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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 28TH AUGUST 2018**

**PRESENT:** Mrs T Coulson - Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr M Rouse

Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr I Lindsay

*County Cllr A Bailey*

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr P Moakes

*2 parishioners*

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr D Warman

Cllr E Every

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Pearson, Cllr Yates, Cllr Austen, Cllr M Lansell, Cllr C Whelan and Cllr A Whelan.

**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 30TH JULY 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 30th July 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to an amendment to the details of the meeting under item 12, (vi) Ely/Ribe on page 1683. Pages 1681, 1682, 1683, 1684, 1685 and 1686 refer.

Matters Arising – Page 1681, item 4, Cllr Hobbs informed members he would be submitting a motion to change the membership of the Tourism and Town Centre Committee at the next Full Council meeting. Therefore, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will attend the next meeting.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced there would be a walkabout of the City Centre, with the Tourism and Town Centre Manager on the 29th August at 10.00 am. His Civic Service will be held on the 28th October at 6.30 pm at St Mary's Church. On the 11th November the Council will be lighting a beacon to commemorate the 100th Anniversary on St Mary's Green. The siting of the beacon had now been agreed. He was hoping to have the Council Christmas dinner on the 10th December. He also informed members of the recent business survey undertaken, which was an initiation of ward councillors Every and Hobbs, with the permission of the Chairman. The Clerk had agreed to hold the information to comply with GDPR, but this will belong to these two councillors. Cllr Arnold informed members she had been approached by a parishioner, who was concerned this was being used as a pre-election campaign and the Council had helped them to achieve this. Cllr Every advised that the Council's privacy notice and an explanation, stating the reasons for the survey and why they were collecting the data had now been given out to all businesses.

## 6. QUESTION TIME

A parishioner requested the Council adopt a motion to support the 'People's Vote' on the final Brexit deal. He explained his reasons for this request and hoped the Council would give his proposal earnest consideration. Cllr Phillips said he welcomed his question and attendance. As City Councillors, they had no political power, but have a responsibility to listen and reflect the opinion of parishioners. He hoped at some point there would be a motion put forward in the future. Cllr Arnold felt it was dangerous ground to put forward this motion. It is an individual's vote and felt this would be forcing an opinion. Cllr Hobbs supported Cllr Phillips and felt that if put forward, it should be debated. Cllr Lindsay said the Council needs to establish if it has power to do this and obtain reassurance before putting a motion forward. The Mayor agreed to look at whether this was something this Council could debate. Another parishioner had been requested by the Tourism and Town Centre Manager to display some tourist information in the Tourist Information Points. They had tried to undertake this task but the TIPs at the Cloisters and Market Square were broken so could not do this. Members agreed clarity should be sought on who was responsible for these, as they need to be repaired.

*One parishioner left the meeting at 7.30 pm*

## 7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Members noted the report from County Cllr Anna Bailey, which had been tabled for members. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Every, in her capacity as a County Councillor, informed members the future of young people in this area, is the focus of the Children and Young People's Committee. Most important at the moment will be the focus of improved results from the Early Years, SATS, GCSEs and A Level. Of special interest are the results of the Looked After Children. Although in line with the national average, they are still not good enough for the young people in this area. The Virtual School is currently under review. During the summer the marketing plan for recruitment for foster carers in Cambridgeshire and reablement workers is encouraging.

Cllr Every, in her capacity as a District Councillor, informed members that the Community Safety Partnership is reaching the end of the three-year action plan and is consolidating the work to date. There will be a relaunch of the Eyes and Ears project on the 13th September at Ely Cathedral. The District Council had been awarded the coveted White Ribbon accreditation, which required a rigorous assessment to ensure the systematic awareness, raising and cascading of information concerning domestic violence against women and men. The Youth Strategy for Ely, Littleport and Soham is also being relaunched. This will determine a scheme with agency input to support the recruitment, funding and training of potential Youth Workers, to secure funding to 'grow own youth workers' for the area.

