



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN EAST CAMBS DISTRICT
COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GRANGE, NUTHOLT LANE, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON
MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2014**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr E Every
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr B Ashton
Cllr S Pittock
Cllr R Hobbs

Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Yates
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr E Griffin-Singh

Cllr C Phillips
Cllr N Clarke
Cllr A Whelan

2 parishioners

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Barber and Pearson.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests from Councillors as per Standing Order 83b were received.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 29TH SEPTEMBER AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 29th September were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to an amendment to page 1373, item 5, third paragraph. It was amended to read 'Cllr Rouse felt the old part of King's Avenue worked well, but on the new section he felt it was appalling due to on-road parking'. Pages 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376 and 1377 refer.

There were no matters arising.

5. JANE THOMPSON, SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER (NORTH ELY), ECDC TO GIVE UPDATE ON THE NORTH OF ELY

Jane Thompson informed members the next stage of the development of the North of Ely would be that of formal consultation. Once the public consultation has completed, the consultants will review all the comments submitted and will be adapted if necessary. The site of the proposed country park for this area is 60 hectares. The area in the first stage is only for 4.5 hectares, which will mean the country park will be delivered over a number of years. She outlined the process with regard to the outline planning applications that have been undertaken and reported the applications will be considered at ECDC's Planning Committee on the 5th November. If the planning applications are approved at this meeting, the next steps would be to produce the Section 106 legal agreement, work on the design coding for the sites and submission and the consideration of detailed/reserved matters applications. A Viability Consultant has been employed by ECDC to review the potential value of both sites and to advise the Council regarding how much should be negotiated for inclusion in the Section 106 agreements.

5. Update by Jane Thompson continued

Cllr Ashton felt that ECDC needed to ensure that the problems experienced in the South of Ely with the bund and not being able to ensure all the areas linked up, does not happen again in the North of Ely. He also raised his concerns over the public open space and the possibility of residents having to pay an annual fee for the maintenance of this. If this does happen, ECDC needed to ensure that this is set up by a separate trust owned by the residents or sponsored by ECDC on their behalf.

It was unanimously agreed the City of Ely Council needed more consultation with ECDC on the possibilities of extra responsibilities that could be available to them from this development. Advance notice of consultation would aid the process, giving time for councillors to fully consider implications for the City.

The Mayor thanked Jane Thompson for updating the Council on this very important development.

Jane Thompson left the meeting at 7.55 pm.

6. QUESTION TIME

The Mayor informed those present, that item 13 would be discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting. Due to the confidential nature of this item, members of the public would be excluded from the meeting.

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a County Councillor, informed members the County Council had approved the planning application for the new primary school in the North of Ely. It is anticipated building will start in January 2015.

Cllr Rouse left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Cllr Hobbs in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members that ECDC have had to withdraw the bylaws for the moorings in Ely. He also informed members the planning application for the new cinema in Ely should be submitted in the next week.

Cllr Arnold informed members she had received a request for finance from Cambs County Council to extend the amount of limestone that is being placed in Clayway, Ely on bridleway 25. The Mayor confirmed the County Council would need to make a formal request for funding, which could then be considered at a Full Council meeting.

7. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended in her capacity as Governor, the Ely St John's Primary School Resource Committee; the Young People of the Year Awards at Ely Cathedral; a meeting regarding Business Education Links; the Ely Standard Business Awards; a Committee meeting of the Children's Society; had given a talk to the Ely Cathedral volunteers; had been quiz master for the Friends of Ely Library; attended the potato race in the High Street; her Civic Service and Harvest Festival at Ely Cathedral; undertook Equality and Diversity training; opened the Careers Fair at the Maltings; supported Arts Unequalled Exhibition at the Maltings and visited Ta Bouche. She had also attended the Apple Festival and judged the best stall; attended the Prickwillow Harvest Festival Supper; meet with the Deputy Head of Ely College regarding Business Education links; had a meeting regarding facilitating a competition for 16-25's to design a website; meet with ADeC trustees; attended an Ely City Centre Forum Seminar; opened Dream Doors; attended parents evening at Ely St John's Primary School; attended the Ely Choral Society concert and supported the volunteers putting up Christmas lights.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Justice Service at Peterborough Cathedral.

8. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 15th September 2014 and immediately prior to this meeting were received from Cllr Yates.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification of tree work:- 2 Waterside, Ely; land beside 99 Cambridge Road, Ely; 50A Prickwillow Road, Ely; land outside the Bakery, High Street Passage, Ely; Duck Egg Blue Interiors, 8 Forehill, Ely; grassed area in front of 57 to 65 Prickwillow Road, Ely

Notification of Street Naming and Numbering:- addition of a property name for 3A and 3B, St Thomas Place, Ely
Letter from Post Office Ltd regarding Ely Post Office

Town Crier's Report 2014

Changes to local bus services

Thank you letters for grants from:- Relate Cambridge, City of Ely Netball Club, City of Ely Cricket Club, 3rd Ely Scouts

