



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE VERNON CROSS ROOM, ELY MUSEUM, MARKET STREET, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 28TH JULY 2014

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr E Every
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr N Clarke
Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr G Barber

Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Yates
Cllr E Griffin-Singh
Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr A Whelan

Cllr C Phillips
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr B Ashton
Cllr J Pearson

Mrs V Holden (parishioner) Mrs M Haynes (parishioner) District Cllr J Friend-Smith
Mr M Green (parishioner) 2 parishioners

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no requests for dispensations or declarations of interest.

3. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM – as per standing order 83 b

Intentions to speak on agenda item 5 were declared by Mrs Holden, Mr Green, Cllr Arnold and District Cllr J Friend-Smith. Cllr Rouse and Cllr Hobbs declared an intention to speak on agenda item 5, in their capacity as District Councillors.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH JUNE AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 30th June were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to the correction of the spelling of Cllr Lindsay's surname. Pages 1354, 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359 and 1360 refer. Matters arising:- Page 1356, item 13 – Cllr Yates informed members he had met with the applicant for the pavement licence at Allgoods. They had agreed the area to be used for table and chairs and these were already in place. Page 1356, item 15 – The Clerk informed members a response had been received from the County Council suggesting the Council should submit these requests for highway improvements, as part of the Local Transport Plan for East Cambridgeshire. Members agreed to try and move these matters forward. Page 1357, item 18 – The Mayor reported the pilot parish conference had been arranged for the 1st September.

5. QUESTION TIME

The Mayor informed those present, that item 13 would be discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting. Due to the confidential nature of this item, members of the public would be excluded from the meeting.

District Cllr J Friend-Smith reported he had attended the Section 106 meeting on the 9th July. Taylor Woodrow, were being very slow in replying, regarding the ownership of the land at Meadow Way. He requested that the City of Ely Council urges ECDC to move forward with this, by writing to Allison Conder to try and speed it up.

Question Time continued

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members there was money within Cambs County Council's budget for cycling that was going to be used for a new cycleway to Stuntney, but due to the delays with the bypass, this would now be used to install a cycleway from Sutton to Witchford. He also reported that the proposed double yellow lines on Lisle Lane would also include a proposal for double yellow lines at 22 Willow Walk.

Cllr Hobbs, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members that ECDC had agreed the method of applying for Section 106 money takes too long. Therefore, the red tape has now been cut. It had been agreed that applications will be dealt with by officers and will not need to go to Committee. He also gave the Clerk a play report for the parish, which had been undertaken by ECDC as part of a play audit for the whole of the district.

Mr Green commended the art work from Ely College, which had been displayed in some of the empty shops in Ely. He asked a question regarding Section 106 payments, which the Clerk answered.

Mrs Holden said the minutes of the last meeting were incorrect, as she had said that her preferred outcome would be for the Council to withdraw 14/00340/FUL and not the Listed Building planning application for the Magistrates Court. The Mayor informed Mrs Holden that both applications had been applied for with the change of uses, even though the Council was only planning to undertake Phase 1. No final decisions had been made on what the final uses would be. This would save parishioners money as the Council would not need to submit further planning applications, at further expense.

Cllr Arnold informed members she had been approached at the Aquafest, regarding a petition for St Mary's Surgery and the reduction in doctors. The Mayor said that this was a ward issue and would be dealt with by the ward councillors.

6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Highfield School concert with the Lantern Dancers and the integrated Youth Choir; attended the launch of the Active Ely at the Country Park; attended the Chamber of Commerce Independents' Day Event; opened Aquafest; attended the business mentoring mock interview days at Ely College; judged Stuntney in Bloom with Cllr Arnold and the prize giving at the Stuntney Village Council meeting; met with Committee members of the Cathedral Business Group; attended an Ely Chamber of Commerce meeting; attended Summer concert of the Ely Choral Society and Age UK AGM. She had also walked with the High Sheriff from Ely to Little Thetford in aid of McMillan Nurses; attended Thorlabs Family Day; attended G's Award Ceremony for Queen's Award for Enterprise – Innovation in March; attended Year 6 Leaving Ceremony at Ely St John's Community Primary School; judged the overall winner for Ely in Bloom; attended the Friends of EACH Committee meeting and Grovemere's 25 years celebration strawberry tea party.

7. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 16th June 2014 and immediately prior to this meeting were received from Cllr Yates.

8. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification of tree work:- 39 Cardinals Way, Ely; St Mary's Junior School, High Barns, Ely

Street Naming & Numbering:- Prickwillow Road, Ely

Letter from BT confirming removal of public payphone at St Mary's Street, Ely

The Clerk Magazine

Clerks & Councils Direct

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 14th July, which was approved. Cllr Phillips tabled a report to members on his recent meeting with the Chairman of the Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer of the Rural Cambs CAB. It was unanimously agreed the Council would become a member of this organisation, with Cllr Phillips being the Council's representative. The Terms of Reference for this Committee were approved and adopted. The Internal Auditor's final report for the financial year 2013/14 had been noted and there were no issues raised.

Committee Reports continued

- (ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Arnold reported the judging for the Ely in Bloom competitions had been undertaken and awards agreed. The Mayor said that the floral displays in Ely looked wonderful, which members unanimously agreed.
- (iii) RECREATION AND CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. The Mayor reported that councillors had attended the annual tour of the cemetery. It was felt that the cemetery was very well kept and looked excellent.
- (iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met.
- (v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met.
- (vi) ELY/RIBE – Group had not met.
- (vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as the Youth Forum had not met. The next meeting will be on the 31st July.

10. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

The Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the following matter be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 be exercised. This was seconded by Cllr Yates and unanimously agreed. *Due to the confidential nature of this item, this was discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.*

CCTV - a verbal report was given in Committee at the end of the meeting.

11. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- Section 106 – notes of a meeting held on the 9th July were noted.
- City of Ely Perspective Group Meeting – minutes of a meeting held on the 17th June were noted.
- Stuntney Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 14th May were noted.
- Prickwillow Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 30th June were noted.

District Cllr S Friend-Smith left the meeting at 7.35 pm.

12. ACCESS TO COUNCIL SERVICES

The Mayor informed members that following Mrs Holden's statement at the last Full Council meeting, she had responded immediately by email regarding her request and in a full written report direct to her regarding her statement and the points raised. Since this meeting there have been consultation meetings with councillors and staff concerning the whole issue of accessibility. The Mayor proposed the City of Ely Council employs an independent expert in the field of equality to undertake a review and Equality Impact Assessment of all the Council's buildings and services. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Whelan and unanimously approved. The Mayor reported the Clerk had obtained a quote of £2,330 for this service and was seeking a further one. The Mayor proposed the Clerk in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor appoint a consultant providing the cost is below £2,500. This was seconded by Cllr Hobbs and unanimously approved. In the meantime, Full Council meetings will be held at ECDC, when possible and the Vernon Cross room if ECDC is not available. Other committee meetings will take place in the Council's Chamber, unless a member of the public wishes to attend who cannot access the Chamber. It is hoped that advance notice of this would be given, to ensure that meetings have an efficient start. If this is necessary, the meeting will move to the Vernon Cross Room, if this is available. Availability for these rooms will be checked in advance.

All 5 parishioners left the meeting at 7.45 pm.

13. COUNCIL SERVICES

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14. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

ECDC	377.00	paid by direct debit
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Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
Barclays	27.55	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	114.86	paid by direct debit
ESPO	43.27	paid by direct debit
ESPO	51.50	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	71.23	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	266.41	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	188.52	paid by direct debit
Fuel Gennie	412.28	paid by direct debit
Corona Energy	1019.41	109565
Ely Tool Hire Ltd	58.20	109566
Active Garden Ltd	1770.00	109567
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	72.00	paid by direct debit
Mr M Colyer	11.48	109568
Teleshore UK (Ltd)	153.60	109569
ECDC	61.38	109570
Jewson Ltd	29.06	109571
Arco Ltd	52.78	109572
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	12.55	109593
CCTV Volunteer	6.28	109573
CCTV Volunteer	4.80	109574
Breckland Brass Band	150.00	109575
Ely Central Heating Services	310.00	109576
K Ellis	1060.50	109577
Kestrel Fencing	4939.88	109578
Greg Blunt Decorators Ltd	3000.00	109579
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	109580
Henderson Electrical Services Ltd	150.00	109581
Saffron Walden Town Band	150.00	109582
G & J Peck Ltd	124.55	109583
Cooleraid Ltd	14.22	109584
Littleport & Downham IDB	296.40	paid from Cambs Building Soc account
CAPALC	350.00	109585
Cooleraid Ltd	40.08	109586
Wississippi Jazzmen	150.00	109587
Bannold	81.97	109588
Gowing & Hunt Ltd	1467.19	109589
ESPO	48.58	109590
Gordon Harrison	84.47	109591
Wider Plan Ltd	112.54	109592

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 30th June 2014

Salaries and wages	£9348.66	paid by BACS
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2167.89	paid by BACS
Pension fund payments	£3114.23	paid by BACS

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th June 2014