



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, 8TH JANUARY 2018

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson, Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr C Whelan

1 parishioner

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr J Yates

Cllr A Whelan

County Cllr A Bailey

Cllr D Warman

Cllr P Moakes

Cllr E Every

Cllr M Lansell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Austen, Cllr Lindsay and Cllr 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 11TH DECEMBER 2017 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th December 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1630, 1631, 1632, 1633 and 1634 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced there would be an Extraordinary Full Council meeting on the 15th January to discuss the Maltings Cottage.

6. QUESTION TIME

A parishioner raised their concerns regarding the condition of the footpath on Cambridge Road. They felt a lot of emphasis had been put on the condition of the road surface, but the problems relating to the path ignored. This is especially bad near the new crossing, with it being very muddy and uneven, which had led to the formation of very big puddles of water. Also, in front of the old Croylands building this area is very overgrown into the path. The parishioner asked if the Council could help resolve these issues. Members agreed to contact Cambs County Council regarding these issues. The parishioner also asked for an update on the lift project at Sessions House. The Mayor confirmed this would be given under agenda item 12.

The Chairman took this item before agenda item 6, as Cllr Bailey had another meeting to attend.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Anna Bailey updated members on various issues relating to the County Council. A copy of her report is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Bailey left the meeting at 7.10 pm.

Cllr Every, in her capacity as a County Councillor, informed members funding for East Cambs vulnerable young people had been cut, but this was being fought. She and Cllr Bailey were looking at the CCC Behaviour Improvement Partnerships funding review, as Ely does not have a pupil referral unit. She informed members of a workshop on the 8th February to give advice on putting in a bid. She will forward details of this. As a District Councillor, she informed members the District Council were in the process of reviewing the Community Safety Plan.

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members there would be an additional Planning Committee meeting in February to consider plans for the first stage development of the Highflyer land near Thistle Corner. He also gave feedback on the Cambridge Road application that was considered at last week's Planning Committee meeting.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Pos+ibility Christmas lunch; the City of Ely Military Band Christmas Concert and the Mayor's Gala performance of Beauty and the Beast Pantomime.

The Deputy Mayor had attend March Town Council's Carol Concert and the Ely Choral Society Christmas Carol Concert.

9. PLANNING

A report of the Planning Committee meeting, immediately prior to this meeting was received.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Notification of tree work:- 17 Lynton Close, Ely; Bell House, Lynn Road, Ely; Lynton Lodge, 73B Lynn Road, Ely; Bramble House, 150 West Fen Road, Ely; 3 Morton Close, Ely; 30 Parade Lane, Ely; 29 Newnham Street, Ely; 66 Arundell. Ely;

24 John Amner Close, Ely.

Notification of street naming and numbering:- Downham House, 67 Downham Road, Ely

Notification of bus service changes:- Service 9 and 12

Ely Speedwatch for November - The Mayor informed members that he and Cllr Every would be meeting with the Chair of Speedwatch and will agree the use of the camera that this Council had already purchased.

Footpath closure - Monday 5th February 2018 to Friday the 9th February 2018 and Monday 6th Aug to Friday 10th Aug 2018 - part of the public footpath, Three Cups Walk (behind 10 Fore Hill) will be closed due to works on the adjoining wall.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Every informed members that due to the new process with regards to the Minor Highway Bids, she had sought approval from the Chairman to agree the costings for the two bids submitted, to allow them to move forward to the next stage of the application.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Phillips informed members the repairs to the windows of the chapels are still ongoing. The boys who caused this damage will be undertaking community service in the cemetery. He also sought approval for the reduction of the conifers near the storage building. Quotes were currently being sought for this work, but only one had been received at a cost of £2500. He proposed that once three quotes had been received, approval be granted by the Council to undertake this work at the lowest quote. This was seconded by Cllr Moakes and unanimously approved.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The Mayor said a big thank you to all those that put up and take down the displays. They have done a wonderful job, resulting in a splendid display this year.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met.

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

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as Group had not met.

