



**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 22ND DECEMBER 2014**

PRESENT:

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

3 parishioners

District Cllr S Friend-Smith

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Pittock.

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 24TH NOVEMBER AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 24th November were agreed and signed as a true record, Pages 1384, 1385, 1386, 1387, 1388, and 1389 refer. Cllr Hobbs asked if the issue regarding members of the public speaking had been discussed yet. The Mayor confirmed that due to the long agenda of the last Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee this had not been included. However, she agreed it would be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

There were no matters arising.

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 Rouse, in his capacity as a County Councillor, informed members that money had been found within the County Council's budgets to help fund Ely and Soham Dial a Ride for a further year. This funding will give them time to review their operation and how to fund it in the future. The County Council had received a petition from the taxi drivers, requesting more taxi bays in Ely. The County Council will probably ask for comments on this. They had also requested a mirror be placed at the end of Market Street, as they felt it was difficult to see when pulling out onto Lynn Road.

Cllr Hobbs in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members the plans for the new cinema in Ely had now been submitted. He thanked Cllr Ashton, in his capacity as a District Councillor many years ago, for purchasing this land at Downham Road, to enable this facility. Once the work for the cinema commences, this will ensure the new sports and leisure village will move forward. Cllr Ashton said that many people have been involved to make

sure this project flourishes. It has involved a great deal of work over many years to get to this point. Members agreed to invite planning officer, Rebecca Saunt to the Planning Meeting when this application was considered. District Cllr S Friend-Smith informed members the Arts Council had awarded a grant for the Ely Festival for next year. She thanked the City of Ely Council for their grant this year, as this helped secure the Arts Council grant. They had received criticism from the public that there had been a lack of publicity, so they will be trying hard next year to ensure the Festival is well publicised.

Cllr Yates informed members of the recent obituary of Air Marshal Sir John Donald, who had been a Commander of the RAF Hospital between 1974-76. It had stated he had been granted the Freedom of the City, when in fact it had actually been the Hospital and not him personally.

Mrs Haynes, a parishioner thanked members for those who had attended the NSPCC carol singing event, which raised £270. This will go to local children in Cambridgeshire.

Mrs Haynes hoped that members would not agree to do away with disabled parking spaces when this was discussed at item 14. The Mayor confirmed that this item referred to three new proposed spaces within Ely and was not a reduction.

Mrs Haynes informed members that under item 16 the East Cambs Access Group would welcome the Council nominating a representative from the Council on to their Group. They would not need to attend every meeting, which are every two weeks, when they consider planning applications, as these will probably have already been considered by the City of Ely Council. The Mayor said the Council welcomed having a connection with the Access Group.

6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended as a Governor of Ely St John's a meeting regarding a review of the new free school meals programme; had given a talk to the Inner Wheel; meeting on Skills Programme for Ely; opened the Nisai Centre at Ely College; City of Ely Christmas Lights Switch On; Ely St John's Xmas Fayre; Full Governors meeting at Ely St John's; opened the art exhibition at the Babylon Gallery; Carol Concert at Highfield School; Business mentoring; Visited Pos+Ability Exercise Programme; interview with a media student; Ely Station Carol Singing and collecting for NSPCC; visited Riding for the Disabled; Ely College Year 8 Presentations on the Country Park; City Centre Forum sub-working party; Ely College Year 7 Project presentations; and the Bishop of Ely and King's School Christmas Celebrations. She had also attended the CCTV Volunteers Christmas Dinner; KS1 Ely St John's Pantomime; Children's Society Christingle in the Cathedral; Brigadier Cox 'At Home' at Mildenhall; City of Ely Military Band concert; meeting on Skills Programme for Ely; meeting at Volunteers' Centre; Highfield Christingle at the Cathedral; CAT Pantomime and Bartram's Christmas open day.

7. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 10th November 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:- 22 Downham Road, Ely, Ely; 22 Cambridge Road, Ely; Ely Beet Sports & Social Club, 83 Lynn Road, Ely; 3 Riflemans Close, Ely; 69 & 70 Nigel Road, Ely; 3 Barton Square, Ely; 17 Columbine Road, Ely; 20 Williams Close, Ely; St John's Farm, St John's Road, Ely; 1 Houghton Gardens, Ely; 1 Jubilee Terrace, Ely; 10 Little Lane, Ely;

Changes to bus services re Service 9, Chatteris-Ely-Cambridge

Notification of full road closure for Queen Adelaide LC between the hours of 00.30-09.00 on the 25 April 2015, to allow replacement of railway sleepers

Thank you letter from the K9 Project regarding their grant from the Council

Ely Traders' Bulletin – November 2014 – the Clerk will ensure this is emailed to all councillors

East Cambs Roundup – Sanctuary Group November 2014

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9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 15th December, which was approved. Members unanimously approved the recommendation of a proposed precept of £312,746. Members also noted and approved the Risk Assessment for the Cash Reserves for 2015/2016. Members agreed to the Council leasing a new van for the Recreation/Cemetery at a monthly cost of £193.81, within this financial year. Proposed projects for Section 106 applications were approved for upgrading of fencing at Willow Walk play area; upgrading of driveway at Ely Cemetery and upgrading of two pieces of play equipment at Stuntney recreation area. The format for future Section 106 meetings was agreed and would be discussed further with the Chief Executive of ECDC. Members unanimously agreed to pursue the possibility of having a community work placement within the Recreation/Cemetery team. The quote from British Telecommunications for a new telephone system at the Magistrates Court was approved, as was a further quotation for the cabling at £1114.97. Members unanimously agreed not to fill the councillor vacancy, as there was less than 6 months before the election in May 2015. Members had agreed to approve a request from Climate Energy to use an area of the recycling site at the side of the Cemetery, to site a welfare unit. The Clerk informed members Climate Energy had requested a reduction in the monthly charge of £200, as they did not have this within their budget. It was agreed the Clerk would negotiate an agreeable figure for this.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as committee had not met. Members noted the notes from the Traffic Flow Working Group meeting on the 10th December. The Mayor welcomed Mr McGeough, a parishioner, to the meeting again, as he had originally raised his concerns at a previous Full Council meeting, regarding the parking and traffic issues at King’s Avenue. Cllr Clarke reported the new section of King’s Avenue had not actually been adopted yet. This means that the County Council cannot put any additional markings on the road and are only able to maintain what is already there. The Police are also only able to issue warning notices. The County Councillors, who attended this meeting, agreed to try and move this forward at the County Council. It had been suggested the local community could form a volunteer Speed Watch, which could act as a detriment. This could be formed immediately and Cllr Whelan had agreed to canvass for volunteers from the area. Mr Alexander from the County Council had agreed to look at the other issues raised at this meeting. Cllr Whelan confirmed she would be speaking to residents shortly regarding Speed Watch. She also felt the cycling provision for this area also needs to be considered at the same time as considering all the other points. Cllr Clarke agreed to arrange a further meeting in the New Year and will keep Mr McGeough appraised of any progress.

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

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. Members agreed the crowds had been amazing for the Switch-On of the Christmas lights. This event would not happen without the huge amount of work from the volunteers and staff.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Cllr Hobbs reported the arranged meeting had been cancelled due to the Secretary not being well, but this had been rearranged for January. The Council wished her a speedy recovery.

(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.

11. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Allotment Association – minutes of meetings held on the 10th September and the 26th November were noted. Cllr Clarke informed members Anglian Water had commenced work on the installation of new drainage, which will run across the Bridge Fen allotments. It was hoped there should be no effect on any of the plots.

Cllr Arnold informed members, in her capacity as a Governor for the Lantern School, she had attended the school’s Nativity Play, which had been very enjoyable.

