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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2020

PRESENT;

Cllr S Bellow Cllr A Arnold Cllr E Carlsson Browne Cllr S Austen Cllr R Morgan Mrs M Pickering.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr I Lindsay 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 8TH OCTOBER 2019 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th October 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV 49 and 50 refer.

Matters Arising – Item 3, Page ENV 49 – Item 7, – The proposal to relocate the 30mph sign on the approach to Stuntney village, will not be pursued. Police support was necessary, but after having considered the proposal, the City of Ely Council was advised by Traffic Management Officer, D Crosby of Cambridgeshire Constabulary, that they were unable to support the proposal and would consider a formal objection. In short, the road and highway environment needs to be conducive to what is being applied so there would need to be a change in the environment to make the road look and feel like what is posted.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 15th January 2020. There were no significant variances.

5. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

There were no issues to report.

6. FLORAL DISPLAYS

The license application for permission to hang baskets from Cambs County Council owned lampposts will be submitted as soon as possible. East Cambs District Council own the lampposts used in Jubilee Gardens, but only the lamps that passed the ‘stress test’ that was carried out in 2019, will be used.

A van that will be equipped with a watering system has been ordered. Several options, including an electric vehicle, were considered. A Citroen Berlingo will be leased for three years at a cost of £319.75 a month. It was noted that the new van will have a diesel engine.

7. TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP

Cambs County Council has approved the use of MVAS devices on County Council owned lampposts in certain locations, however, we are still awaiting delivery of the new devices.

A discussion took place about the new process for dealing with potential minor highway projects that are requested by a parishioner. The information will be forwarded to all Councillors.

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. It was agreed that it was not an appropriate place for a crossing due to space constraints.

8. BUS STOP AT LANCASTER WAY ROUNDABOUT AND ANGEL DROVE

Witchford Parish Council had been asked to take over the ownership of the bus shelter at Lancaster Way Roundabout as this shelter now falls in the parish of Witchford, since the boundary change in 2019. This request was declined by Witchford Parish Council in November 2018. As Grovemere Property Ltd were a sponsor of the shelter, it was necessary to consult with them regarding the future of the shelter. Grovemere Property has concerns about taking over the ownership of an asset that is on land that they do not own. Their suggestion is to refurbish it if necessary, and then ask Witchford Parish Council to reconsider their decision as it would be a shame to lose this shelter. A letter will be sent to the Chairman of Witchford Parish Council.

Lucy Frazer MP has forwarded a letter to the City Council regarding a request for a bus shelter to be installed at the new bus stop on Angel Drove. The Committee had previously asked for a new shelter to be installed to replace the one that was removed after the reconfiguration of the road layout but was informed by County Council Projects Officer, that a new shelter would not be installed at the revised location due to insufficient land within the highway boundary. The Council was also advised that the bus service operator would not consider using the existing stop on The Dock, opposite the Tesco Petrol Station, as it would add unreliability to the route. It was agreed that Stagecoach would be contacted again to ask if they would reconsider using the shelter on The Dock.

9. DOG WASTE BINS AT HOPKINS HOMES DEVELOPMENT.

A request for a dog waste bin has been received by a resident on Elderberry Way which is part of the new development off Cam Drive. It was agreed that it would make much better sense for the Council to look at the provision of dog waste bins in the area when the development is complete rather than just add one bin now. Once the development is finished, the City of Ely Council will liaise with colleagues at East Cambs District Council for advice on the most suitable locations for the siting of bins.

10. A.O.B.

Cllr Bellow reminded everyone that a litter pick has been arranged for Sunday 3rd May 2020.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is planned for 7th April 2020.