Cllr Hobbs in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members he had been contacted by residents of Willow Walk/the Riverside regarding the traffic problems in this area. He felt this needed to be looked at to reduce the danger to pedestrians and hoped the County Councillors present would pick this up. He also raised the fact that Prickwillow does not have a village green. They have a green area, which is owned by County Council and cut by ECDC. They would like this transferred to the Village Council, perhaps, if given to this Council, it could then be transferred to the Village Council to look after. He will be looking into this and report back. The Mayor suggested the Village Council could apply for village green status. It was agreed this be suggested to the Village Council to see if they wished to move forward in this way.

*Cllr Bailey left the meeting at 7.50 pm*

## 8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended a meeting with Tony Pearson, from Band of Hope re the Mayor's Ball on the provisional date of 23rd February; met with Cllr Hunt and E Grima of ECDC re the Maltings Cottage; attended the Prickwillow Drainage Museum 1940's Day; hosted Chinese students at Sessions House; met with Stagecoach re the No 15 Bus Service revised route and timetable; attended the Ely in Bloom Presentation evening; had photograph with Deputy Mayor at Ely Rail Station re Ely in Bloom Award; attended EACH colour dash; opened Ely Pride event in Jubilee Gardens; had interview with Spotted in Ely for live webcam for 5th birthday; welcomed Magpas charity paddle boarders to Ely; attended Spiritus performance by Lantern Dance Theatre Company in the Lady Chapel; started the 7.00 am and 7.30 am Monster Races from Liberty Belle on the Ouse; attended meeting regarding Heligoland 39 project (18th December); attended Ely/Ribe Committee meeting; attended a meeting with Stagecoach to discuss the new No 9 service for Ely and attended the official unveiling of the Apple sculpture at Hopkins Homes. The Deputy Mayor had attended the Ramsey Town Council 1940s Drumhead Service.

## 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:- Roswell View, Lisle Lane, Ely; 21 Columbine Road, Ely; Poets House, 40-44 St Mary's Street, Ely; 54 Silver Street, Ely; 26 Merlin Drive, Ely

Notification of road closures:- Ely Road, Queen Adelaide – 29-30.9.18 and 10-11.11.18; Walsingham Way, Ely – 5-9.11.18; Chettisham Station Level Crossing, Lynn Road, Ely – 4-5.11.18 and 10-11.11.18; Downham road, A10, Ely and Lynn Road, Ely – surface dressing at sometime between 3.9.18 – 2.2.20; Prickwillow Road B1382 – 25.11-16.12.18

Notification of bus service changes for 9/X9, 39 and 15

Street Naming and Numbering:- High Flyer development:- Monarch Way, Brimstone Drive, Cleopatra Close, Skipper Walk, Emperor Green, Apollo Chase and Red Admiral Street, Ely; Elean House, 28 Witchford Road, Ely

Notification from ECDC regarding planned ground works for the Market Place, Ely

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 10th September at 7.00 pm.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on the 13th August, which was approved. Options for the next contract for the hanging baskets was currently being looked at by this Committee. It had been agreed that if none of the minor highway improvements bids were successful, the Council would still wish to undertake these and funding would be provided by a £10,000 underspend from last year's minor highways budget, £20,000 to be budgeted into the Council's budget for 2019/20 and the balance to be funded from CIL monies. Four quotes were being obtained for the upgrade of the parish lamps to LED. It was hoped this work would be undertaken before the end of October. Due to the changes in the parish ward boundaries later in the year, the Council had agreed to suggest to Witchford Parish Council that they take ownership of the bus shelter at Lancaster Way Business Park, as this would now fall within their parish and not Ely's. The County Council have informed the Council that on completion of the new bypass, the current bus stop on Station Road will be moved to Angel Drove. This Council had queried whether its bus shelter will be moved to the location of the new bus stop. It was agreed if there was not a need for a bus shelter then the County Council would be asked to remove it and make good the path where it once stood. Members proposed that the County Council should be asked why the bus stop on The Dock at Tesco, where there is already a shelter, could not be used instead of siting a new stop on Angel Drove.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 3rd September.

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

(vi) ELY/RIBE – The Mayor informed members he had attended a recent meeting. The AGM will be held on the 26th September at the Vernon Cross Room. They will be having a quiz on the 9th November.

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

(viii) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 5th September.

## 12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

Cllr Lindsay requested a meeting of the CIL Working Group be arranged as he felt the Council should discuss what projects the Council would wish to spend CIL money on. The Clerk will arrange a date for this meeting.

