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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2013**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor, Cllr W Burton  
Cllr A Arnold  
Cllr M Rouse  
Cllr C Jones  
Cllr J Mackey  
*Mr T Coney, parishioner*  
*Nr A Olley, parishioner*

Cllr J Yates  
Cllr P Eden  
Cllr N Clarke  
Cllr E Every  
Cllr B Ashton (arrived at 7.45 pm)  
*District Cllr B Hunt*  
*2 parishioners*

Cllr R Hobbs  
Cllr E Griffin-Singh  
Cllr S Overall  
Cllr J Tyrrell  
*District Cllr A Bailey*

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Chaplin.

**2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN  
AGENDA ITEM – as per standing order 83 b**

Mr Coney, District Cllr Hunt and District Cllr Bailey declared their intention to speak on agenda item 4.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th February were agreed, and signed as a true record, with the correction of 'has' to 'had' in item 13. Pages 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244 and 1245 refer.

Matters arising – Page 1244, Item 15 – Cllr Eden informed members of the death of Mr Kevin Hall, CCC Highways Officer. Members unanimously agreed this was a great loss. It was agreed the Mayor would send a personal card to his widow. Cllr Yates reported that he had attended the funeral last week.

**4. QUESTION TIME**

District Cllr A Bailey said she was delighted with the news today, that East Cambs District Council and the City of Ely Council, had decided to drop the proposal to introduce car parking charges in Ely's car parks. She felt this was a testament to people power. She gave a summary of the headline results from the public consultation with regard to the proposed car parking charges. She asked that the City of Ely Council work with ECDC to actively promote Ely's car parking to the whole country; encourage ECDC to look again at its business rates relief policy, to support new businesses to Ely's centre and to encourage ECDC to make better and more imaginative use of its current enforcement resources and to address the issues for resident's parking.

Mr Ted Coney said that the news about car parking charges was a victory for common sense. He felt that as the City of Ely Council was always proactive in promoting and looking after Ely, perhaps they could help the District Council with this. He requested free car parking be promoted as a selling point for the City. He also gave several ideas for promoting Ely.

District Cllr Bill Hunt said he was delighted with the withdrawal of the proposed car parking charges. He asked the Council to support a campaign to change the signs in the car parks, which would encourage people to spend time in Ely and visit businesses. He was also glad the Council had recommended refusal for the amendments for the Croylands planning application.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their statements and confirmed that any suggestions made would be referred back to the appropriate Committees/Working Groups for consideration.

*District Cllrs Hunt and Bailey, Mr Coney, Mr Olley and the two other parishioners left the meeting at 7.20 pm.*

## 5. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the opening of the Ely Youth Forum flash mob event and Youth Fair; the Ely & District Cycling Club; the Little Downham pantomime; Ely Rotary Club presentation of a Rotary Award and Downham Market's Civic Service.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Ely & Soham Dial-A-Ride AGM with Cllr Clarke. They had been very impressed by the organisation.

## 6. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 25th February 2013 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

## 7. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Ely Neighbourhood Panel January-March 2013 Newsletter

Notification of the re-arranged Public Inquiry for the application to register land known as Ely Common, Prickwillow Road, Ely as a Town Green to the 26th, 27th and 28th March – *Cllr Tyrrell declared an interest in this item.*

Notification of tree work – Thomas Parsons Charity Lane Parcel 4418 (Ely Common), Prickwillow Road, Ely; 17 St Mary's Street, Ely; 92 Broad Street, Ely; 3 Summerhayes, Ely; Swimming Pool, Kings School, Barton Road, Ely

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) ADMINISTRATION – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 25th February, which was approved. The updates on the Maltings Cottage, the Court House and the members' seminar were noted. The Internal Auditor's report from the visit on the 13th November was noted. A Council drop-in stall will be held on the 18th May at the Saturday market. A small working group, consisting of Cllrs Every, Yates and Eden had been formed to review the Council's forms of communication. The Clerk tabled a report of the annual review undertaken by herself, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Council's adopted Policies and Procedures. Cllr Yates proposed the Council approve the review and recommended amendments. This was seconded by Cllr Eden and unanimously approved by members. The Mayor signed all the reviewed policies and procedures.

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – Cllr Griffin-Singh presented a report of a meeting held on the 26th February, which had been tabled. This was approved. Five new dog bins, which have been purchased by the City Council will be installed by ECDC. Members unanimously approved the quote of £975.96 for a recycled plastic notice board for Prickwillow. This will be funded through Section 106. Members noted the request for two new bus shelters to be installed on King's Avenue. Further details regarding design and costs will be obtained and discussed further at the next Street Furniture Committee meeting.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. There will be a tour for the members of the cemetery in April.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 18th March.

