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**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 12TH JANUARY 2015**

**PRESENT:**

The Mayor, Cllr E Every  
Cllr A Arnold  
Cllr B Ashton  
Cllr G Barber

Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Yates  
Cllr R Hobbs  
Cllr A Whelan  
Cllr E Griffin-Singh

Cllr C Phillips  
Cllr N Clarke  
Cllr S Pittock  
Cllr J Pearson

*2 parishioners*

*District Cllr J Friend-Smith*

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Rouse and Cllr Lindsay.

**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 22ND DECEMBER AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 22nd December were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to the correction on Page 1391 to read £270, not £2000. Pages 1390, 1391, 1392, 1394 and 1395 refer.

Matters Arising:- Page 1390, Item 4 – The Mayor informed members that the matter raised by Cllr Hobbs, regarding members of the public speaking would be discussed at the next Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee meeting in February.

Page 1393, Item 13 – the Clerk informed members she had received a response from the County Council, confirming that the areas affected, with regards to the proposed prohibition and restriction of waiting, affect a short section of Willow Walk, outside No 22, Lisle Lane and Lisle Close. The current restrictions remain the same in all other areas.

## 5. QUESTION TIME

The Mayor informed those present, that item 18 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 Hobbs in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members that as Chairman of ECDC's Commercial Services Committee, the issues with parking in Dovehouse Close and Potters Lane were still trying to be resolved. ECDC are looking at putting a top on the car park at Angel Drove, to give an additional 100 spaces. There will have to be restrictions on the surrounding residential streets, to encourage commuters to use the car park. It was also expected to take some of the pressure of Ely Station, when Soham rail station comes online. The Mayor confirmed that she had received a letter from Network Rail regarding a proposed section of double track between Ely and Soham, which will increase the number of trains. The Council will be contacted for pre-consultation in February.

Cllr Pittock asked if the refurbishment of Ely Station was still on. Cllr Hobbs said that although Tesco would not be moving, ECDC still had a vision of this gateway into Ely. They hoped to be able to enhance the customer experience into the station. He suggested that the City of Ely Council should put pressure on the station to still undertake this work.

A parishioner present informed members that Ely Station had been in the letters section of The Telegraph, regarding the non-opening of the ticket office.

## 6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Mayor's Gala of the KD Pantomime at the Maltings; had visited the Food Bank; attended Governor training; attended ECDC's Arts Exhibition at the Babylon Gallery and attended the High Sheriff's Afternoon Tea meeting at Trinity College.

## 7. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 22nd December 2014 and immediately prior to this meeting were received from Cllr Yates.

## 8. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Notification of tree work:- 14 Lynn Road, Ely; King's School, Barton Road, Ely; 24 John Amner Close, Ely

Notification of temporary traffic order:- Three Cups Walk, off Forehill, Ely – 3.2.15 – 9.2.15 – footpath closure

Final Options Feedback Report from Cambs County Council regarding Cambridgeshire Future Transport - Area D

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee not met. The meeting will be held on the 23rd February 2015.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as committee had not met.

(iii) RECREATION AND CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met.

*District Cllr J Friend-Smith left the meeting at 7.15 pm.*

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met. The Clerk informed members of some quotes she had received in relation to work at the Magistrates Court. Three quotes had been received with regard to the deep clean of the building. These were £2499, £2500 and £2925. Members gave authority to the Clerk to appoint one of the lower two quotes, depending on the shortest timescale. Further quotes for removal costs, carpets and blinds were noted. These were all under the £2500 threshold for three quotes. The Clerk will obtain a further quote for each, to compare and will then appoint the more favourable quote.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as had not met.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as Committee had not met.

**10. 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 Sub-Committee – The Mayor tabled notes of a meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, which were noted. They will hold another seminar in March.

**11. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

There were no meetings to report.

**12. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – UPDATE AND CONSULTATION FROM ECDC**

Members considered the consultation and update from ECDC regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy. The City of Ely Council supported ECDC’s proposal to include the three specific North Ely Projects on the R123 list. The City of Ely Council also supported ECDC’s proposal to include the Angel Drove Car Park and Littleport Station car park on the R123 list.

**13. NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2015/2016**

The nominations of Cllr John Yates for Mayor, proposed by Cllr R Hobbs and seconded by Cllr E Every and Cllr Ian Lindsay for Deputy Mayor, proposed by Cllr R Hobbs and seconded by Cllr J Yates were unanimously approved.

*The parishioners left the meeting at 7.37 pm.*

**14. COUNCIL SERVICES**

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.*

**15. 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
Barclays	27.55	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	151.51	paid by direct debit)
Wider Plan Ltd	112.54	109784
Michelle Emerson	295.00	109786
Henderson Electrical Services Ltd	64.80	109787
Mrs E Every	73.60	109788
Valueswift Ltd	276.50	109789
ESPO	35.40	109790
Labour-tech Recruitment Ltd	63.00	109791
Anglian Water	530.60	109792
Anglian Water	21.20	109793
G & J Peck Ltd	12.77	109794
ADeC	513.60	109797
Paul Nunn Roofing Ltd	120.00	109796
ClearView Communications Ltd	14745.00	109795

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ESPO	£12.18	paid by direct debit
ESPO	£202.91	paid by direct debit
ESPO	£73.55	paid by direct debit
E Brading	£56.00	109798
Cheffins	£420.00	109799
BI Catering Equipment Ltd	£1272.00	109800
Milton Woodworking Services	£275.00	109817
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	£100.00	paid by direct debit
Mrs A Hayter-Smith	£200.00	109804
Warren Access	£1071.37	109805
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	£35.78	109806
Labour-tech Recruitment Ltd	£126.00	109807
Cooleraid Ltd	£9.48	109808
Allens Skip Hire Ltd	£120.00	109809
British Telecommunications	£158.58	109816
British Telecommunications	£329.59	paid by direct debit
Cambridgeshire Turf Nurseries	£172.00	109802
City Cycle Centre	£52.33	109803

**Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 22nd December 2014**

Salaries and wages	£0.00
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£0.00
Pension fund payments	£0.00

**Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st December 2014**