The Clerk

LCR

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 13th October, which was approved. The Mayor proposed the recommendation to agree the arrangement for additional funding from ECDC Section 106, Community Infrastructure funds for the City of Ely Council to fund additional improvements to the Magistrates Court, be approved. This would enable the Council to provide funding for new signage in the City Centre and the Council's new website. This was seconded by Cllr Yates and unanimously approved. Members agreed to explore further the feasibility of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Ely. A Working Party will be formed to look at this. Members approved the recommendation to seek tenders for the creation of a new website, so that a developer may then be engaged to undertake and complete this project by the end of the year. It was unanimously agreed the Council will create its own new Neighbourhood Panel. There will be a minimum of two meetings a year, with the first meeting being in the Spring 2015. The Lone Worker Policy was unanimously agreed for adoption and then signed by the Mayor. The Clerk will work on the proposed budget for 2015/16 to try and reduce the increase of the precept to only a 2% increase in the Band D Council tax sum. The reappointment of the internal auditor, Mijan Ltd for 2015/16 was unanimously approved. Item 12 of the minutes will be discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Arnold presented a report of a meeting held on the 6th October, which was approved. Cllr Arnold informed members the Ely in Bloom Sub-Group had met and notes would be presented to the next Environment Committee meeting. Cllr Clarke reported the members of the King's Avenue Traffic Working Group and the Traffic Flow Working Group had met together on the 23rd October. Notes of this meeting were tabled and noted by members. The recommendation that the Traffic Flow Working Group and the King's Avenue Traffic Working Group be amalgamated to discuss all these issues together, as it was felt they overlapped, was unanimously approved. A meeting will now be arranged with the various authorities to pursue possible solutions to these issues.

The new solar light walkway along the Riverside will be installed on the 28th and 29th October.

(iii) RECREATION AND CEMETERY – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 30th September, which was approved. Cllr Ashton queried the request to lease a new van as soon as possible, within the current budget. He recommended this be referred to the next Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee for their comments. This was seconded by Cllr Hobbs and the majority agreed, apart from Cllr Clarke who voted against this.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Hobbs informed members the erection of the Christmas lights had now commenced.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 14th October, which was approved. Members noted the updates on the Maltings and Magistrates Court. It was unanimously agreed that the exterior of the Magistrates Court looked very good.

vi) ELY/RIBE – Not met.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – Not met. Cllr Griffin-Singh reported a CIO had now been formed and proposals for the use of the Centre E had been submitted to Cambs County Council.

11. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

The Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the following matter be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 be exercised. This was seconded by Cllr Yates and unanimously agreed.

Due to the confidential nature of this item, this was discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.

CCTV - a verbal report was given in Committee at the end of the meeting.

City Centre Forum – The Mayor reported the second seminar of this Group had been held on the 22nd October, with 30 plus in attendance. There was a good mix of people and traders. There will be a meeting of the Sub-Group on the 28th October to discuss how it can support the Cathedral's Food and Craft Fair. A third shopping discount leaflet had been produced, which will be going out to 9000 homes in Ely.

12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Notes from the consultation meeting with Ely Wildspace, Ely Perspective, Ely Society and the City of Ely Council regarding the North of Ely development were noted.

Cllr Phillips informed members he had attended the Rural Citizens Advice Bureau's AGM on the 2nd October, where a report was received on the work of this organisation in the City. They thanked the Council for their annual grant.

City of Ely Allotments Association - Cllr Clarke informed members that Anglian Water would be installing a new sewer from Stuntney to Ely, which will run across the Bridge Fen allotments. Plot holders had been moved to new plots to ensure they were not on the planned route of this, however, the position of the sewer pipes have now been changed. He was working with the Allotment Association to resolve any issues with Anglian Water. It was recommended that Anglian Water be requested to follow the proposed route of the new Bypass, instead of going through the allotments.

The parishioners left the meeting at 8.45 pm.

13. COUNCIL SERVICES

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14. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

ECDC	377.00	paid by direct debit
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Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	296.82	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	180.99	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	63.36	paid by direct debit
Barclays	27.92	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	389.97	paid by direct debit
Barclays	27.55	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	443.98	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
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Splash Productions	580.00	109685
S Jay	25.80	109686
Cheffins	301.40	109687
XS Platforms	584.40	109688
W Ludbrooke	260.00	109689

Finance continued

Lunchbox	70.20	109690
Cooleraid Ltd	14.22	109691
ECDC	105.08	109692
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	109693
CCTV Volunteer	27.00	109694
Basic Life Support Consultancy	420.00	109695
Jewson Ltd	23.75	109696
ECDC	1129.27	paid by direct debit
Metro SRM LLP	1848.00	109698
Argos Business Sols Ltd	44.07	109699
ESPO	188.95	109704
G & J Peck Ltd	295.70	109703
Centre 33	£500	109663
Ely Museum	£2000	109664
Relate Cambridge	£500	109665
City of Ely Netball Club	£180	109666
Ely & District Community Transport Ltd	£500	109667
Magpas	£500	109668
Ely Waits	£240	109669
Fenprobe Talking News	£500	109670
Cambridge & Ely Child Contact Centres	£500	109671
Vitalise	£500	109672
East Cambs Arts Festival Society	£250	109673
Prickwillow Village Council	£120	109674
Ely Table Tennis Club	£250	109675
Ely 3rd Scout Group	£1000	109676
City of Ely Cricket Club	£250	109677
EARTH	£990	109678
City of Ely & District Horticultural Society	£800	109679
Ely Cathedral Education Trust	£250	109680
The K9 Project/K9 Walk Support	£250	109681
Stuntney Village Council	£100	109682
Dementia Carers' Support Service	£500	109683
Ely Runners	£250	109684
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	£100	paid by direct debit
ESPO	£136.59	paid by direct debit
Mrs I Stankeviciene	£75.00	109700
Ely Museum	£1894.75	109701
ECDC	£540.00	109702
Purcell Miller Tritton LLP	£78.00	109705
B I Catering Equipment Services	£772.80	109710
ESPO	£11.33	109707
Wider Plan Ltd	£112.54	109706
ECDC	£12.00	109708

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 29th September 2014

Salaries and wages	£8563.09
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2082.53
Pension fund payments	£3097.22

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th September 2014