Cllr Phillips informed members he had attended a meeting of the Trustees of Ely Museum. The plans for expansion of the museum are being drawn up and they will be consulting the City of Ely Council on these. Artefacts are coming into the Museum, which showed what a wonderful history this community has.

Cllr Ashton left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

12. BATTLE’S OVER – 6 AM – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11TH 2018

Members unanimously agreed the Council would take part in this event.

13. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON PROPOSED PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING ON LISLE LANE, WILLOW WALK AND LISLE CLOSE, ELY

Members fully supported this application, subject to there being no changes to the existing parking at Lavender Green, Ely. This area was at the bottom of the map and was not clear if it was affected. The Clerk will clarify this concern.

District Cllr S Friend-Smith left the meeting at 7.55 pm.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON PROPOSED (VARIOUS STREETS, ELY) DISABLED PERSON PARKING PLACES

Members fully supported the proposals to introduce a disabled persons parking place in the vicinity of 24 St Catherine’s Street, 62 Dunstan Street and 213 High Barns.

15. TO NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE TO LIAISE WITH EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE ACCESS GROUP

Cllr Lindsay and Cllr Whelan were both appointed to represent the City of Ely Council to liaise with the East Cambridgeshire Access Group.

16. TO DECIDE IF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL WISHES TO UNDERTAKE ANY EVENTS TO MARK THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II (2.9.15)

It was unanimously agreed the Mayor for 2015/2016 will look at undertaking an event to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II on the 2nd September 2015.

Mrs Haynes left the meeting at 8.05 pm.

17. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC’S CONSULTATION REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MOORINGS AT ELY RIVERSIDE

Cllr Hobbs gave some background information regarding this item. Mrs J Cornwall, ECDC officer will be attending the City of Ely Council’s Full Council meeting in February to give feedback on this consultation. It was agreed that members will respond to the questionnaire as individuals. Cllr Yates will continue to represent the Council on the meetings regarding this matter. Councillors can also feedback to Cllr Yates, to enable him to collate the Council’s response.

The remaining parishioners left the meeting at 8.15 pm.

18. 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.

19. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

ECDC	377.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	530.00	paid by direct debit
Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
Barclays	37.55	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	207.16	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	213.00	109785
Southern Electric	25.92	paid by direct debit
ESPO	12.13	paid by direct debit
Wider Plan Ltd	112.54	109749
Off the Chart	50.00	109750
K & K Mouldings Ltd	1140.00	109753
Salmons Bros Ltd	48398.76	109751
Armourstore Self Storage Ltd	6.00	109752
Sun Traffic Ltd	1428.00	109754
Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner	264.65	109755
Speedy Asset Service Ltd	159.00	109756
Jewson Ltd	38.50	109757
Countryside Services	1392.00	109758
Labour-tech	126.00	109759
Konica Minolta	327.47	109760
Cambridgeshire County Council	1037.06	109761
CoolerAid Ltd	9.48	109762
BI Catering Equipment Services	143.52	109763
P Sindall	8.99	109764
T Coulson	5.50	109765
ECDC	6300.00	109766
CCTV Volunteer	9.60	109767
ECDC	1129.00	109768
ESPO	1284.48	109769
SLCC	210.00	109770
City Cycle Centre	19.94	109771
Simpson's Nurseries Ltd	13.50	109772
G & J Peck Ltd	9.95	109773
Aztek Services Ltd	196.80	109774
Labour-tech	63.00	109775
Hancox Electrical Contractors	628.61	109776
ECDC	104.00	109777
Stoke Ferry Timber Ltd	157.80	109778
Anglian Water	52.72	109779
Salmons Bros Ltd	24456.77	109780
ESPO	129.60	109781
Nigel Pindar Transport	120.00	109782
Seen Clean	562.27	109783

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 24th November 2014

Salaries and wages	£9100.24
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2499.70
Pension fund payments	£3499.33

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