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**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM**  
**ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

**PRESENT;**

Cllr Lindsay, Mayor    Cllr Arnold    Cllr Lansell    Cllr Friend-Smith    Cllr Yates    Cllr Hobbs

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Every.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – *to receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary & other interests from Councillors.*

There were no declarations received.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016 & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016, were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV19 and 20 refer.

There were no matters arising.

**4. BUDGET UPDATE**

Members noted the budget update, dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016. There were no significant variances. The budget for 2017/2018 was discussed. It was agreed that the following would be requested:

Lighting – Energy/Repairs	£1,500
Bus Shelters & Memorial facilitation	£2,000
Furniture	£1,500
Ely in Bloom	£11,000

Cllr Hobbs reported that any improvement work to Forehill would be carried out by East Cambs District Council who will also take responsibility for any planting. The City of Ely Council will be consulted on the plans.

**5 HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES**

The outlining of a safe walkway through Sessions House car park was briefly discussed but as this was being dealt with by the Sessions House Working Group, it was felt that no further action was required by this Committee.

**6. ELY IN BLOOM**

All of the winter planting has now been done. Two new wooden tubs have been placed and planted outside of Alexander House on Forehill. Ely Rotary Hereward Club have been planting crocuses in the City including on Castlehythe and Jubilee Gardens. It was suggested that the Ely in Bloom Working Group could make use of any bulbs that may be left over. Please see the notes attached of the Working Group meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**7. HANGING BASKET REQUESTS**

A request from a resident in Annesdale has been made for a hanging basket to be added to the lamppost near to their property. The resident has very kindly offered a donation of £100 towards the cost of the installation and

maintenance. A further two requests for baskets for posts on Ship Lane have also been received. Cllr Arnold and Cllr Friend-Smith will arrange to visit the area and check the feasibility of erecting further hanging baskets.

### **8. DOG WASTE BIN REQUESTS**

It was agreed that the dog waste bin that has disappeared from Stour Green will be replaced. A further request from residents in Chettisham has been received for a dog waste bin to be placed on the top of The Hamlet, near to where the old telephone box stood. It was agreed that the site would be checked for potential litter bins that could become dual purpose bins, before a decision is made.

It was agreed that future requests for dog bins could be dealt with prior to a meeting and that the Chairman had the support of the members to make the decision as to whether a new bin is installed or not.

### **9. INTERACTIVE ASSET MAP**

Cllr Lansell has been researching the possibility of the use of an interactive asset map. He has looked at the possibility of using QGIS which is a cross-platform, free and open-source desktop geographic information system (GIS) application that provides data viewing, editing, and analysis. His initial analysis was that it was possibly a bit too complicated for our requirements. Cllr Hobbs agreed, in his capacity as a District Councillor, to approach the IT staff at ECDC and ask if they can assist us in any way. In the meantime, Cllr Mansell was to continue to research other possible solutions.

### **10.A.O.B.**

Litter picking equipment has been booked with ECDC for 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.

### **11. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting has been scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 7.00pm.