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**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM  
ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

**PRESENT;**

Cllr J Yates    Cllr E Every    Cllr R Hobbs, The Mayor,    Cllr A Arnold    Cllr M Rouse  
Cllr M Lansell    Cllr S Friend-Smith    Mrs M Pickering, Senior Administration Officer

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations received.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH OCTOBER 2017 & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th October 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV29 and 30 refer.

Matters Arising – Page 29, item 3, Matter Arising – Previously, Cllr Every confirmed that a meeting had taken place with Adam Cobb of Cambs County Council to discuss various issues, including the minor highways bids. The issues surrounding the proposed level crossing closures, are still on-going.

Page 30, item 10 - The City Council has been contacted by Richard Jackson Engineering Consultants with regards to the potential adoption of 6 bus shelters that will be installed as part of the North of Ely development. A representative was invited to meet with the Mayor and members of the Environment Committee but unfortunately, we have not received a response from them. Cllr Hobbs reported that representatives from Hopkins Homes will be meeting with both District and City Councillors to provide an update on the North of Ely development. It was agreed that the City of Ely Council should use this as an opportunity to make recommendations of what they would like to see in place, in terms of street furniture, lighting and bus shelters.

**4. BUDGET UPDATE**

Members noted the budget update, dated 6th February 2018. There were no significant variances. Cllr Every suggested that she would like to see the budget for minor highways improvement bids transferred to the Environment Committee. Cllr Hobbs agreed that there is no reason why this could not happen.

**5. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES**

There were no health and safety issues.

**6. ELY IN BLOOM**

The Council has been informed by Balfour Beatty that we may not be permitted to attach both Christmas lights sockets and hanging basket brackets, to the new lamps that have been installed on Market Street due to weight restrictions. Representatives from both the Christmas Lights Committee and from the Ely in Bloom Working Group will be attending a site meeting with Balfour Beatty to discuss the options on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. An Ely in Bloom Working Group meeting has been arranged for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

## **7. BUS SHELTERS ON CAM DRIVE**

The City of Ely Council had been contacted by Cambridgeshire County Council to re-consider the adoption of the bus shelters on Cam Drive. As previously discussed, these bus shelters were installed by the developer and were not adopted by any Council. It was agreed by the Committee, that in order for the City of Ely Council to consider the adoption of these bus shelters, they would have to be in a good state of repair and a commuted sum would have to be paid to cover the cost of maintenance for many years to come.

## **8. QUOTE FOR LAMP REPAIR**

One of the Council's lampposts at The College, Ely is in need of repair. A quote from Balfour Beatty, our maintenance provider, has been received for the sum of £1,154.91 (ex-vat). It was agreed that the exact location of the lamp would be checked before a decision would be made.

## **9. PURCHASE OF SPEEDWATCH EQUIPMENT**

Members of the newly formed SpeedWatch team have requested that the Committee purchase a collapsible sign, hi-vis jackets, a clicker and voice recorder. The kit would be provided by Cambridgeshire Constabulary at a cost of £175.00 (ex-vat). The purchase was proposed by Cllr Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Every and unanimously approved. Cllr Every advised that permanent road signs can be purchased, that make motorists aware that they are entering a SpeedWatch zone. It is felt that these signs help to maximise the influence of SpeedWatch. The signs cost £82.00 (ex-vat) each and are erected onto lampposts. The Committee agreed to the purchase in principal, but thought it wise to seek advice from the SpeedWatch team on how many signs would be needed.

## **10. TOWN CENTRE UPKEEP**

The untidy state of the City Centre was discussed, with regards to litter and the maintenance of street furniture items such as benches and litter bins. The collaborative annual maintenance project, between East Cambs District Council, the City of Ely Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, ceased several years ago. A general discussion took place on how to address the problems, but it was agreed that once Tracey Harding is in post, she can be asked to devise a strategy as part of her responsibility as Town Centre Manager.

## **11. A.O.B.**

Cllr Every informed the meeting that she had received notice from Cambs County Council that the proposed cycle route on Lynn Road to High Barns, via New Barns Avenue as part of the Transport Investment Plan has been recommended for deletion. There is no possible option for a shared path or on-road facility for cyclists. The path to the new parallel crossing on Lynn Road has been widened and there is a further link to Lynn Road via Bentham Way.

## **12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.00pm.