



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE VERNON CROSS ROOM, ELY MUSUEM, MARKET STREET, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 19TH SEPTMEBER 2016

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr S Austen
Cllr M Lansell
2 *parishioners*

Cllr E Every
Cllr A Whelan
Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr A Arnold
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr P Moakes

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Warman, Cllr A Whelan, Cllr C Whelan, Cllr C Phillips and Cllr J Pearson

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 22ND AUGUST 2016 AND MATERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 22nd August 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record after the sentence on Page 1532 – the wording in item 11 (vi) had been moved to item 11 (v). Pages 1530, 1531, 1532, 1533 and 1534 refer.

There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman/Mayor informed members of his Civic Service on 9th October, the Mayor's Charity quiz on 20th October and the Mayor's Charity Dinner dance on 22nd April 2017.

6. QUESTION TIME

Cllr Rouse in his capacity as a County Councillor informed members of an Ely Bypass project board meeting he had attended with Cambs County Council's lead project officer Mr B Sinton, East Cambs District Council officers and the contractor, VolkorFitzpatrick. Cllr Rouse advised members there will be an underpass which will need to link up with Stuntney and they are keen to have a cycle way included within this. They are half way through the first stage (design stage). It is anticipated the work will start at the end of winter, February/March time and will take 12 months.

Cllr Rouse also advised that he had questioned the County Council's community engagement with regard to the transport strategy and raised the issue as to why the County Council consult, but do not take into account comments that are made.

Cllr Hobbs requested Mr B Sinton speaks directly to him as the Allotments Association had been advised at two previous meetings there would not be an underpass and this decision will have consequences on the site, which will need addressing.

Cllr Hobbs in his capacity as a District Councillor advised work to the slipway will start this week. He also updated members on the public open space in the West of Ely and the work being carried out by Anglian Water. There is a need for more lighting in this area and he requested the West Ward councillors look at this. Cllr Friend-Smith

agreed it would be good to have lighting in this area, however last time this was looked at, there was opposition from local residents. Members unanimously agreed a letter should be sent to the Chief Executive at ECDC, requesting they move forward footpath lighting on the western side of Ely. Cllr Hobbs also reported that the underpass will take 6 weeks to complete and work to the Leisure Village will commence next month. Cllr Hobbs reported that the 2 hour signs and yellow lining for Dovehouse Close / Potters Lane were still not in place, despite the payment for this being sent to the County Council and him chasing them on several occasions. He requested that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive at the County Council expressing this Council's displeasure at the way this process has been handled. Cllr Every reported that the petition to the government for saving the minor injuries units was continuing and requires 10,000 signatures. There had been several market stalls which had been successful. She thanked the City of Ely Council for collating the signatures and providing photocopying services. There will be a Stakeholders meeting on 27th September with the purpose to move things forward. The MP, Lucy Frazer has raised the matter in Prime Minister's question time. Volunteers are required to help collect signatures on the Market Stalls. Cllr Hobbs reported the Sessions House tours for Heritage Weekend had gone well, however one visitor had mentioned there are no signs showing directions to the outer parts of Ely or major roads/routes. Mrs Holden, a parishioner, asked what the purpose of the Planning Committee was. The Mayor advised the Council is a statutory consultee, however ECDC's Planning Department do give regular updates to the Council. Cllr Every advised applications are considered on their appropriateness in planning terms. Cllr Hobbs advised the Planning Committee considers all applications with an open mind, the impact they have on the environment and that ECDC only has the power to refuse or accept. Mrs Haynes, a parishioner, asked if anything could be done about the traffic congestion from Soham to Ely, as it had taken her 50 minutes recently to get from the Shade roundabout to Ely. She suggested flashing signs that direct traffic through a different route, could be an idea. Cllr Rouse responded to say that by diverting traffic could create problems elsewhere and that hopefully the bypass will solve the problems.

7 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Presentation to overall winners of Ely in Bloom, at Fairfax Court, given an interview on Radio Cambridgeshire Big Conversation on low crime rate in Ely; opened the Ely Great Autumn Show, attended a photo shoot in support of Fly The Red Ensign campaign; attended a celebration of the Great Fire of London, Mansion House, London; attended Ramsey Civic Service; opened the new building at ALS Pharmaceutical Lab, Lancaster Way, attended a Charity Dinner with Isle of Ely Produce, conducted Heritage Tours of Sessions House, attended the Installation service for Cannon Jessica Martin in Ely Cathedral; attended the CPCCG (Commissioning Group) AGM; attended the presentations to Ely Allotment Association members; met with Clearview re CCTV; met with the Dean and Mayor's Chaplain; attended the Lord Lieutenant's Celebration Tea for the Queen's 90th birthday and attended the Battle of Britain Service at St Mary's Church

8. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 22nd August 2016 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received: -

Tree work:- 77 Deacons Lane, Ely; 35 St Mary's Street, Ely; 6 Vineyard, Ely; 5 Egremont Street, Ely; The Deanery, The College; Thomas Parsons Square, Ely; Walnut House; 1 Houghton Gardens, Ely; 27 Cardinals Way, Ely; 28 Prickwillow Road, Ely; 37 Morton Close, Ely

Street Naming and Numbering:- 6 Moore Court, Ely, 17 & 19 West Fen Road, Ely

Notification of road closures:- Ely Road, Queen Adelaide, Ely – 23.45 hrs the 16th until 06.00 hrs the 17th November 2016 to carry out track maintenance works through the crossing

Electoral Review of East Cambridgeshire: Final Recommendations – document emailed to members for info. This document was noted by members.

