



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE VERNON CROSS ROOM, ELY MUSEUM, MARKET STREET, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 3RD JULY 2017

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr A Whelan
Cllr C Phillips
Cllr J Yates
2 parishioners

Cllr M Rouse
Cllr J Pearson
Cllr C Whelan
Cllr E Every

County Cllr Anna Bailey

Cllr D Warman
Cllr P Moakes
Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr M Lansell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Friend-Smith 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 5TH JUNE 2017 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 5th June 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record after a correction to the word 'Recreation' on Page 1588, item 11 (iii). Pages 1587, 1588, 1589, 1590 & 1591 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded members of the Access Group's presentation on 'street clutter' on 5th July at 3pm and 6pm and also the Member's Seminar on 15th July 2017. He also informed members of the Cambs876 Remembered Memorial Service at the Cemetery on 23rd July, to remember Private John Cook.

6. QUESTION TIME

Mrs Haynes, a parishioner, said 9 councillors had not responded to East Cambridgeshire Access Group's invitation on 'street clutter'.

Mrs Holden advised members regarding item 14 on the agenda, that the East Cambridgeshire's Access Group were consulted on this about 4 years ago and she requested the Council to support the application.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Bailey, in her capacity as a County Councillor and District Councillor informed members on the following; a new pilot for Adult Social Care in Soham and St Ives, which is based on an initiative from Holland; A10 upgrade reports were imminent; upgrades to the A14 have begun with completion due in 2020; Ely bypass: she has arranged for advisory signs for Stuntney Village which say 'village traffic' only, in order to discourage motorists from taking a shortcut through the village; work continues on the A142, A14 junction; the Combined Authority has met and signed off substantial spending; she sits on the Princess of Wales Steering Group to ensure urgent care continues; Meadow Way and Collier Close have now been adopted with Alexander Chase and Darwin Close to follow shortly. Public Transport – looking at better integrated bus services as the County Council spends £6m per year across the County. Bus companies are reimbursed for residents who use free bus passes, but some routes are not viable; Cambridge Road – she informed members how distressed she was at this being dug up. The County Council delayed the resurfacing works by 18 months and spoke to all agencies regarding any planned work. However, they were let down by UK Power Networks. She assured members the road will be resurfaced from the Zebra Crossing to the Sub Station, to the seam in the middle of the road, so there should not be a 'scar' on the left hand side; Dovehouse Close and Potters Lane - double yellow lines have been done; County Council have released money for the repair to pot holes; Angel Drove Car Park is due to be completed later this year.

Cllr Every, in her capacity as a County Councillor, informed members that Cllr Charles Roberts will speak at the Traffic Working Group regarding the Combined Authority.

Cllr Arnold asked Cllr Bailey if the bus companies are reimbursed for the free bus passes, how can services not be viable, Cllr Bailey responded by saying the bus companies do not break even and are running a commercial service. Cllr Warman advised pockets of Dovehouse Close had been missed when the double yellow lines were laid. Cllr Bailey confirmed these will be done at a later date.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor attended the AGM of Poss+ability and the Sciencefest Exhibition at Ely Cathedral; attended an opening of a new shop in Ely, Frames and Conservatories; attended the Open University degree ceremony at Ely Cathedral; attended the Cambridgeshire County Forum in Waterbeach; took part in a vigil, remembering the victims of the Manchester and London attacks, held on the Market Place; attended the annual Open Farm day at G's in Barway; attended a yoga and vegan fair held at the Paradise Centre; attended a reception hosted by the High Sheriff in Haslingfield; attended a "bake-off" in Littleport in aid of dementia; celebrated the ending of fasting with the Muslim community at the Larkfield Centre; compered the first Ely Hero Awards ceremony held at the Maltings; attended a garden party hosted by the Bishop of Huntingdon; organised and attended a reception to honour Win and Gareth Hughes' contribution to the Ely/Ribe Association; attended a KD Theatre production of Hairspray at the Maltings; attended Wood Greens President's Day in Godmanchester; attended the Summer Fairs at Spring Meadow and St Mary's School; attended the Ely Arts Festival Writers Awards held at Ely Library, attended the City of Ely WI Summer Garden Party and attended the annual Aquafest.

