

Cllr Smith queried the difference between the invoice for K Fergusons Ltd and that of R Howard's for March and was advised that the invoice for March had contained very little grass cutting in comparison to K Fergusons invoice for April relating to 3 cuts during the month. It is too early at this stage to compare invoices with last year and this can be done at a later stage.

Cllr Lyon proposed and Cllr Fairchild seconded that all of the above accounts should be authorised. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The County Council will hold a briefing session on Monday 18th June 2012 at the Ely Cathedral Education & Conference Centre to explain the 25-year street lighting Private Finance Initiative contract.

15. POLICE REPORT

(11.04.12 – 28.04.12)

A male resident in Aldreth and his associate's continual anti-social behaviour within the village and surrounding areas is being monitored. There have been several reports regarding a quad bike and other vehicles being ridden in an inconsiderate and reckless manner. High visibility patrols have been carried out regularly throughout Haddenham & Aldreth and no issues were raised. Enquiries have been carried out in Haddenham following the theft of garden ornaments from a property on Station Road. Two parking tickets were issued on Friday 20th April to two vehicles on the double yellow lines near The Spar; neither vehicle was displaying a disabled badge or permit. The theft of vehicle index plates is becoming more common and car owners are advised to use ant-tamper screws to secure their plates to stop them being stolen. Theft of desirable garden equipment from gardens is also on the increase and householders are advised not to leave items on display within their gardens.

16. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no reports this month.

17. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports this month from Christmas Lights, Green Footpaths & Trees, Village Plan, Wayman's Pits and Youth Club.

- A. **Finance & Emergency:** A copy of the draft minutes (FM 02/2012) from the last Finance Meeting had been circulated to all councillors and there were no queries.
- B. **Planning:** The next meeting date was set for Monday 21st May at 7.45pm at Haddenham Library.
- C. **Allotments:** The Group will meet during the month.
- D. **Burial Areas:** The Group had met and discussed the problems at the Closed Cemetery regarding dog fouling (See Minutes MM 04/2012 Item 10C) and had agreed that the signs were adequate. The Clerk had also reported the problem to the Dog Warden and despite chasing it up she had not heard back from him. The Conservation Society had suggested that the gates could be taken off or fastened open to make owners accompany their dogs but the Council felt this would not solve the problem as they could still let them loose and stand in the gateway. The Clerk will put an article in Village VOICE and also mention that the Council may have to consider banning dogs from the area if the problem continues. She will also continue to try to get the Dog Warden to patrol in that area.
- E. **Fairchild's Meadows:** Some of the matting has been laid in the wet areas and the rest will be laid as soon as possible. The ponds are now full of water and almost overflowing. The cows are in the Long Meadow and the sheep should be in this weekend.
- F. **Open Spaces:** A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Stuart Chapman for the wonderful job he has done on the Old Pond Site in Hillrow, it is now blooming and once more an asset to the village. The Clerk had received an email from a resident in Aldreth Road who is very pleased with the grass cutting carried out by the new contractor on the Pond Site in front of her property.