



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE SCOUT HALL,
ST JOHN'S ROAD, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY, 31ST MAY 2016**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr S Friend-Smith
Cllr M Lansell
Cllr P Moakes
2 *parishioners*

Cllr A Whelan
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr D Warman
Cllr E Every

Cllr A Arnold
Cllr J Pearson
Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr C Whelan

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Pittock, Phillips and Austen.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD MAY 2016 AND MATERS ARISING AND
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH MAY 2016 AND MATTERS
ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 3rd May 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505 and 1506 refer.

Matters arising – The Mayor confirmed he had sent a letter of thanks to Mrs T Harding at ECDC regarding the Eel Festival she had organised. He also reported the Clerk was currently looking at possible amendments with Ely Museum regarding the Service Level Agreement.

The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on the 16th May 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record, with the correction to the spelling of Cllr M Lansell's name. Pages 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511 and 1512 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor presented the past Mayor, Cllr Every with her past mayor's badge. He informed members that the Standing Orders were currently being updated and he needed their support to ensure the Council achieved its common aims as stated in the Council Business Plan. He hoped that members multiple skills would be used in the best way possible. He reminded members on the rules of debate, asked they come prepared, concentrate throughout and contribute to the meetings.

6. QUESTION TIME

Cllr Rouse in his capacity as a County Councillor informed members he had attended the recent County Council's Full Council meeting. One of the motions they considered was improvements to the A10, proposed by Cllr Bailey. This was generally well supported. Cycle routes will be discussed with local parishes and communities, and Ely will be included in this. He had raised some concerns with regard to the County's archives, which will be moving to Ely in May 2017. Devolution and the possibility of Peterborough and Cambridge joining together had been discussed, which could mean Ely becoming marginalised. Subsidiarity could also happen, which could mean responsibilities being pushed on to East Cambs District Council.

Question Time continued

Mrs Holden, a parishioner said the East Cambs Access Group continued to meet fortnightly, but if any councillors had any access issues within Ely, they are always happy to meet and discuss these.

Mrs Haines, a parishioner asked if a councillor would walk around the City Centre to see if there had been any improvements with the A boards. It was agreed Cllr Arnold would work with her on the continuing problem with A boards.

7. MAYOR’S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended a meeting with John Hill, ECDC; St Ives Mayor Making; conducted a magistrates’ tour of Sessions House; High Sheriff’s Reception at Elton; been duty manager for the Littleport Riots event in Sessions House; performance of Alice in Wonderland at Highfield School and the CAPALC seminar on pension enrolment.

8. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 3rd May 2016 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Tree work:- 3 Cromwell Road, Ely; St John’s Farm, St John’s Road, Ely; 23 Chapel Street, Ely; 68 Fleetwood, Ely; Park House, The Dean’s Meadow, Ely; 23 The Vineyards, Ely

Street Naming and Numbering:- 115 Lancaster Way Business Park, Ely; Colston House, 200 Lancaster Way Business Park, Ely

Letter from Network Rail regarding Anglia level crossing reduction strategy – a consultation event will be held at Littleport on the 8th June.

The Clerk

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10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met. Members noted the staff appraisals had been undertaken, which would result in all appropriate staff members progressing on their incremental scale. Members also noted that national pay award for 2016 and 2017 had been agreed at 1% for each year.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 13th June.

(iii) RECREATION AND CEMETERY – Cllr Pearson presented a report of a meeting held on the 23rd May, which was approved. Three quotes had been received for replacement fencing at Willow Walk play area. She proposed the cheapest quote from Kestrel Fencing for £4091.16 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Moakes and approved. She also proposed the acceptance of a quote for a replacement train at St John’s Road play area, at a cost of £1150, funded from the Section 106 Unwins reserves. This was seconded by Cllr Moakes and unanimously agreed.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 6th June.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met. There was nothing to update on the Maltings.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as had not met. The Mayor would be attending the twinning anniversary weekend in Ribe from the 2nd-6th June.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as had not met. Cllr Hobbs asked how this Forum would work in conjunction with Centre E. Cllr Every confirmed the group needed to look at the whole picture and the group should have a meeting to agree a way forward for the Youth Forum.

11. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

The Mayor reported members of the Traffic Working Group had meet with Mr C Foyle, CCC, regarding three cycling projects, which had gained funding for this financial year. These were for Lynn Road, New Barns Avenue/High Barns and St John’s Road/Tower Road.

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12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – the tabled notes of a meeting held on the 9th May were noted.
Needham’s Foundation – Cllr Friend-Smith informed members of the last meeting of the Needham’s Foundation in April. She explained they exist to give grants to Ely schools and individuals under 24 years of age. Their income comes from land and houses. Unfortunately, there had been a lack of applicants for individual grants over the past couple of years.

13. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016

Cllr Hobbs proposed members approve the annual governance statement, accounting statement and the signing of the balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2016 and to also note the Internal Audit Check for 2015/2016. This was seconded by Cllr Arnold and unanimously approved. Cllr Every wished to officially record thanks to the Clerk for all the work she had undertaken with regards to the accounts and the new accounting package.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE: NEW DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Mayor confirmed he had consulted with Cllrs Lansell and Phillips, who had drafted the Council’s response on the previous consultation. They had agreed the proposals were the same as before and felt the Council’s previous comments should be resubmitted. This was unanimously agreed.

15. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC LOCAL PLAN – SUGGESTED SITES

The Mayor informed members that he had attended the original meeting at ECDC when the original revisions to the Local Plan were first discussed. ECDC are holding a seminar on identification of suggested sites on the 2nd June, which he and four other councillors will be attending. Three other City councillors will also be attending, but in their capacity as District councillors. He felt that potential sites had already been identified for Ely, but felt members should see what this seminar brought forward. Cllr Rouse felt the Council needed to look at a possible Community Land Trust from this Council, to provide more housing, as this is a serious issue that needs to be addressed. Cllr A Whelan agreed that this is something this Council should be moving forward with. Cllr Hobbs agreed to chair a Working Group to look into any land within the parish and the implications on the use of that land, so the council can have an informed input on the District Council’s land bank within the parish. They would also consider the impact of so much housing and the need for health provision, a new school and also whether the Council could find a way of providing some genuinely affordable housing for locals. Members unanimously agreed this Working Group should be formed, with Cllr Hobbs chairing, and Cllrs Arnold, A Whelan, C Whelan, Every, Moakes and Rouse being members. It was also agreed at the first meeting all councillors should try and attend, to ensure all members have an input into this important matter.

16. TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF THE ASSISTANT VENUE MANAGER FOR THE MALTINGS

Cllr Lindsay proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, this agenda item should be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 be exercised. This was seconded by Cllr Rouse and unanimously agreed.

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

17. TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF THE PART-TIME ESTATES TECHNICIAN

The Clerk recommended to members, that Mr A Carey be appointed as the part-time Estates Technician, subject to a satisfactory strimming test. This was proposed by Cllr Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Arnold. Members unanimously approved this appointment. The Clerk also requested that if the test was not successful, the second candidate would be offered the position. This was also unanimously agreed.

18. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

ECDC	1044.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	252.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	387.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	891.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	895.00	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	25.93	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	2598.78	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	65.50	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	243.27	paid by direct debit
ESPO	331.40	paid by direct debit
ESPO	275.71	paid by direct debit
ESPO	1266.85	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	26.88	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	70.92	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	33.28	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	649.17	paid by direct debit
Shire Leasing	242.70	paid by direct debit
Siemens	469.71	paid by direct debit
Lunchbox	50.40	110578
Cambs County Council	250.00	110579
Sunflowers	585.00	110581
Page Fine Jewellery	80.00	110580
BFS Group Ltd	322.16	110582
Infiniti Graphics LLP	525.13	110585
Deeping Direct Deliveries	115.20	110586
Rogan Heating Services Ltd	759.48	110587
Allens Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	110588
Wider Plan Ltd	253.20	110589
ECDC	30.00	110590
Mrs A Hayter-Smith	354.71	110591
Waterbeach Brass	200.00	110592
F I Whipp	200.00	110594
Haine Tree Services Ltd	180.00	110593
CCTV Volunteer	14.40	110595
The Play Inspection Company Ltd	1980.00	110598
The Newmarket Hamper Company	225.60	110597
Lunchbox	54.00	110598
Jewson Ltd	32.58	110599
Ely Museum	5684.25	110600
Labour-tech Recruitment Ltd	21.00	110615
Cooleraid Ltd	18.96	110601
CamAlarms Ltd	214.32	110602
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	107.82	110603
K Ellis	3483.00	110604
ESPO	60.98	110605
G & J Peck Ltd	36.97	110606
B & T Motor Repairs	219.33	110607
Paul Myerson HVAC Maintenance Ltd	672.00	110608
Southern Electric	725.00	paid by direct debit
City Cycle Centre	47.06	110609
G & J Peck Ltd	72.14	110610

Finance continued

Simpson's Nurseries Ltd	99.98	110611
RBS Ltd	1084.10	110612
Barclays	142.31	paid by direct debit
ESPO	23.16	110613
Vodafone	67.51	paid by direct debit
Glasdon UK Ltd	1452.84	110614
John Lewis	1849.11	110584
I Lindsay	2295.00	110583

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 3rd May 2016

Salaries and wages	£12194.38
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£3821.02
Pension fund payments	£5105.04

The two parishioners left the meeting at 8.07 pm.