The Mayor reported that G's have invited the Council to a tour of their facilities at Barway which he will organise. The Deputy Mayor had attended St Marys School 'potato competition'.

9. PLANNING

A report of Planning Committee meeting immediately prior to this meeting were received.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received: -

Tree work:- 10 Church Lane, Ely; 31A Cambridge Road, Ely, 1 Cardinals Terrace, Broad Street, Ely, 9 The Paddock, Ely.

Ely Fire Station, Egremont Street, Ely. 150 West Fen Road, Ely.

East Cambs LHI Panel Scorecard 2017/18

Notification of changes to local bus services re Stagecoach 15/15A (Ely Circular) – service cancelled as developer funding no longer available. Not considered commercially viable by bus operator.

Notification by ECDC that Centre E, Barton Road, Ely has qualified as an Asset of Community Value and it will be included on the Council's list of Assets of Community Value.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 30th May 2017, which were approved. Members noted the letter from HEY Solicitors regarding Larkfield and Ramsey Road. They approved the changes to the wording of the Section 106 Agreement and the inclusion of a Mortgage Protection Clause within the lease, which will be worded to suit lenders requirements when a property is sold.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Mansell presented a report of a meeting held on the 26th June 2017, which was approved. Members agreed to purchase litter picking equipment up to the value of £350.0. This can be loaned to any local groups who are organising a ‘litter pick’. Cllr Every reported that she had secured the loan of 35 sets of litter picking equipment from Littleport Time Bank, for the next organised litter pick which has a provisional date of the 22nd October 2017.

Cllr Arnold reported the new ‘welcome’ planters have been installed and the surplus plants have been used. Two additional hanging baskets have been installed.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as committee had not met. Next meeting 10th July 2017.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Arnold Presented a report of a meeting held on 6th June 2017. Cllr Yates had been co-opted onto the Switch On Working Group and Cllr Arnold was co-opted on to the Lighting Working Group. Cllr Every proposed that Cllr Pearson should also be co-opted on to the Switch On Working Group, to help with Forehill’s participation in the Switch On event. This was agreed by members.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on 12th June 2017 which was approved. He reported that the tour around the lift installation had been fascinating and congratulated the Sessions House Working Group on getting to the stage we are at. Cllr Lindsay reported that it is hoped the first Council meeting to be held in the new chamber, will be in October 2017. It is planned to have an opening ceremony Cllr Every reported that the lease with the Active Learning Trust (High Field School) is ongoing as they have to obtain permission from the Secretary of State to enter into a lease.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – The Mayor reported a delightful presentation had taken place to Win and Gareth Hughes to thank them for all the years they had been Chairman and Secretary of the committee. The committee had a new Chairperson and is going from strength to strength. They will be hosting a choir from Ribe with the Choral Society and performing a recital in the Cathedral.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as had not met. A date is to be arranged.

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

There were no reports.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – next meeting 10th July 2017

City of Ely Allotment Association – Cllr Warman informed members the replacement fencing at the Back Hill Allotments was now complete.

The Mayor reported the dedication of the bench to the late Nigel Clarke will take place on either the 18th, 19th or 20th July at 6.30pm at Barton Square. The Deputy Clerk will circulate the final date as soon as possible.

The Mayor and Cllr Phillips had attended the Muslim Communities Iftar dinner, to celebrate the ending of fasting, which had been an enjoyable event and he had been asked to pass on the community’s thanks for the new section within Ely Cemetery.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAYS AT FAIRFAX COURT, ELY

Members noted the plan that had been submitted for consultation by the County Council. Councillors were concerned regarding the number of disabled spaces being proposed as they felt this was excessive and they had concerns for where resident’s visitors and care staff will park. It was agreed the Mayor will request a site visit with the County Council Officer and Cllr Anna Bailey.

15. TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO FLY THE RED ENSIGN FOR MERCHANT NAVY DAY ON THE 3RD SEPTEMBER

The Mayor proposed that the Red Ensign be flown for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September. After much discussion members voted on this proposal with the vote being: 7 in favour, 3 against and 3 abstentions. Therefore, a Red Ensign flag, of suitable size will be purchased and flown.

