As requested
- (g) Sponsors; project bids, reports As requested

Agenda Item 7

AGENDA ITEM No :

COUNTRYSIDE JOINT GROUP

10th OCTOBER 2007

2007/2008 FINAL ACCOUNTS (Report of the Treasurer)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The 2007/2008 accounts have been finalised, and have been audited. This report contains details of actual expenditure and income levels at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park and at the other countryside sites.

2. HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK

- 2.1 The financial position at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park for last year can be summarised as follows:-

Details	Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variation £'000
Expenditure	370	396	+26
Income	121	152	+31
Net Expenditure	249	244	-5

Attached at Annex A is a more detailed breakdown of the variations from the budget.

- 2.2 Comments on the £26k increase in expenditure are given below:-

- **Premises & Supplies and Services Expenditure** – increased by £33k however, most of this was funded by Section 106 receipts. Neither the expenditure nor the income was included in the original budget figures.
- **Irrecoverable VAT** – in order to comply with the Accounting Code of Practice £4k of irrecoverable VAT was budgeted for last year but the Inland Revenue made all local authorities exempt from this calculation and so no expenditure was incurred.
- **Central Department recharges** – reduced by £5k due to the impact of Financial Reporting Standard 17 which requires the accounts to reflect the cost of future pension commitments arising from current staffing levels. However, most of this reduction was off-set by an increase of £4k due to changes in staff time allocations or changes in the method of allocating the costs of support services.
- **Capital Charges** – increased by £2k because of a revaluation of the assets which changes the depreciation charges.

Apart from the last three items above, which are outside the direct control of the Senior Ranger, other expenditure was controlled so as to achieve the overall budget target.

- 2.3 Income was £32k higher than the budget, most of this, as mentioned above, was due to Section 106 receipts utilised at this site being higher than anticipated in the budget. The café generated £11k more income than expected whereas other income was £9k below the budget target.

3. OTHER COUNTRYSIDE SITES

- 3.1 The financial position for the remaining sites for last year is summarised below:-

Details	Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variation £'000
Expenditure	399	412	+13
Income	88	98	+10
Net Expenditure	311	314	+3

Attached at Annex B is a more detailed breakdown of the variations from the budget.

- 3.2 The small variation shown above has arisen mainly because the central department recharges and capital charges (which are outside the direct control of Countryside Services staff) to these sites rose by £6k. If these increases are ignored then net expenditure across all these sites was actually £3k below the budget target.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Overall, expenditure and income continues to be managed very well by staff in Countryside Services. Budgets under the direct control of Countryside Services staff were £5k under-spent whilst budgets outside their direct control (Irrecoverable VAT, Capital Charges and Central Department Recharges) were £3k above the budget target level.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is recommended that members note the contents of this report.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 1985

Source Documents:

1. FMS Summary
2. 2007/08 Closedown File – Accountancy Section

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**HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK
FINAL ACCOUNTS 2007/2008**

Actual 2006/07 £	Details	Budget 2007/08 £	Actual 2007/08 £	Variation £
EXPENDITURE				
221,182	Employees	231,266	227,837	-3,429
23,815	Premises	50,136	76,596	26,460
41,604	Supplies & Services	34,778	41,420	6,642
4,809	Irrecoverable VAT	3,800	0	-3,800
38,560	Central Department Charges	37,861	36,888	-973
26,954	Capital Charges	11,740	13,712	1,972
356,924	Total Expenditure	369,581	396,453	26,872
INCOME				
-304	Donations/Contributions	-1,189	-1,493	-304
	Sales,			
-529	Publications/Plants etc	-953	-735	218
-753	Fishing	-472	0	472
-48,566	Catering (Café)	-46,822	-57,853	-11,031
-3,606	Commuted Sum	-3,520	-33,295	-29,775
-14,743	Social Services	-15,334	-15,352	-18
-48,963	Room Hire etc	-52,532	-43,772	8,760
-117,464	Total Income	-120,822	-152,500	-31,678
239,460	HDC NET EXPENDITURE	248,759	243,953	-4,806

Note:-

Staff based at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park also oversee the following sites as part of their day to day duties:-

Holt Island
St Ives Sites – The Thicket and Wilhorn Meadow
Spring Common
Stukeley Meadows
Ouse Valley Way
Coneygear Park

