



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD ON 16TH SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 7.15 PM**

PRESENT:

Cllr R J Hobbs
Mr P Sindall

Cllr J Chaplin
Mr M Chinery-Colyer

Cllr P Eden
Mr J Dennick

Cllr N Covell
Mr I Newstead

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from The Mayor, Cllr B Ashton, The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Yates, Cllr S Overall, Cllr Pearson, Mr T Overall & Mr N Clarke.

2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM – (as per standing order 60 b)

There were no intentions.

3. TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE VICE - CHAIRMAN

Cllr Hobbs requested nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. Cllr Chaplin was nominated by Cllr Hobbs and this was seconded by Cllr Eden. This was then unanimously approved by members

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2010, were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages CL 85 & 86 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON BUDGET FROM FINANCE GROUP

Cllr Hobbs reported that the Finance meeting had met prior to this meeting and that there were no significant variances within the budget. Any surplus money within the budget will be carried forward to 2011/12. The expenditure budget for 2011/12 was set at £6000.00.

6. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON ARTIFICIAL TREE

Mr Chinery-Colyer advised that the replacement artificial tree had been delivered. He will be ensuring that the tree is adequately strengthened prior to it being erected on the Market Place.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LIGHTING GROUP

Mr Chinery-Colyer advised that all the products ordered, have now been received. The group will commence putting the lights up on 30th October.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE SWITCH ON GROUP

Cllr Eden reported plans are progressing well. The road closures have been applied for and associated signage ordered. The buses have been booked. Stalls will be available for hire.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Chaplin advised that the Council would be running its Tombola stall. She also requested that the toilets be left open until 9pm. The switch on group will request this from East Cambs District Council.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2nd November 2010 at 7.15pm