## 13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Cllr Every informed members that Ely Museum had submitted the next stage of the HLF bid on the 7th August. Fundraising is still on going.

City of Ely Allotment Association – minutes of a meeting held on the 18th July were noted.

## 14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC'S HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT POLICY

Members noted ECDC's Health and Safety Enforcement Policy and agreed to make no comments.

## 15. TO APPROVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The Mayor proposed representatives to other organisations as Cllr Hobbs – City of Ely Allotments Association and Cllr Arnold – Prickwillow Village Council. This was seconded by Cllr Moakes and unanimously approved.

## 16. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

### *Direct debit payments*

Lex Autolease	243.27	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	30.00	Paid by direct debit
EE Ltd	96.13	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	269.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	1412.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	459.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	888.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	1520.00	Paid by direct debit
Green City Solutions	212.70	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	27.36	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	57.84	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	115.88	Paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	307.75	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	58.78	Paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	41.99	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	696.82	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	117.17	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	70.92	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	33.37	Paid by direct debit
Shire Leasing PLC	242.70	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	693.38	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	43.62	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	60.62	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	140.86	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	124.34	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	3066.66	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	37.10	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	101.40	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	327.93	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	173.80	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	150.00	Paid by direct debit
Glass Made Art	606.98	Paid by BACS

**16. 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*

Ensign Solutions Ltd	55.20	111921
Shefs	2102.50	111922
RGP Security Services Ltd	198.00	111923
S Blake	852.50	111924
Mrs E Gardener	66.00	111925
RGP Security Services Ltd	198.00	111926
Twenty Pence 2000 Ltd	372.90	111927
Shefs	442.20	111928
National Pen	136.80	111929
Anglian Water	26.96	111930
RGP Security Services Ltd	108.00	111931
Anglia Water	20.66	111932

*The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting*

A Arnold	73.77	111934
Cooleraid Ltd	48.96	111935
We Are Blueshed Ltd	100.00	111936
ECDC	436.32	111937
TTK Confectionary	237.60	111938
Lightbeam UK Ltd	84.50	111939
ATS Heritage	300.00	111940
Holy Mackerel (UK) Ltd	235.66	111941
HEY Bendalls	1440.00	111942
1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	29.52	111943
Witham Oil & Paint Ltd	27.50	111944
City Cycle Centre	98.23	111945
Ely & Soham Electrical Services Ltd	60.00	111960
Westair Reproductions Ltd	278.94	111946
CCTV Volunteer	5.40	111947
Wississippi Jazzmen	200.00	111948
Littleport Band	200.00	111949
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	111950
CamAlarms Ltd	378.60	111951
Verve Digital Ltd	120.00	111952
ESPO	80.05	111953
G&J Peck Ltd	19.99	111954
Jewson Ltd	106.47	111955
Trade UK	134.50	111956
Andy Grant Ltd	72.00	111957
Wicken Coronatin Band	200.00	111958
We are Blueshed Ltd	168.00	111936
British Telecommunications	27.36	Paid by direct debit
Deeping Direct Deliveries	144.00	111959
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	428.67	Paid by direct debit
G & J Peck Ltd	40.41	111954
Ely & Soham Electrical Services Ltd	732.00	111960
Jewson Ltd	46.46	111955
Barclays	237.59	Paid by direct debit
BFS Group Ltd	317.91	111933

RGP Security Services Ltd	108.00	111961
Shefs	4008.00	111962
S Bradley	570.00	111963
SMBE	234.00	111964
Cambridge City Council	70.00	111965
Somersham Town Band	200.00	111966

**Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 30th July 2018**

Salaries and wages	£25529.36
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£7389.29
Pension fund payments	£12277.10

**Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st July 2018**

## **Cllr Anna Bailey, Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Ely South**

### **City of Ely Council 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 - Cambridgeshire County Council Update**

#### **Ely Bypass - Underpass Scheme**

Cambridgeshire County Council has now collated and considered all the responses to the information issued about the works to the underpass, and has responded directly to everyone that provided feedback. Councillors will remember that the traffic light control at the underpass was a condition of the planning permission for the bypass.

The County Council has also released a frequently asked questions style document which can be accessed here: <https://goo.gl/SG4dXW>, confirming the arrangements that will go ahead.