Clerks & Councils Direct

The Clerk

LCR

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 5th September 2016. Cllr Moakes proposed the Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection and Safeguarding Policy and the Social Media policy be adopted. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Friend-Smith and unanimously agreed by members. These policies were then signed by the Chairman. The recommendations of the proposed grants for 2016/17 were unanimously agreed by members. Members agreed to ring fence the remaining £4268.00 and carry this forward to next year’s budget. Members agreed the application form for grants will be revised and Cllr Pearson will put in place follow up procedures to ensure the grants allocated are spent correctly.

A training day on CIL/Section 106 will be arranged once the new Councillor has been elected.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Arnold reported the Ely in Bloom Working Group had met and it had been agreed to purchase 2 wooden planters at a cost £100.00 for both. The planting colour scheme for winter will be orange and yellow and for summer will be baby blues and pinks.

(iii) RECREATION AND CEMETERY – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 12th September, which was approved. Quotations are currently being obtained for upgrading the equipment in the Park. Section 106 funding will be applied for this project, which is anticipated to be in the region of £30,000. The Mayor reported he had met with the Dean and showed him the proposed plans for the new equipment. He had mentioned at the meeting the possibility of relocating the play area to a sunnier position, however in reality the only place that it could possibly go is to the right of the Park which unfortunately is very uneven. Members agreed the Recreation and Cemetery Committee should review where the equipment is to be located.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. Next meeting will be held on the 26th September 2016.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISTIONS – No report as Committee had not met. Next meeting will be held on the 3rd October 2016.

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

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – Cllr Every presented a report of a meeting held on 30th August 2016 which was approved. Potential project ideas are Young Person of the Year Award, Post 16 debates, Involvement with Ely police Community Group, and the City of Ely Council’s Community Forum.

11. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

Notes of a meeting of the CIL/Section 106 Working Group held on the 24th August 2016 were noted.

12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – notes of a meeting held on the 4th July 2016 and the 7th September 2016 were noted. Cllr Hobbs proposed the £2900.00 that the City of Ely Council is currently holding for each of the villages from ECDC’s Rural Services grant, be handed over to the respective recognised organisation within each village, to spend as they wish. This money will need to be formally requested. The City of Ely Council will administer Chettisham’s, as they do not currently have their own group. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Moakes which was unanimously agreed by members.

13. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON NETWORK RAIL LEVEL CROSSING CONSULTATION

Following feedback from round one of the consultation, Network Rail are now proposing to close Queen Adelaide crossing (C23), which is public footpath 49 in Ely, in order to preserve a circular walking route in the area.

Consultation runs from 12th September to 3rd October

Cllr Arnold reported she had not attended the consultation meeting, however Cllr Rouse reported he had attended. He said the County Highway officer was concerned that there was an exercise by Network to pass on maintenance costs as routes may be ‘waymarked’, but the County Council will not replace these signs in the future. He said walks need to be clearly signed and coherent. The Mayors advised that in terms of Parish Boundaries there was no more to be added by this Council.

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

This matter was deferred to the next Full Council meeting as the return had not been received.

15. TO DISCUSS APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION TO SHARED EQUITY PROPERTY ON RAMSEY ROAD

Members noted the application and plans to extend 8 Ramsey Road that had been submitted and unanimously agreed the work can be carried out in accordance with planning and building regulations.

16. FINANCE

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
Southern Electric	2869.93	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	178.96	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	243.27	paid by direct debit
Shire Leasing Plc	242.70	paid by direct debit
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	469.71	paid by direct debit
Vodafone	68.01	paid by direct debit
Barclays	165.08	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	182.80	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	166.09	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	459.20	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	497.85	paid by direct debit
Arco Ltd	47.50	110748
Wider Plan Ltd	256.11	110749
Securitas Security Services (UK) Ltd	600.00	110750
Newmarket Hamper Company	156.00	110751
RGP Security Services Ltd	218.40	110752
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	110754
Deeping Direct Deliveries	115.20	110755
Labour-tech Recruitment Ltd	46.40	110756
ESPO	264.00	110757
Jewson Ltd	18.89	110758
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	216.00	110759
G & J Peck Ltd	322.42	110760
Manea Silver Band	200.00	110761
Mr J Hannaford	100.00	110762
Festive Lights Ltd	325.67	110763
Cooleraid Ltd	9.48	110764
AmeyCespa (east) Ltd	44.47	110765
Worldpay	164.62	paid by direct debit
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions Ltd	369.33	110766
CCTV Volunteer	16.20	110767
Trade UK	19.99	110768
Blushed Studios	150.00	110769
Page Fine Jewellery	40.00	110770
K Ellis	3458.00	110771
Aztek Services Ltd	163.20	110772
CamAlarms	126.00	110773
Konica Minolta	64.87	110766
Labour tech	197.20	110756

Finance continued

East of England Online	50.00	110774
Warren Access	144.00	110775
G & J Peck	13.97	110760
G & J Peck	44.99	110760
Arco	94.99	110776
N & C Glass	8.86	110777
Konica Minolta	311.33	110766
Nisbets	86.25	110778
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Deeping Direct Deliveries	144.00	110755
City Cycle Centre	53.09	110779

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 22nd August 2016

Salaries and wages	£14518.63
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£4594.41
Pension fund payments	£5945.63

Members noted approved the bank reconciliation for the 31st August 2016