**OTHER COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES SITES
FINAL ACCOUNTS 2007/08**

Actual 2006/07 £	Details	Budget 2007/08 £	Actual 2007/08 £	Variation £
Paxton Pits				
Expenditure				
68,630	Employees	76,294	75,143	-1,151
28,945	Other	28,393	36,966	8,573
739	Irrecoverable VAT	1,200	0	-1,200
12,225	Central Department Charges	10,279	8,501	-1,778
18,339	Capital Charges	4,880	4,887	7
128,878	Total Expenditure	121,046	125,497	4,451
-16,801	Income	-14,094	-28,449	-14,355
112,077	Net Expenditure	106,952	97,048	-9,904
Coneygear Park				
Expenditure				
21,369	Employees	22,594	23,555	961
4,892	Other	12,319	16,004	3,685
0	Irrecoverable VAT	0	0	0
1,855	Central Department Charges	1,896	1,519	-377
31,183	Capital Charges	0	0	0
59,299	Total Expenditure	36,809	41,078	4,269
-26,261	Income	-33,000	-35,080	-2,080
33,038	Net Expenditure	3,809	5,998	2,189
Spring Common				
Expenditure				
16,099	Employees	17,249	17,431	182
1,044	Other	9,646	507	-9,139
0	Irrecoverable VAT	0	0	0
1,179	Central Department Charges	1,799	1,372	-427
0	Capital Charges	0	0	0
18,322	Total Expenditure	28,694	19,310	-9,384
-4,330	Income	0	-1,256	-1,256
13,992	Net Expenditure	28,694	18,054	-10,640
Holt Island				
Expenditure				
517	Employees	0	572	572
1,229	Other	2,253	2,270	17
1,746	Total Expenditure	2,253	2,842	589
-408	Income	0	-340	-340
1,338	Net Expenditure	2,253	2,502	249

Actual 2006/07 £	Details	Budget 2007/08 £	Actual 2007/08 £	Variation £
Barford Road Pocket Park				
Expenditure				
23,093	Employees	23,071	23,221	150
6,399	Other	5,099	4,267	-832
0	Irrecoverable VAT	0	0	0
1,868	Central Department Charges	1,935	1,512	-423
0	Capital Charges	0	0	0
31,360	Total Expenditure	30,105	29,000	-1,105
-23,710	Income	-23,710	-24,971	-1,261
7,650	Net Expenditure	6,395	4,029	-2,366
Ouse Valley Way				
Expenditure				
323	Employees	0	70	70
157	Other	2,252	817	-1,435
480	Total Expenditure	2,252	887	-1,365
-200	Income	0	-15	-15
280	Net Expenditure	2,252	872	-1,380
Countryside Management *				
Expenditure				
87,661	Employees	88,197	98,870	10,673
12,398	Premises	11,699	14,298	2,599
33,432	Other	38,210	30,890	-7,320
42,766	Central Department Charges	35,862	43,248	7,386
7,321	Capital Charges	3,730	5,930	2,200
183,578	Total Expenditure	177,698	193,236	15,538
-16,706	Income	-17,487	-7,996	9,491
166,872	Net Expenditure	160,211	185,240	25,029

* Includes Godmanchester Nursery and one-off projects.

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REPORT FOR April 08 to October 08

STAFFING

Lesley Cann has been taken on as cleaner 21 hours per week
 Laura Russell is with us for 12 month as a student Ranger, whilst Judith is assisting Pat with projects around the district

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers: April to October : 579

WHEELCHAIR USE

494 times

COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE

Number of Groups/people from beginning April 08 to end of September 2008 was as follows:

	Groups	Number of People	Number of schools
01/04/07 - 30/09/07	181 £20311	4334	30 £4095
01/04/08 - 30/09/08	197 £20346	5679	39 £5377

These included such groups as:, Wildlife trust, Great Fen Project
 The bookings continue to come in from both new and repeat customers

CAFÉ

- Business plan was accepted and planning application was agreed
- The building work should start in November and be completed by April 09
- We plan to remain open as long as possible. Wrapped items will be sold when we have to close due to dust or when services are cut.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The popular activities such as angling, pond dipping continue to be over subscribed during the summer holidays. The weather forced a couple of sessions to be cancelled.
 The dog show was a success and contributors would like to have a show every two years. Car parking was an issue

WIDER DISTRICT

- Holt Island- footpath and access work has taken many hours and continues to do so
- Colne Graveyard- low level conservation management
- Ouse Valley Way- cutting footpaths
- Godmanchester pond cleared and advice/ tools given to local town councillor to develop a wildflower area

PARK MANAGEMENT

- Mowing has continued later than normal due to the weather
- Path around the lake repairs are now being made to the original sections
- Work has started on the new orchard
- Footpath link to the car park has been completed, signage is the next phase
- Repairs and resurfacing of paths through Bobs Wood

FRIENDS OF HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK

- Friends are working to donate up to £2000 towards the orchard and the interpretation
- Membership now – 84 people
- A second successful wine evening was held.

MISC

6.1.1 * The police, cctv and PCSOs have worked alongside rangers and limited the amount of damage, litter and drunken behaviour over the summer

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