

It was noted that the sum shown on the agenda for K Walker should have read £80 rather than £160. Subject to that correction being made, Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Bayes seconded that the accounts should be authorised for payment. The motion was carried unanimously.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reminded the Council of the email dated 6<sup>th</sup> January advising that any WW2 commemoration events could benefit from a grant up to the value of £500. No such events were being planned by the Council.

The Chairman read out an email from Cambs County Council regarding Hoghill Drove. The road has been deemed unsuitable for motor vehicles and signs have been put up to this effect at both ends. It is highly unlikely that road repair works will ever be done by CCC to make these signs unnecessary.

## 10. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr P Wilson reported that there were some issues with the Zipper bus service, which were being addressed by the Bus Company and CCC.

She had attended a Commercial Services Committee meeting, at which the ECDC Action Plan for sports facilities within the district was discussed. There is a sum of money of £27,232 available for allocation to sports centres. This will have to be bid for in a similar fashion to the Minor Highways Improvements bids, and match funding will be required. It had been noted that there were no public toilet facilities at the Ely Country Park and it was intended that this would be addressed, possibly by means of a composting toilet. There has been an under spend of £131,737 on the Commercial Services budget.

Cllr G Wilson reported that the Gladman's appeal against the refusal of the planning application for 100 houses in Haddenham had now been withdrawn. It is anticipated that Gladman will lose their appeal against the refusal of their application at Witchford as the District and the village already have an adequate number of houses. This will be heard on March 19<sup>th</sup>, by which time the Local Plan will be adopted and village envelopes will be able to be enforced.

Cllr P Wilson advised that ECDC had agreed to meet with ESDAR (Dial a Ride) Trustees to talk about possible funding to reduce their deficit. It was noted that the Bus Pass system on ESDAR would be continued for at least one more year.

ECDC will **not** be increasing their Council Tax in 2015/16. They have achieved a balanced budget for both 2015/16 and 2016/17 without the need to make real cuts in services.

There was no report from the County Councillor, Bill Hunt, this month.

## 11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & COMMUNITY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

- A. **Finance & Emergency Committee:** It was noted that, due to circumstances, the scheduled meeting in January had been postponed, and would now take place in February.
- B. **Planning:** There had been one meeting held in January. Cllr Lyon felt that the approach to dealing with planning applications needs to be streamlined and advised that he would prepare a discussion paper for the next meeting.
- C. **Allotments:** No meeting held.
- D. **Burial Areas:** No meeting held