



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON MONDAY 8^H JUNE 2015

PRESENT:

Cllr E Every Cllr I Lindsay Cllr A Arnold Cllr P Moakes Cllr A Whelan Cllr C Whelan Cllr C Phillip

One member of the public was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Cllr Every proposed that Cllr Lindsay should be elected as Chair of the Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Whelan and unanimously agreed. Cllr Whelan proposed that Cllr Arnold should be Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Moakes and unanimously agreed. Cllr Lindsay then chaired the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – *to receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary & other interests from Councillors, as set out in Standing Order 83b.*

There were no declarations received.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH FEBRUARY 2015 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV 7 and 8 refer.

Matters arising: - Page 7, Item 3 – Matters Arising. The historic plaque has not been purchased yet. The wording that will appear on the plaque is still to be agreed. Cllr Arnold has agreed to pursue this.

Page 7, Item 5 – Volunteers are still needed to run a community speedwatch scheme for the King's Avenue area. Mr Nigel Clarke would be contacted to ask if he would be happy to attend a "handover" meeting with the new members of the Traffic Flow Working Group.

Page 8, Item 7 – Cllr Arnold reported that a visit to the Volunteer Bureau had been arranged, but advised that it would be more economical to engage the Community Payback Team.

Page 8, A.O.B – Cllr Arnold had reported the car parking issues on Northwold to the Police. The problem is ongoing but Cllr Arnold had seen PCSOs in the area. The request for a dog waste bin for Alexander Chase cannot be progressed, as this land had not been adopted. A request to support the case for further yellow lines in Cardinal's Way had been received but unfortunately, only a small section of this road had been adopted.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW

The terms of reference were agreed as follows and proposed by Cllr Moakes and seconded by Cllr Every.

Membership shall comprise of four members of the Council, plus two ex-officio members, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.

To elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for each civic year.

Three members shall constitute a quorum.

To encourage a clean, healthy and attractive local environment, which contributes to the City and its people, within its resources and responsibilities.

To take account of the Localism Act opportunities under Section 106 and CIL monies.

To work with other authorities and organisations to achieve the best service possible with regard to street furniture.

Aims and Objectives:-

To provide street furniture items such as dog waste bins, notice boards, street lights, bus shelters and signage.

To maintain the items of street furniture that the Council is responsible for.

To manage the memorial bench scheme.

Management, through a Working Group, of the City's hanging baskets and floral displays.

To evaluate and recommend improvement to the Ely parish street scene.

6. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget, dated 2nd June 2015. Cllr Whelan suggested that it would be useful to see where the money had been spent in previous years. Cllr Moakes questioned whether the Ely in Bloom budget was adequate. Cllr Arnold, the Chair of the Ely in Bloom Working Party, felt that the budget was sufficient. A discussion took place about potentially expanding the floral displays in Ely, but it was decided that a programme of research would be needed before this should happen and the cost of a parish survey should be budgeted for.

7. TRAFFIC FLOW REPORT AND ON STREET-PARKING

It was agreed that this item, item 8 and item 9 would no longer be discussed at the Environment Committee. A new Working Group will be set up which will report directly to Full Council.

8. TRAFFIC CALMING ON LYNN ROAD – see item 7.

9. UNADOPTED ROADS – see item 7.

10. ELY IN BLOOM

The Working Group met on 7th April 2015. Please see the notes attached. Cllr Arnold reported that the competitions will take place again this year and that she will send a press release out when a judging date has been agreed. The Ely in Bloom Contractors contractors have kindly offered to plant the stone planter on the High Street, free of charge. This will be filled with sensory plants. Cllr Arnold is happy to continue to lead the Working Group and will request assistance from Councillors if and when necessary.

11. ELY CLEAN UP

Cllr Every talked about the need for collaboration with other organisations such as Ely Perspective and the Community Safety Partnership, in order to try and resolve issues such as anti-social behaviour, litter and the problems caused by chewing gum and cigarette butts. Cllr Every is happy to take this forward. A walkabout of the City has been arranged by Ely Perspective for 16th June 2015 at 6.30pm, meeting at Steeple Row.

12. A.O.B.

A parishioner has contacted Cllr Arnold about a lamp column that is restricting access to his property. The consensus was that this is an issue for the County Council, but the details would be passed to the newly formed Traffic Flow Working Group.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been arranged for 14th September 2015. A further meeting will be called before this date if necessary.