

on the A1123 and also securing a regular hourly bus service from Haddenham to Ely. He supports the Community Land Trust and advised that a Stretham and Wilburton CLT had already been formed to provide local housing for local people. Cllr Hunt will continue to work with the household waste-recycling centre at Witchford to improve the facility. He is very happy that plans for Ely parking charges have been dropped and feels that Ely should now be promoted wide and far to draw in more visitors. He is the official Conservative candidate in the forthcoming elections but if he is not elected he wished to place on record what a pleasure it has been to represent the Haddenham Division and work with Haddenham Parish Council.

Cllr P Wilson reported that a Play Audit and Action Plan drawn up by the District Council had been found to contain errors relating to Haddenham and another survey form will be coming out shortly. Grants have been given this year to ADEC (£54,000) and Ely Museum (£37,000) and also to some communities to provide and/or maintain leisure centres. A Community Needs appraisal is being carried out to work with communities and support their needs. The Neighbourhood Panels are under review and may not continue.

Cllr G Wilson reported that his proposal to remove car parking charges from the District Council budget had been defeated at a recent Full Council meeting but only a few days later it was announced that the car parking charges had been scrapped. A government grant of £5,000,000 has been won by the District Council to change the process of collecting recycled waste and this will enable most properties in East Cambs to have two wheelie bins provided for their waste. One will hold green waste and the other will take glass, all plastic except cling film, paper, cardboard and cans. It is proposed that this should be in place across the district by the end of the year. A mobile unit will visit communities to publicise the changes and it was agreed that Blossoms & Bygones day would be a good time for it to visit Haddenham.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

- A. **Finance & Emergency:** All councillors had received a copy of the draft minutes FM 01/2013 for information.
- B. **Allotments:** The stakes and most of the numbers have been delivered and they will shortly be drilled and assembled prior to being installed. (See Minutes MM 02/2013 Item 11B).
- C. **Burial Areas:** Cllr P Wilson advised that the issue with the stone tablet (see Minutes MM 02/2013 Item 11C) had been resolved and the gentleman concerned had decided to apply for the exhumation of his wife's ashes and scatter them at the Crematorium, which is now in hand.
- D. **Green Footpaths & Trees:** Cllr Norman is still looking into the issue of the tree roots pushing the path up in the Churchyard (see Minutes MM 02/2013 Item 11D). Cllrs Norman and Haigh had attended a recent Parish Paths seminar and most parishes are looking after their green footpaths even though the Parish Paths grant funding has now ceased. Cllr Norman is also investigating an issue with three trees in the Non-Conformist Burial Ground that overhang the back garden of a property in Mill Yard and he will seek advice from the Tree Officer with regard to the best course of action.
- E. **Road Safety:** An email had been received from a new resident in Hop Row regarding several traffic issues and Cllr G Wilson will visit her in the near future to discuss them.
- F. **Recreation:** The next meeting will be held on 25th March. Cllr G Wilson is now starting to progress the refurbishment project for Aldreth Play Area and has attempted to visit every house in Aldreth to deliver a questionnaire. The emergency repairs to the skatepark have been completed. The Recreation Committee will look at the old bench in Haddenham Play Area to ascertain if it could be refurbished and retained prior to the installation of a bench in memory of the Thorpe family (see Minutes MM 10/2012 Item 15).
- G. **Environmental Overview Group:** All members were given a copy of the notes taken at the first meeting held on 4th March and the general impression is that everyone is happy with the quality of the work being carried out by K Ferguson's Ltd although there was some discussion regarding the costs.
- H. **Neighbourhood Panel:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th March.