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

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING HELD AT 6.30PM**  
**ON TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2020**

**PRESENT;**

Cllr I Lindsay Cllr S Bellow Cllr R Morgan Cllr A Arnold Cllr E Every Cllr M Rouse Cllr S Austen  
Cllr R Dennes Cllr E Carlsson-Browne.

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies received.

**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 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020 & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV 53 and 54 refer.

Matters Arising – Page ENV 54 – Item 7 – A letter had been received from a resident in Bentham Way who is concerned that the cycleway crossing in Bentham Way is dangerous. It was agreed that the County Cllr would be consulted before responding to the resident.

**4. BUDGET UPDATE**

Members noted the budget update, dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020. There were no significant variances.

**5. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES**

There were no issues to report.

**6. FLORAL DISPLAYS**

The hanging baskets have been delivered and put up by the Estates Team. All of the ‘welcome to Ely’ signs and city centre tubs and troughs have been planted by Cranbrook Plants. As previously reported, there has been a delay in the delivery of the van that will be equipped with a watering system. It is hoped that this will be available by the middle of July.

**7. TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP**

The new MVA’s have now been delivered and are up and running on Prickwillow Road.

Further discussion took place about speeding in Prickwillow after a resident had contacted Cllr Morgan, concerned about speeding vehicles through the village and questioned why some areas of the village do not have 30mph restrictions. The temporary suspension of Speedwatch has resulted in more speeding traffic, but it is hoped that the teams will be able to resume speed watch sessions from mid-July. Cllr Every reiterated that Cllr Bellow is working with Highways Officer, Les Middleton to develop a traffic calming plan for Prickwillow.

## **7. TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP CONTINUED .....**

Cllr Every reported that an on-site meeting is being arranged between the City of Ely Council, County Council Highways, the Head Teacher and the Chair of Governors of St. Johns School to discuss the details of the new crossing.

The safety of the recently installed pedestrian crossing on Cambridge Road was discussed. It is felt that the driver does not become aware of the crossing at a safe distance. In consideration for residents living nearby, the lights on the crossing do not flash and at night time, the area is very dark. Cllr Bellow agreed to raise the issue with Highways Officer, Les Middleton.

A resident had approached Cllr Arnold with complaints about speeding on Church Lane and has asked for a 20mph sign to be placed at the entrance. Cllr Lindsay suggested that this should be added to the 'list' and that Cllr Arnold should carry out preliminary investigations.

## **8. BUS SHELTER AT LANCASTER WAY**

We had previously been advised that this bus shelter was no longer in the parish of Ely after the parish boundary adjustments of May 2019. Witchford Parish Council was asked if they would consider taking over the ownership of the shelter as it was believed to now be part of the parish of Witchford. The boundary line was disputed with the Council and as a result, the shelter will remain as the City of Ely Council's responsibility and will be refurbished.

## **9. CROSSING AT STUNTNEY ALLOTMENTS**

The Council and the Allotments Association had been informed that the proposed refuge crossing to access Bridge Fen allotments was not being pursued as originally planned, due to the cost. A new scheme with a crossing point adjacent to the roundabout with a new pathway and access ramp is felt to be a preferred option as the traffic is travelling at a slower speed and a bigger refuge area is created. The Association has requested extra signage on the roundabout and vehicle entrance and re-marking of the paintwork on the road indicating that vehicles could be turning right, off the carriageway.

## **10. ACTION PLAN**

Cllr Lindsay was satisfied that the Action Plan was up to date and reported that the next Chair of the Committee will have the task of reviewing the plan to reflect the new structure of the Committee.

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

Members were informed that work being carried out on the war memorial at Prickwillow will not be completed until August/September and it is unlikely to be in situ for the anniversary of VJ Day 2020 and the delayed VE Day commemoration.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

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