16. TO CONSIDER CCTV QUOTATIONS

Cllr Every updated members on the upgrade of the CCTV system to Wi-Fi. This has resulted in the need for the replacement of 14 cameras at a cost of £24180.00. Members agreed to purchase these along with replacement network video recorders at a cost of £9,024 from Clearview Communications. It was agreed not to obtain further quotations for this equipment as Clearview had carried out the original contract.

Cllr Every advised that future budgets need to be planned accordingly and the Clerk will be requested to obtain a timetable of when other cameras are expected to need replacing.

17. TOWN CRIER COMPETITION

18. HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE CITY

The Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, regarding agenda items 17 and 18, that these 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 Arnold and agreed to go into Committee at the end of the meeting.

19. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments

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Vodafone	68.01	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	415.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	261.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	1166.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	862.00	paid by direct debit
ESPO	276.98	paid by direct debit
ESPO	75.43	paid by direct debit
ESPO	165.83	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	1053.60	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	28.56	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	104.40	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	28.56	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	149.40	paid by direct debit
Worldpay (UK) Ltd	190.61	paid by direct debit
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	469.71	paid by direct debit
Shire Leasing plc	242.70	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	214.38	paid by direct debit
LEX Autolease	243.27	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	50.00	paid by direct debit
Vodafone	68.01	paid by direct debit

The following invoices have already been paid prior to the Full Council, due to due date of payment, with the approval of the Chairman

Newmarket Hampers	1176.00	111214
S Bradley	400.00	111215
RGP Security Services Ltd	78.00	111216
Newmarket Hampers	350.40	111217
Anglian Water	71.68	111218
Anglian Water	589.49	111219

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S Bradley	200.00	111220
RGP Security Services Ltd	156.00	111221
Bidfood	340.61	111222
Widerplan	256.11	111223
Newmarket Hampers	1344.00	111224

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	19.49	111225
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	250.00	111226
Nisbets	71.90	111227
EDF Energy	216.00	111228
CamAlarms Ltd	180.00	111229
Anglian Water	22.03	111230
CCTV Volunteer	5.40	111231
ICCM	114.00	111232
Anthony Love Seating Installations Ltd	1509.55	111234
Konica Minolta Business Solutions UK Ltd	647.25	111235
Trade UK	69.97	111236
Jewson Ltd	122.00	111237
G & J Peck Ltd	87.36	111238
Corkers Crisps Ltd	126.14	111239
Deeping Direct	144.00	111240
Somersham Town Band	200.00	111241
Ely Tool Hire	62.40	111242
ESPO	52.75	111243
Ensign	69.00	111244
Screwfix	11.18	111245
TLC Inns (RBK)	420.00	111246
Andrew Firebrace Partnership	1020.00	111247
M D Pinion	382.00	111248
CD Hood	21375.07	111249
R J Hobbs	178.27	111250
BT	26.16	paid by direct debit
Ely Fudge Company	72.00	111251
G & J Peck	70.94	111238
Greene King	2469.46	paid by direct debit
AZTEK Services Ltd	577.20	111252
Jewson	300.21	111253
Fuel Genie	393.84	paid by direct debit
Newmarket Hampers	504.00	111254
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	10.00	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	87.87	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	24.00	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	2295.45	paid by direct debit

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 5th June 2017

Salaries and wages	£17193.96
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£4040.24
Pension fund payments	£7916.63

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st May 2017

ITEMS TAKEN IN COMMITTEE – FOR COUNCILLORS ONLY

17. TOWN CRIER COMPETITION

The Mayor informed members the Town Crier and Keeper of the Bell have served the City for the last 12 years and facilitated a competition each year on Eel day, which has added to the success of the day. Ely has been requested to hold the British Town Crier Competition in 2018. This will require extra costs to enable the competition to be opened up to 20 entrants. The Mayor proposed that a budget of £4,000 be set in 2017/18, to enable this competition to go ahead. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Rouse and unanimously agreed by members. Cllr Every suggested that sponsorship should be obtained to reduce this amount, to which members agreed.

18. HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE CITY

The Mayor requested members to consider individuals they would like to put forward to be ‘Honorary Freeman of the City’. These individuals will then be considered and awarded the title at the Civic Service later in the year. The Mayor will be proposing the Town Crier and would like to bestow this award to her, at the Town Crier Competition in 2018.