

allowed to be converted into other uses or demolished. In addition the Council commends all Town and Parish Councils the opportunity to protect local pubs and other important community buildings and infrastructure under the District Councils "Assets of Community Value" Protocol.

Cllr Hugo reported that further to the two wind farm public exhibitions held over the past weekend an action group and Facebook page has been formed in Aldreth. A leaflet drop in Haddenham & Aldreth is planned and a meeting will be held on Friday 10th January at 7.00pm at the Aldreth Village Centre. At this stage in proceedings the Parish Council remains impartial on the issue.

8. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Hunt reported:

- Possible new 106 bus service (Stretham Hub) serving Ely, Lt Thetford, Stretham, Wilburton, Haddenham and Witcham with an hourly service from Monday to Saturday
- A14 tolling scheme scrapped
- Ely Southern Bypass (Local Plan Examination)
- His long term wish to see the A1123 become a "B" road
- The Science Park Station
- 275,000 passengers per month now using the Guided Bus
- £1 per day parking charge at Park and Ride to be introduced around Easter 2014
- A likely increase of 1.95% on Council Tax
- His opposition to the latest proposal for 4 houses in Hod Hall Lane, which has since been refused
- New MP for Cambridgeshire may be Lucy Frazer

Cllr Hunt thanked the Council for its support over 2013 and wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Cllr P Wilson reported:

- Following a service review the Neighbourhood Panels will cease at the end of the 2013/14 financial year, as they have not been found to be an effective method of community engagement. Other options are being considered.
- The Council's core funding to the Community Safety Partnership Core Funding will be reduced from £17,000 (2013/14) to £11,000 for 2014/15. Other partners will have the opportunity to assess the value of the CSP's work and to buy-in either with funding or in kind alongside the Council. This will also create a £6,000 saving for the District Council whilst maintaining the statutory functions and allowing the review of its Community Safety priorities.

Cllr G Wilson reported:

- Car parking charges at Angel Drove will not increase for 2014/15. The Finance & Governance Committee rejected Cllr Wilson's recommendation that residents with no parking facility outside their properties should be eligible to purchase a parking permit on the same conditions as business users.
- The Planning Committee had refused the latest planning application for Hod Hall Lane and also a plan to convert Croylands in Ely to a retirement home.
- The Cambs and Peterborough Joint Strategic Planning & Transport Member Group had met to sign off the Cambs Long term Transport Strategy (LTTS) and the Cambs & Peterborough Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) Part 2, which addressed the strategic planning topics listed in the National Planning Policy Framework. Cllr Wilson raised the issue of increased traffic through villages if the A14 was to be tolled and traffic problems on the A10 to Cambridge.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

- A. **Planning:** All members of the Council had received a copy of the draft planning minutes PM 13/2013 from the meeting held on 3rd December, which contained details of the Scoping Opinion for the proposed wind farm.
- B. **Green Footpaths & Trees:** Cllr Norman advised that Robert Howard had helped to clear the road and wood from the two felled trees in The Rampart.