We have managed to secure the extension of the 50mph speed limit (to incorporate both junctions into Stuntney village), as desired by Stuntney Village Council within the bypass scheme delivery.

#### **A142 Stuntney/Ely Footpath**

An order has been raised to “side out” the existing footway - basically cutting back the vegetation to ensure the footway is fully exposed. I am waiting to be notified of the start date for this work.

As requested by Stuntney Village Council I have been working on possibilities to retain and improve the existing footpath from Stuntney to Ely. The indicative costs are certainly more economical than the full new cycleway option on the Stuntney side of the road that has been discussed previously. I must stress however, that no funding has been identified or agreed at this stage, although of course I am investigating all options and the lower costs may increase its competitiveness for funding. At this level however, the main source of funds would still have to be the Integrated Block Transport funding (which comes from central Government and is under great competition for schemes across the county).

Two options are being considered - a 2m wide path connecting the village road to the start of the existing path and an island in the central hatching to help those crossing the road, and a more comprehensive option of a 3m wide path, island and a new bridge over the drain.

Both of these would link into the existing path that is less than 2m, and may highlight inadequacies in the existing footpath. There are no detailed drawings at this stage and the cycling team has noted that there are level differences in the existing footpath that could cause (as yet unknown) issues with widening the existing footpath.

#### **A10 Update**

The Strategic Outline Business Case for the A10 upgrade (dualling of the road between Ely and Cambridge) that went to the Combined Authority in January 2018 showed an on site construction target start date of 2024.

The Combined Authority has been looking for ways of shortening processes to accelerate delivery of its various transport projects. At its meeting in July a paper set out opportunities to shorten the process by up to 24 months, which could mean an on site start date of 2022.

#### **Social Care Funding Consultation**

The Local Government Association has launched its own “green paper” consultation on the future funding of social care, which the County Council will be responding to.

