

K Fergusons Ltd (April 2014)	Grass cutting @ Recreation Field Strimming @ Recreation Field VAT @ 20%	£192.00 £64.00 £51.20	<b>£307.20</b>	BACS
LGSS Pension Fund	Clerk's pension April 2014		<b>£550.72</b>	BACS
J Manning (April 2014)	Stationery Postage HPC Internet Apr – June 2014 HPC Website 28.04.14 – 28.07.14	£43.98 £1.24 £68.40 £17.96	<b>£131.58</b>	BACS
E-ON	Energy charges April 2014		<b>£568.98</b>	BACS
T Bowd	Internal Audit Fees 2013/14		<b>£100.00</b>	BACS
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	Wheelie bin and Duty of Care charges April 2014		<b>£50.80</b>	DD

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

### 13. CORRESPONDENCE

A Haddenham resident had written in support of the proposed wind farm and he wished to make it known that the views of the campaign against it are not unanimously held within the community. He is worried that the main focus of opposition is on cosmetic issues. He shares the concerns regarding potential ecological impact and feels that this discussion can only be rationally conducted in conjunction with experts. He would be pleased to see the local community embracing and promoting new energy sources.

Cambs ACRE is leading a bid for further funding under the Rural Development Programme and if successful this would bring around £2m of grant funding into the area for investment into local land based industries, micro and small businesses, rural services, tourism, cultural and heritage activities. They will be holding three workshops during June for people to explore the opportunity further and contribute ideas to shape the bid.

A letter of thanks had been received from Rural Cambs CAB for the grant of £100 made by the Parish Council.

A letter of thanks had also been received from Ely Soham Dial-a-Ride for the grant of £500 from the Parish Council. They also advised that an award of £10,000 had been made from a local Trust to enable them to purchase a newer bus.

An email had been received from two residents regarding the recent decision to site a wheelie bin at the Cemetery and their concerns that this was yet another hidden cost which had arisen since engaging the new groundsman contractor. They had also noted that his invoices had not appeared on recent meeting agendas and assumed this was a matter of timing not a subterfuge by the Council. Cllr Lyon explained that some additional costs had arisen during the first two years of the contract but things were levelling out and in fact the groundsman costs had come in under budget for 2013/14. A new contract will be due at the end of March 2015 and new tender documents will be drawn up in the autumn of this year. The Clerk advised that no invoices had been listed on recent agendas because she had not received any since October 2013. However she had now received invoices for the period October 13 to March 14, which had been authorised in April and subsequent invoices for April 14, which had been authorised earlier in this meeting. She assured the correspondents that all matters of the Council financial or otherwise are always carried out in an open and transparent manner and a list of accounts authorised can be found within the minutes of each meeting, which are posted on the website and on the notice board in Haddenham Library.

County Cllr Hunt had asked the Parish Council to write to the Rt Hon Eric Pickles giving its support for the Ely By-pass. District Cllr Allen had also outlined his concerns regarding the By-pass. It was agreed that both views had been noted but due to a lack of knowledge regarding the opinion of their parishioners the Parish Council would decline to write to the Rt Hon Eric Pickles and would wait to see the outcome of the due planning process.