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**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 6.00PM**  
**ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020**

**PRESENT;**

Cllr I Lindsay Cllr S Bellow Cllr R Morgan Cllr A Arnold Mrs M Pickering.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Austen and Cllr E Every.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** *to receive declarations of interests from Councillors.*

No declarations of interest were received.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2020 & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV 51 and 52 refer.

Matters Arising – Page ENV 52 – Item 8 – A letter has been sent to Stagecoach but as yet, no reply has been received.

Matters Arising – Page ENV 52 – Item A.O.B. The litter pick planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 has been cancelled.

**4. BUDGET UPDATE**

Members noted the budget update, dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. There were no significant variances.

**5. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES**

There were no issues to report.

**6. FLORAL DISPLAYS**

The license for permission to hang flower baskets from Cambs County Council owned lampposts, has been received. Contact has been made with Cranbrook Nursery, our new supplier of plants for the hanging baskets and planters. It has been agreed that the Estates Team will deliver the baskets to the nursery for them to be planted. It was agreed that regular contact will be made with Cranbrook Nursery to monitor their progress during this time of public movement restriction and social distancing.

The van that will be equipped with a watering system has been ordered but there is a concern that delivery may be delayed. Lex Autolease has been contacted and they have advised that following the public restrictions that are in effect, most of their dealers have advised that they have closed, meaning orders and deliveries cannot be processed. Lex Autolease have assured us that they will keep us updated.

## **7. TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP**

Members were keen to find out more about a traffic flow working group that has been set up in the parish as a result of concerns about the HGV traffic driving down Egremont Street. Cllr Lindsay will contact County Cllr Anna Bailey to find out more.

With regards to possible new LHI bids, Cllr Lindsay was not aware of any serious proposals that had been investigated sufficiently to put forward. There is the potential to bid for the second phase of the traffic calming measures that were planned for Prickwillow. Cllr Bellow agreed to liaise with Prickwillow Village Council and County Cllr Lis Every on this.

A letter has been received from a resident in Bentham Way who is concerned that the cycleway crossing in Bentham Way is dangerous. It is not clear if the cyclist has the right of way and the motorist travelling via Kings Avenue into Bentham Way, does not see the cycle path until they are very close. The resident is proposing that a sign is needed to make the motorist aware of the cycling priority if that is the case, or barriers to prevent the cyclist from crossing Bentham Way without concerns for the traffic. Cllr Lindsay agreed to speak with Cllr Every about this, the County Councillor.

Cllr Bellow and Cllr Morgan are still receiving complaints about speeding traffic on Prickwillow Road near to Ely Sailing Club. It is hoped that the MVA's will help with this problem but the Council is still awaiting delivery. The order has been chased but it is felt that the current public restrictions due to the Coronavirus crisis will delay the delivery further. Speeding has become a particular issue as there are fewer cars on the roads during this time of social restrictions. Sgt. Mark Rabel has advised that if evidence can be provided, then they would be able to investigate but unfortunately, Speedwatch is not in operation at the moment to supply any data.

Cllr Lindsay had previously requested that the bushes/verge should be cut back at this particular spot as the overgrown verges make it difficult for the pathway to be used safely.

## **8. ACTION PLAN**

Cllr Lindsay was satisfied that the Action Plan is being adhered to. He agreed to send it out to all members after the meeting.

## **9. A.O.B.**

Cllr Morgan reported that the Maltings' Cottage condition survey has been received and there were concerns because of the roots of the willow tree at the back were probably undermining the foundations of the cottage.

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

The date of the next was not agreed. It will be arranged and publicised in due course.

*Due to enforced social distancing caused by the Coronavirus, this meeting took place by video communication, accessed by the Zoom meetings facility.*