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CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT;

Cllr I Lindsay Cllr E Every Cllr A Arnold Cllr M Rouse Cllr R Morgan Cllr S Bellow Cllr S Austen
Mrs M Pickering.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 22ND JULY 2019 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 22nd July 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV 47 and 48 refer.

Matters Arising – Item 3, Page ENV 47 – The family of the late John Yates has indicated that their preferred site for the location of the memorial bench would be outside of the Maltings.

Item 7, Page ENV 48 – Cllr Lindsay has discussed the moving of the 30mph sign in Stuntney with Stuntney Village Council. The Council is willing to use the community fund grant, awarded to them by East Cambs District Council, towards the cost of the works.

Item 9, Page ENV 48 – Haven Power has been selected to provide the energy for the Council's street lighting.

Item 11, Page ENV 48 – The letter received by 1st Ely Brownies has now been discussed by the Youth Forum Committee.

4. BUDGET UPDATE AND BUDGET SETTING FOR 2020/2021.

Members noted the budget update, dated 1st October 2019. There were no significant variances. For the 2020/2021 budget, it was agreed that the following would be requested:

4420 – MHI Scheme	£20,000
4605 – Lighting & Energy	£1,700
4610 – Bus Shelters & Memorial Facilitation	£10,000 (plus carry forward)
4615 – Furniture	£3,000
4615 – Floral Displays	£16,000
1715 – Materials	£1,000

Cllr Lindsay is confident that the above requested budget would enable the Committee to carry out works identified in the action plan.

5. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

There were no issues to report.

6. FLORAL DISPLAYS

Quotes for the supply and maintenance of plants for summer and winter planting 2020 have been received and Simpson's Nursery of Fordham has been selected as the preferred supplier.

Please note that this item agenda has been renamed 'Floral Displays' as to not cause confusion with the Ely in Bloom competition that will be managed by the Tourism and Town Centre Committee from 2020.

7. TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP

Cllr Every has suggested that a Working Group needs to be set up to monitor traffic issues in the north of Ely. She has already received concerns from residents that need further investigation. Cllr Every also suggested that a log should be created for traffic issues in order to monitor and deal with them more efficiently.

Cllr Lindsay has made contact with Mr Les Middleton, the new Highways Officer at County Council, who can assist us with the 'signs and lines' issues. These concerns will be forwarded to the Officer for consideration, but it was suggested that the trees/foliage on Prickwillow Road could be cut back as there are safety concerns along this route.

Cllr Lindsay met with one of his ward residents who had requested a zebra crossing at the intersection of Broad Street and Back Hill. He advised that it was not a realistic proposition, but promised to discuss it.

Whilst visiting the new Cambridgeshire Archives building at The Dock, Ely, Cllr Rouse was horrified to see that many cars were parked on the pavement on the road into Jewsons. Cllr Rouse suggests that there should be double yellow lines here.

Cllr Rouse was also appalled by the insensitive parking at the War Memorial. He has noticed that cars are parking much too close to the monument. Cllr Rouse agreed to contact the Royal British Legion for their opinion as to whether it is an on-going problem.

8. PRICKWILLOW WAR MEMORIAL – UPDATE

Three quotes have been received. The quote received from Hanchets Monumental Masons is the preferred choice of Cllr Lindsay. He will propose that the contract is awarded to them at the next Full Council.

9. ACTION PLAN

Cllr Lindsay will update the Action Plan and send out to all members.

10. A.O.B.

There were no further items for discussion.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is planned for 21st January 2020.