(v) ELY IN BLOOM – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 19th March.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Not met.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – Cllr Yates informed members a meeting had taken place last week, where the Youth Fair was reviewed. It was agreed to hold two further Youth Fairs, one before the summer holidays and one after. The Youth Fair had been a great success, with 250 names and organisations now on the Youth Forum database.

## 9. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

CCTV Partnership Steering Group – Cllr Every reported the next meeting will be held on the 9th April. The review panel have met and produced a draft report regarding the review of the CCTV system.

On-Street Car Parking Review Working Group – a meeting will be arranged shortly.

## 10. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Section 106 meeting – minutes of a meeting held on the 25th February were noted. Members unanimously approved the recommendations to fund new footpaths at Ely Cemetery; upgrade to fencing and equipment at St John's Road Recreation area and hard standing for two bus shelters for King's Avenue. Members also agreed to support Ely City Football Club's request for a contribution towards floodlights for the Football Club.

City of Ely Allotments Association – minutes of a meeting held on the 8th January were noted.

City of Ely Perspective Design Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 15th January were noted.

City of Ely Perspective Riverside Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 12th February were noted.

Cllr Rouse informed members of the Play Area Review recently completed by ECDC. The Clerk will forward this to members when it is received from ECDC.

## 11. UPDATE ON ELY COURT HOUSE

The Mayor had produced a discussion document on the way forward for Ely Court House. This will be discussed at the next Localism Working Group meeting. The Mayor will arrange a visit to Ely Court House for members, for next week. The Mayor informed members he would be calling an Extraordinary meeting on the 25th March for the Council to make a formal decision on whether they wish to take ownership of Ely Court House, as this needs to be decided before the end of March.

## 12. UPDATE ON THE MALTINGS COTTAGE

The Mayor informed members a first draft of the working drawings for the Maltings Cottage had been received.

## 13. SHAPE YOUR PLACE CURRENT ISSUES

Members considered a response from Cambs County Council regarding a request for a mini roundabout on Downham Road and West Fen Road, via Shape Your Place. Members felt that this was not an appropriate place for a mini roundabout. It was agreed to suggest to the Highways Department that a mirror be installed on this junction, to allow cars turning right into West Fen Road to see cars coming from St Mary's Street. It will also be suggested that the path could be widened to push traffic out to make them more visible to cars turning. There are no lines painted down the middle of the road, and it was agreed that if these were present, it might improve the problems in this area.

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

The Clerk Magazine                      Clerks & Councils Direct

## 15. FINANCE

To approve the following for payment:

Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	277.55	paid by direct debit
Barclays Bank	26.81	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	58.32	paid by direct debit
ESPO	193.14	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	99.90	paid by direct debit
Francotyp-Postalia Ltd	60.00	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	77.19	paid by direct debit
G Shaw Silversmith	45.40	108987
Wider Plan Ltd	223.50	108988
ESPO	141.13	108990
Salmons Bros Ltd	2827.36	108991
Ely Tyre Services	68.40	108992
Gordon Harrison	2107.38	108993
Jewson Ltd	74.30	108994
City Cycle Centre	10.00	108995
Argos Business Solutions Ltd	14.69	108996
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd	105.60	108997

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CCTV Volunteer	6.00	108998
CCTV Volunteer	6.40	108999
CCTV Volunteer	9.60	109000
CCTV Volunteer	9.87	109001
CCTV Volunteer	19.09	109002
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	84.00	109003
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	1524.58	109004
G & J Peck Ltd	369.38	109005
Miracle Design & Play Ltd	852.84	108989
CCTV Volunteer	6.40	109006
Jewson Ltd	35.73	109007
CCTV Volunteer	9.87	109008
Cooleraid Ltd	9.60	109009
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	6.60	109010
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	1397.38	109011
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	84.00	109012
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	21.07	109013
City Cycle Centre	46.60	109014
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	159.00	109015
Konica Minolta	70.34	109016
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd	234.00	109017
ESPO	19.43	109018
G & J Peck Ltd	194.27	109019
Neil Cutforth & Associates	280.00	109020

**Payments relating to staff since meeting on 11th February 2013**

Salaries and wages	£7604.10
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2255.39
Pension fund payments	£2613.36

**The bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 28th February 2013 was not available and will therefore be approved at the next Full Council meeting.**