

AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	Wheelie bin + Duty of Care Feb 2015	£51.65		
	Cemetery wheelie bin Feb 2015	£23.90	£75.55	DD
Came & Company	Insurance renewal for 2015/16		£1996.14	BACS 01.04.15

Cllr Cheetham proposed and Cllr G Wilson seconded that all of the above accounts should be authorised. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Arkenstall Centre Hiring Charges:** The Clerk had received notification that the room hiring charges would increase from £16 to £18 per booking with effect from 6th April 2015 and the Council accepted this.
- c. Internal Audit Brief 2014/15:** All members had received a copy of the Brief. Cllr Goddard proposed and Cllr Tindall seconded that it should be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Notification had been received that the Shape Your Place website will close on 25th March and it is hoped there will be a transition to other forms of community engagement over the next few weeks. In the meantime issues can be raised with the District Council via the main ECDC website.

A letter had been received from Mr Paul Mason outlining the history of the grant funding for Fairchild's Meadows and concerns that the Council might sell the flail mower specifically bought for the Meadows. The contents were noted and the Clerk will advise Mr Mason that the mower will not be sold at this time but this will be reviewed should it start to incur expenditure to the Council.

A series of family fun activity sessions will be held at AmeyCespa's waste management park off the A10 at Waterbeach on Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st, Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th April.

Notification had been received that an annual programme of surface dressing works will be carried out in the spring/summer of this year and this will involve the replacement of some road markings and studs following the work. Dates to be advised nearer the time.

8. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllrs Wilson and Cllr Hunt confirmed that Ely Soham Dial a Ride would close on 31st March 2015 but there are plans in place for it to be taken over by Fenland and Community Transport. There will be a loan of £90,000 from the County Council to enable three new buses to be purchased plus a business start up loan of £20,000. The District Council will also continue to support the service with a £15,000 grant. Cllr G Wilson has been appointed to the new board that will oversee the running of the organisation. The intention is that the same service will be provided but with improved administration.

Cllr Hunt also reported that the new Zipper bus service has had an encouraging start but with some teething problems. He is currently looking into a "Young Persons" 4 monthly card and new signage will soon appear on bus stops. He continues to work on traffic and HCV issues, Ely By-Pass, A14 improvements plus other highway related items. He and Cllr P Wilson intend to speak against the appeal by Gladman's for the proposed Witchford development, which is due to be heard on 17th, 18th & 19th March. The County Street Light replacement scheme is underway in some villages and a few problems are being experienced but these are being resolved as quickly as possible.

Cllr P Wilson had attended a Community Services meeting where the creation of a new post to replace the current Sports & Health Development Officer and issues relating to new sports facilities in Ely were discussed. Plans to introduce a charge and also limit a stay to 48 hours on council moorings at Ely River are still on going. Proposals will be submitted to the Full Council for setting up a new ECDC owned local trading company. Recommendations are being considered for new district wide leisure facilities, which could cost between £10.7 and £12.6 million, with an expected £2.5 million coming from Community Infrastructure Levy on the north of Ely housing development.

Cllr G Wilson had tried again to secure £40,000 funding for road safety issues but had sadly failed. A small budget of funds has been put in place for planning enforcement issues. The working party investigating the state of the public toilets in Ely will report back in June.