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CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2019

PRESENT;

Cllr C Phillips, Cllr M Rouse, Cllr I Lindsay, Cllr A Arnold, Cllr P Moakes, Cllr M Lansell, Cllr E Every, Mrs M Pickering.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH FEBRUARY 2019 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 5th February 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV 41 and 42 refer.

There were no matters arising.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 19th March 2019. There were no significant variances. Cllr Lindsay agreed to meet with the Clerk to discuss funds allocated for minor highway projects.

5. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

There were no health & safety issues to report.

6. ELY IN BLOOM

It was agreed that it would be prudent to postpone the purchase of new planters until a new Ely in Bloom contractor is in place or alternative arrangements are in place. Several contractors have been invited to provide quotes for Ely in Bloom provision and the City of Ely Council's Estates Team Manager has provided a report detailing what requirements would be necessary for his team to take on this task.

7. TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP

Balfour Beatty has given permission for the new speed indicating device to be erected on certain lampposts. It is hoped that once this device is in use, the Speedwatch team will be able to access the data it collects via an app in order to inform on future Speedwatch activity. A couple of volunteers have shown interest in becoming Speedwatch volunteers as a result of the advert placed in the Elyi magazine.

For information, Cllr Every reiterated that the Police approve the areas in which the Speedwatch team is allowed to operate and therefore, cannot respond to every request for Speedwatch sessions that are received by residents of the parish.

8 PRICKWILLOW WAR MEMORIAL - UPDATE

Hanchets Memorial Masons have been asked to provide a report on the cost of the refurbishment of the war memorial in Prickwillow. We are still awaiting the report. In the meantime, Cllr Rouse, has asked for members of Prickwillow Village Council to compile a list of any corrections/amendments that would need to be made.

9. INSTALLATION OF NEW LAMPPOSTS – UPDATE

The quote from K and M Lighting Services to supply and install new lampposts in Annesdale, Chapel Street and West End has been accepted. Once the new lamps are erected, UK Power Networks will connect the electricity supply.

10. ACTION PLAN & BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW

Cllr Lindsay has reviewed the Action Plan. He is satisfied with the long-term and short-term goals of the Committee but he was mindful that the Action Plan may need to be re-written as a result of the strategic review due to be carried out once elections have taken place.

11. LITTER BIN REQUEST FOR SESSIONS HOUSE

The Committee agreed to purchase a litter bin to be placed in the car park of Sessions House in order to stop contamination of the recycling waste. Cllr Lindsay agreed that he would chase up the purchase of new litter bins for the City Centre with East Cambs District Council.

12. LITTER PICK

A community litter pick is scheduled for Sunday 28th April 2019 at 10.00am until 12.00pm, meeting at VCAEC on Forehill. Ely College has shown an interest in taking part and also the manager from MacDonaldis will be sending some volunteers to help.

13. A.O.B.

Cllr Every proposed that a memorial in remembrance of Cllr John Yates should be organised. It was agreed that it would be raised at the next Full Council meeting and then the Council would liaise with Ely Hereward Rotary, of which Cllr Yates was a member, for many years.

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is planned for 4th June 2019.