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

Sessions House Working Party – Cllr Moakes gave an update on the progress of the installation of the lift in Sessions House. Unfortunately, this had been further delayed due to the need to produce new drawings with regard to the steel fabrication required in the lift shaft. The Working Group had agreed this cost would be covered within the existing contract value, by the Council. It was hoped the project would be completed by March. A few concerns were raised regarding the management of this project by Purcell, Miller Tritton. It was therefore agreed weekly updates would be requested from them.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Ely Museum – Cllr Every reported the Museum were about to undertake Phase 1 of the feasibility study for the HLF. They will also need to find match funding of £440,000.

The parishioner left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

14. TO FORMALLY CONSIDER WHETHER THIS COUNCIL WISHES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A JOINT PROJECT WITH ECDC REGARDING ELY WIFI

The Mayor informed members it was not appropriate to discuss this at the present time and it would be considered at a Full Council meeting, sometime in the future.

The Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, regarding agenda items 15 and 16, that this 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 Moakes and agreed to go into Committee at the end of the meeting.

15. TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE SERVICES

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

16. PARADISE PLAY AREA

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

17. UNWANTED PUBLIC PHONE BOX ON CAMBRIDGE ROAD, ELY

A parishioner had requested this Council remove the redundant telephone box on Cambridge Road. This no longer has a telephone within this and is covered in graffiti. The Council agreed BT would be contacted and requested to remove this, at their cost.

19. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments

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| LEX Autolease | 243.27 | 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 |
| British Telecommunications | 152.76 | paid by direct debit |
| EE Ltd | 91.20 | paid by direct debit |
| Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd | 4771.19 | paid by direct debit |
| Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd | 469.83 | paid by direct debit |
| Francotyp Postalia Ltd | 150.00 | paid by direct debit |
| ESPO | 101.33 | paid by direct debit |
| FuelGenie | 89.14 | paid by direct debit |

19. Finance continued

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

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| HEY Bendalls | 680.00 | 111533 |
| ALCC | 30.00 | 111534 |
| Newmarket Hampers | 324.00 | 111535 |

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

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| Nisbetts | 93.44 | 111538 |
| Haine Tree Services Ltd | 4320.00 | 111543 |
| Deeping Direct Deliveries | 115.20 | 111339 |
| Ely Tool Hire Ltd | 113.04 | 111341 |
| Konica Minolta Bus Solutions Ltd | 212.48 | 111342 |
| Glass Made Art | 1821.00 | paid by BACS |
| Sun Traffic | 1428.00 | 111346 |
| Bradleys Disco | 250.00 | 111345 |
| Allens Skip Hire | 180.00 | 111344 |
| City Cycle Centre | 11.34 | 111348 |
| SLCC | 20.00 | 111347 |
| Konica Minolta | 369.33 | 111342 |
| Liquidline | 548.73 | 111349 |
| Liquidline | 186.94 | 111349 |
| ECDC | 1,494.04 | 111350 |
| City Cycle Centre | 15.58 | 111348 |
| Cambridge County Council | 65.00 | 111351 |
| Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd | 276.30 | paid by direct debit |
| British Telecommunications | 26.16 | paid by direct debit |
| Barclays | 182.38 | paid by direct debit |
| Mr S Thomson | 150.00 | 111552 |
| Amazement Ltd | 56.70 | 111553 |
| Jewson Ltd | 104.21 | 111554 |
| Eden Farm Hulley's | 1024.12 | 111555 |
| ESPO | 406.80 | 111556 |
| Cooleraid Ltd | 14.22 | 111557 |
| ESPO | 417.67 | paid by direct debit |
| British Telecommunications | 131.30 | paid by direct debit |
| British Telecommunications | 134.17 | paid by direct debit |
| British Telecommunications | 55.56 | paid by direct debit |
| Mr R Hobbs | 125.00 | 111559 |
| BFS Group Ltd | 1233.06 | 111558 |

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 11th December 2017

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| Salaries and wages | £16811.17 |
| Inland Revenue (tax & NI) | £4433.24 |
| Pension fund payments | £7648.28 |