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**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON TUESDAY 20TH MARCH 2018**

PRESENT;

Cllr A Arnold Cllr M Lansell Cllr M Rouse Cllr S Friend-Smith
Cllr R Hobbs, The Mayor, arrived at 7.10pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr E Every and Cllr I Lindsay.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH FEBRUARY 2018 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th February 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV31 and 32 refer.

Matters Arising – Page 32, item 7 – Cambridgeshire County Council have been informed that in order for the City of Ely Council to consider the adoption of the bus shelters on Cam Drive, they would have to be in a good state of repair and a commuted sum would have to be paid to cover the cost of maintenance for many years to come. As yet, a response has not been received.

Matter Arising – Page 32 – item 8 – The new lamp has been installed at The College, Ely at a total cost of £1,385.89.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 28th February 2018. There were no significant variances. A discussion took place about the budget for the minor highway improvements for Forehill and Prickwillow. Cllr Hobbs assured members that CIL monies could be used to fund these projects.

5. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

There were no health and safety issues.

6. ELY IN BLOOM

Representatives from both the Christmas Lights Committee and from the Ely in Bloom Working Group met with Balfour Beatty on the 22nd February 2018 to discuss arrangements for use of hanging basket brackets and Christmas decorations on the new lampposts. Balfour Beatty has given permission for the City of Ely Council to install brackets on the posts in Market Street but has advised that we are still not able to use the lamps that are attached to the brick walls on the Market Place as these have not been replaced yet. Balfour Beatty is also arranging for replacement brackets to be made to replace the double brackets that were accidentally thrown away, during operational works.

The Ely in Bloom colour scheme for this year is red, mauve, burgundy, yellow and green.

Cllr Hobbs suggested that as we were marking the centenary of the end of World War I this year, it would be appropriate if the barrier baskets that hang from the railings on the Market Place, are filled with red flowers only.

It is hoped that the flower bed tended by the Horticultural Society, near to St Mary's church, will also be planted with red flowers due to the close proximity of the church, where services will take place.

7. TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY

Below is a list of current traffic/parking issues that have been brought to the attention of Councillors by parishoners.

Street	Issue
Northwold	Parking
Kings Avenue	Speeding and noise
Lisle Lane	Speeding
Prickwillow Road/Lisle Lane Junctions	Pedestrian problems
Ramsay Road	Boy racers
Dovehouse Close	Parking
Broad Street	Parking
Lisle Close	Parking
Springhead Lane	Parking
Cam Drive	Pedestrian crossing
Old Bank, Prickwillow	Road surfacing
Hiams	Footpath needed
Stuntney	Speeding and exiting the village

A discussion took place and it was agreed that some of these issues are for the attention of the Police and Cambridgeshire County Council. Cllr Hobbs suggested that when an "issue" has been brought to the attention of the City of Ely Council, it is necessary to identify what the problem is. Cllr Hobbs suggested that ward Councillors should investigate and report back.

A further issue concerning Barton Road car park was discussed. There are concerns that the area designated for market traders on a Thursday and Saturday is not used to capacity and that many parking spaces are unused on the busiest days of the week. The Committee would like to suggest that if a space designated for market trader vehicles is not used by 8.30pm or another agreed time, then this space should be available for the general public. Cllr Hobbs will write to East Cambs Trading Company Ltd and also to District Cllr Bill Hunt, Chair of the Assets Committee.

8. PURCHASE OF SPEEDWATCH STREET SIGNS

It had previously been suggested that the purchase of permanent SpeedWatch signs, erected in the SpeedWatch zones, would help maximise the influence of SpeedWatch. The volunteers have recommended that 8 signs would be useful, one in each entry to the urban area, near to the speed limit signs. The Committee agreed to the purchase but understood that they may have to delay the order until April 2018, when funds are replenished.

9. A.O.B.

Cllr Arnold had noticed that a bicycle seems to have been abandoned at the cycle racks on High Street Passage. Cllr Hobbs agreed to consult with Waste Services at East Cambs District Council.

Cambridgeshire County Council have advised that Balfour Beatty will shortly be carrying out a lantern replacement programme in the following roads in Ely :- Alexander Chase, Bakers Corner, Beresford Road, Briar Grove, Brooke Grove, Clay Way, Collier Close, Columbine Road, Compton Fields, Gas Lane, Gateway Gardens, Hollendale Walk, Kingsley Walk, Lisle Lane, Meadow Way, Morley Drive, Page Court, Pasture Grove, Stour Green, Teasel Drive, Tennyson Place, The Medway, Thistle Corner, Welland Place, Wissey Way and Witchford Road.

The works will not involve any excavations in the road or footpath and each lantern replacement will be completed within one working day. The City of Ely Council will be advised of the commencement date of the works.

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was not set.

