



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
SESSIONS HOUSE
LYNN ROAD
ELY CB7 4EG
Telephone 01353 661016
Fax 01353 667057

CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT;

Cllr M Lansell, Cllr E Every, Cllr I Lindsay, Cllr A Arnold, Cllr P Moakes, Mrs M Pickering.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr M Rouse, the Mayor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH OCTOBER 2018 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th October 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV 39 and 40 refer.

Matters Arising – Page 39, item 4, Action Plan – Cllr Lindsay reported that he had met with Spencer Clark, ECDC to discuss the need for the litter bins in Ely to be replaced with bins that have an ash tray incorporated. Mr Clark will raise this with his colleague and will meet with Cllr Lindsay in the coming months.

Two of the bus shelters on Cam Drive will be adopted by the City of Ely Council. More information on this is reported in item 8.

A date for the litter pick will be arranged soon.

Matters Arising – Page 40, item 8, Traffic Working Group – Cllr Every reported that work on last years minor highway improvement projects at Prickwillow (phase 1) and in Forehill, Ely, are now live.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 30th January 2019. There were no significant variances.

5. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

There were no health & safety issues to report. Cllr Lindsay encouraged members to be aware of potential issues when out in the parish.

5. ELY IN BLOOM

Cllr Arnold reported that she is looking into the possibility of replacing some of the planters that are looking a bit scruffy. It is hoped that some of the larger planters could be used to hang A-boards from them in an attempt to keep them off pathways. Cllr Moakes suggested that the space could be 'let' to local businesses. Cllr Every was concerned that planning permission may be needed and suggested that this should be checked before any planters are purchased

6. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

There were no health and safety issues to report.

7. ELY IN BLOOM

Please see Cllr Arnold's notes, attached.

8. TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP

Cllr Every updated the members on the progress of last year's minor highways bids. A feasibility study is being carried out for the work at Prickwillow. The raised table planned for Forehill has been deemed a possible danger for cyclists so it has been recommended by Highways officers, that speed cushions should be installed instead, as cyclists will be able to avoid these. With reference to the Cam Drive bid for this year, Highways officers will recommend appropriate locations for flashing signs and 30mph signs.

9. SPEED CAMERA UPDATE

A sub-group met on 21st August 2018 to discuss the use of mobile speed cameras. If the minor highway bid is successful, this Council have three new mobile speed cameras that can be moved around the city on a regular basis. The particular areas of concern are Witchford Road, Cam Drive and Lisle Lane. The Speedwatch Co-ordinator, Mr David Godsmark will advise on the best locations.

10. A.O.B

Cllr Arnold has been approached by Cambridgeshire County Council, requesting a contribution of £3,878.00 for the repair of footpath number 24, which runs under the railway bridge. It was unanimously agreed that this is a Highways/Sustrans issue.

The Committee received a request from a resident in Barton Road to pave an area of verge outside of their house as it can get very muddy, which means that they have to cross the road in order to avoid the mud. Unfortunately, members agreed that this is not an issue for the City of Ely Council, as they are not the land owner.

Cllr Hobbs has received a request for a stretch of double yellow lines on Cambridge Road to stop cars being parked near to the corner of a resident's driveway. Members felt that they were not able to support this request at the present time, but hoped that the issue could be highlighted as and when the next audit of 'signs and lines' is carried out.

Cllr Yates reported that the path in Cherry Hill Park is in a terrible state of repair. The issue will be reported to the land owner.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been set for 28th January 2019.