



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL  
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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY, 30TH APRIL 2012**

**PRESENT:**

The Mayor, Cllr J Yates

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr R Wood

Cllr A Winchester

Cllr P Eden (arrived 8.10 pm)

Cllr B Ashton

Cllr E Griffin-Singh

Cllr S Overall

Cllr J Chaplin

Cllr N Clarke

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr A Brear

Cllr R Hobbs

*9 representatives of voluntary organisations*

*6 parishioners*

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Every and Burton.

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH APRIL 2011**

Minutes of the last Parish Meeting held on the 11th April 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 125, 126 and 127 refer.

**3. MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that the format for the Annual Parish Meeting had been different last year, but was returning to normal this year. There were also 4 new councillors this year, so it would be useful for them to see the process of this meeting.

**4. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

The Committee Chairmen spoke about their Annual Reports, which had been issued with agendas and answered questions raised.

**(i) Administration & Other Responsibilities**

No questions.

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**Presentation of Reports continued .....**

**(ii) Youth Council**

No questions. The Mayor reported that the final youth awards will be presented on the 9<sup>th</sup> May. The Youth Council will be replaced with a Youth Forum.

**(iii) Recreation & Cemetery**

No questions. Cllr Hobbs reported that the new multi-use games area at High Barns would be completed within the next two weeks.

**(iv) Street Furniture**

No questions.

**(v) Ely in Bloom**

No questions.

**(vi) Christmas Lights**

No questions.

**(vii) Diamond Jubilee**

No questions.

**(viii) CCTV**

No questions.

**(ix) Ely/Ribe Association**

No questions.

**(x) Allotments**

No questions.

Mrs Adams asked if the Southern bypass was to go ahead, would it be possible for the allotments to have a larger area here. The Mayor confirmed that this could be a possibility.

**5. GENERAL FORUM**

Parishioner, Mr Redhead raised his concerns regarding the conversion of St Mary's Lodge, St Mary's Street into a hotel. This backs on to his property and could impact on him with regard to noise disturbance etc. He asked if the Council would make representation on the licence application. The Clerk confirmed that the Council is no longer consulted on licence applications, but the Mayor agreed to look at this when an application was submitted.

**6. REPORTS FROM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

**City of Ely Netball Club**

Mrs Sue Dees thanked the Council for the grant, which was used for the junior section. The Club had been in existence for a year, and now has two teams. One of the development aims was to get youngsters interested. The grant had been very helpful in providing training courses, CRB checks and first aid courses, which had enabled the Club to start a junior team from September. There was even a waiting list for children now. This will be the only junior side in the City, although there are a few in the area. Cllr Rouse said it was good to get children involved in this sport, and it should be considered for incorporation into the new leisure facilities. Mrs Dees agreed it would be good to have City courts.

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### **City of Ely & District Horticultural Society**

Mrs Betty Seymour said the Horticultural Society was very grateful to have been in receipt of a grant from the City Council and this had been allocated to their Great Autumn Show in August. The Society finds it really challenging to stage the event as the number of volunteers gets smaller every year. The 2011 show actually covered it's costs for the first time ever and over the last few years have staged some excellent shows. The Society continues to work in the community; the flower bed on St Mary's Street. She thanked the Council for their continued support and looked forward to offering services for many more years to come. The Mayor thanked Mrs Seymour for his invitation to the show, which he had thoroughly enjoyed.

### **Prickwillow Village Council**

Mr Edward Rice said Prickwillow Village Council were very glad of the continued support and were happy and grateful that the Mayor had come to several of their meetings. He thanked the Council for obtaining the phone box, which is now being used as an art gallery. Prickwillow are having their own Diamond Jubilee event. A monthly newsletter is also produced for all residents. The Mayor confirmed that the Council was trying to move forward with broadband for the village through ECDC and would also be providing a new noticeboard for the village.

### **Ely Museum**

Ms Elie Hughes reported that the Museum has a very good education programme, which has benefited over 7000 school children over the last 12 months. These have mostly been primary school children. They cover art, science, history and geography and are all interactive. The Museum was very appreciative of all the help received from the Council.

### **Young Lives**

Unfortunately, the representative for this organisation was not present at the meeting.

### **Stuntney Village Council**

Mrs Wendy Fox thanked the Council for their support. The Village Council now has 14 members on the committee, which is more representative of the village and even has some younger people. It meets six times a year in the Social Club. A newsletter is produced after each meeting to inform the village. They also have a website. She thanked the Mayor for attending their meetings.

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### **Prickwillow Engine Museum**

Mr Paul Dunham said the Prickwillow Engine Museum was very grateful for the Council's support. It is hoped the old Ely fire engine will be on display at the ploughing event in October and it is also expected to have steam. He was extremely grateful to Mr Carter, who has been storing the fire engines for the past two years. He said they were merely keepers and there may be a better forum for them in the future, but this would still need to be in the Ely area. Along with the engines they had acquired memorabilia from the Fire Authority, which still needs to be sorted out. Some of this will be displayed in the Museum, with the rest being displayed at Wisbech Fire Museum. Some items that should have been with the engines are missing and no one appears to know where they are. The Museum have obtained planning permission to extend the Museum, which will enable the display of many more exhibits. They hope to launch via the local press to raise the profile of the engines and advertise the October ploughing event.

### **CYPS – Ely Youth Club**

As the representative was unable to attend the meeting a short report had been submitted, which was noted.

### **8. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending. He said that one of the wonderful things about Ely was its uniqueness and it was the people of Ely that made it unique. It was wonderful to have representatives from so many organisations, which gave opportunities for everyone to be participate in these activities. He thanked them for all that they did and that the Council was pleased to have supported them all.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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