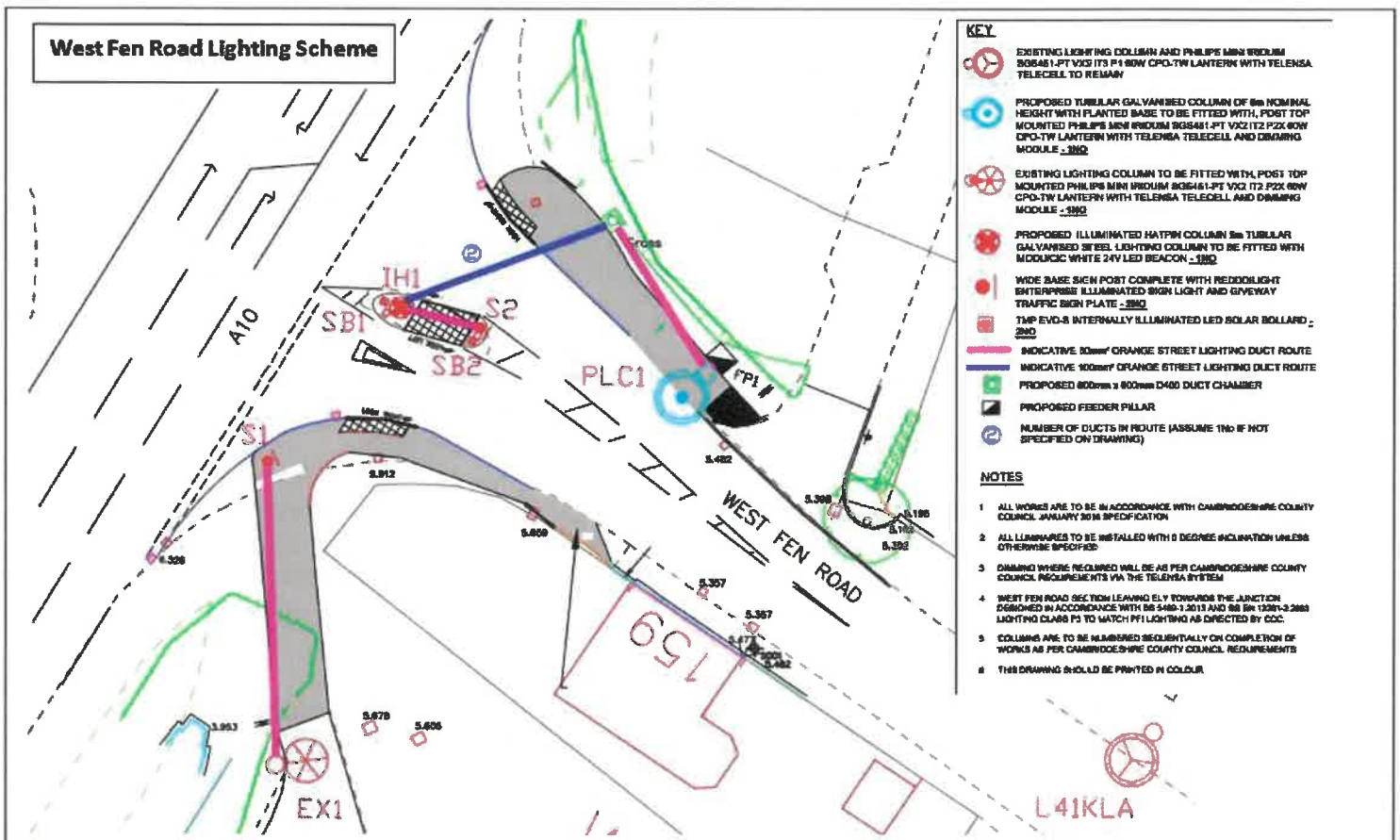
<https://futureofadultsocialcare.co.uk>

### Princess of Wales Hospital

Whilst we have had the good news that the pilot for the Local Urgent Care Service at the Princess of Wales is to be funded for another year, there have been some staffing issues within the Minor Injuries (MIU), resulting in patients sometimes being redirected for treatment elsewhere, and, on one occasion the MIU having to be closed over a weekend. Myself and Emma Watson (local resident) who sit on the Steering Group that oversees the pilot, have requested that a better communications effort is made if/when this happens again. A new set of communications outlets has been agreed, including local informal social media sites, which will be notified if the MIU has to be closed. It is strongly hoped however, that this will not be necessary again, and increased staffing arrangements will begin to take effect from September which will reduce the likelihood of future problems.

### West Fen Road Lighting Scheme

I am pleased that a new lighting scheme will be going ahead at the West Fen Road / A10 junction in Ely to improve visibility for people crossing West Fen Road. I have been working to get this done since the new footpath arrangements went ahead as part of the Ely Leisure Village works, and I am pleased we have finally got agreement - thanks to residents for raising it with me.



### Meeting with Ely Police

I was pleased to meet with Sgt Mark Rabel at Ely Police Station recently where we discussed a number of topics. Top of the list were anti-social driving around Ely, particularly late at night, and general anti-social car parking. Parking enforcement will be carried out whilst staff are out on patrol and they will also be carrying out unannounced days of action. I was pleased to see social media posts from the Police recently about tickets issued in Ely.



Current Police priorities include a focus on domestic violence and children in troubled families. They are also carrying out a series of crime prevention events at Parish Councils throughout East Cambridgeshire and are pleased to work with Parish Councils to organise these.

### **Ely High Street**

Following the recent sad news of the planned closure of Mr Simms sweet shop, together with Cllr Every and Lucy Frazer MP, I met with the owner to understand more about what has led to the decision. The plight of the "High Street" is a huge concern, nationally and locally, and there are multiple factors in the challenges faced by traditional retailers, large and small. The District Council continues to do what it can to support the economic environment for retailers and business owners locally, including retaining free car parking.

The issue of business rates, coupled with rent expectations, is making many businesses unviable and I do think this is something the Government needs to consider in detail, particularly in relation to the forthcoming local business rates retention scheme for local authorities. In particular, the fact that charities are able to get relief on businesses rates is keeping rents artificially high as their overall running costs are not as great. We made this point strongly to Lucy Frazer.

I was also asked to investigate the options for reopening Ely High Street to traffic on Saturdays (whilst retaining the ability to close it for the special markets and events) and I have fed back the findings of this to City of Ely Councillors for consideration.

### **Bikeability Funding**

The future of the bikeability scheme across the county has been secured with additional funding forthcoming from central Government.

Anna Bailey, Cambridgeshire County Councillor for Ely South

