



**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, 22ND OCTOBER 2018**

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson - Clerk to the Council
The Mayor, Cllr M Rouse
Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr J Yates
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr A Whelan
Cllr P Moakes
2 parishioners
Cllr C Phillips
Cllr C Whelan
Cllr E Every
County Cllr A Bailey

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Austen, Cllr Pearson and Cllr Friend-Smith.

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 24TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 24th September 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record subject to the addition of Cllr Yates and the deletion of Cllrs Phillips and Warman on the present list. Pages 1693, 1694, 1695, 1696, 1697, 1698 and 1699 refer.

There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded members of the Civic Service to be held on the 28th October at 6.30 pm at St Mary's Church. He also reminded members of the lighting of the beacon at St Mary's Church on the evening of the 11th November. The Council Christmas dinner would be on the 10th December. The Community Forum will be on the 22nd November at 7.00 pm at the Maltings. He asked members for suggestions for possible topics to be discussed at this.

6. QUESTION TIME

A parishioner asked if an update on the 'A' boards could be given. Cllr Every reported she had met with the Chair of the East Cambs Access Group and a County Council officer to discuss these. She said that she would be walking around the City Centre with the Tourism and Town Centre Manager to see if there were any obstructions from 'A' boards. The Access Group had received a response from the County Council which stated that they would not be taking any further action on these, as they had to balance the needs of people with disabilities and the viability of the shops.

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.

Members noted the verbal report from Cllr Elisabeth Every, in her capacity as both a County and District Councillor. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

County Cllr Bailey left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Ely Heroes cheque presentation to Steel Bones charity; the Ely Ribe Association AGM; The Macmillan coffee morning at Gary John's Architects; the Bonfire Night launch at Oliver Cromwell House; KD Theatre, Jack and the Beanstalk Panto launch at Poets House; Spring Meadow School Harvest Festival; the Ely Standard Business Awards; Ely Sinfonia, Planets Suite at the Cathedral; New Connexions High Barns Free Church 10th Anniversary; the launch of Borrow Bags at Sew Much to Do; Ely Air Cadets open evening; EACH Charity shop opening; Ely Soup at the Maltings; the launch of the veterans breakfast club at On Par Golf centre; 1000 origami cranes at Chequer Studios; the Prickwillow Ploughing Festival and presentation of prizes; Lord Bird lecture for Amnesty International at Ely Cathedral; the Business Group event at Ely cathedral; Boswells Bakery Breast Cancer Raffle Draw; the Potato Race; Presentation to short story winner; Ely Bypass charity walk for Macmillan Cancer; Ely Military Band Concert; Meeting at ECDC re sports provision for Endurance development at North Ely; Apple festival and judging of best stall; Ely Choral Society performance at Ely cathedral and East Cambs Civic service.

The Deputy Mayor had also attended the High Sheriff's Service for Her Majesty's Judiciary.

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:- front of 12-16 Militia Way, Ely; Shenfield, 69 Arundell, Ely; 39 Waterside, Ely; 55A-55B Waterside, Ely; 28 Chapel Street, Ely

Notification of road closures:- Ely Road B1382, Prickwillow – 8-9.12.18; Queen Adelaide Level Crossing, Ely – 20- 21.2.19; Lynn Road, Ely – 22-23.12.18

Street Naming & Numbering:- 2 Forsythia Road, Ely

Modernisation of MHCLG Model Bylaws

Thank you letter from Eddie's regarding grant received from this Council

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 5th November.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on the 8th October, which was approved. Cllr Lindsay informed members the Perspective walkabout results had now been received. There were 140 items, which are currently being split into who would be the responsible authority, by the Senior Administration Officer. This Council has a work plan to resolve the items identified which it is responsible for. The other authorities will be sent a list of those that are their responsibility. The Committee had agreed to reform the Signs and Lines Working Group and were looking for volunteers to be on this. A quotation for replacement LED bulbs in the Council's streetlights was approved at a cost of £1,641.44 plus VAT. It was agreed the Council should undertake a litter pick in Spring 2019.

Cllrs Every and Lindsay will pitch the Council's MHI bids at the panel meeting. Cllr Lindsay informed members of the suggestion to move some of the 'A' boards from the pavements onto some of the planters. This was still in discussion. Members noted the notes of the Ely in Bloom Working Group on the 25th September.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – Cllr Phillips presented a report of a meeting held on the 15th October, which was approved. Following a presentation from ‘Action for Swifts’ members had unanimously agreed to explore the possibility of the installation of swift boxes at the cemetery, after consultation with the Estates Manager. Members had agreed to purchase a notice board for the cemetery, with three quotes being obtained. It was also agreed to purchase two laptops, up to a value of £500 for the volunteers from the ‘Friends of Ely Cemetery’ to input the historical records. The proposed budget for 2019/20 was also agreed. Cllr Hobbs questioned as to why this Council was asking Prickwillow Village Hall to investigate avenues of funding for new play equipment. The Clerk explained that the original agreement with Prickwillow Village Hall was only for this Council to maintain the equipment. This Council cannot obtain funding for replacing the equipment as the land is owned by the Village Hall. This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting, once a response has been received from the Village Hall.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Arnold presented a report of a meeting held on the 1st October, which was approved. The proposed budget for 2019/20 was agreed. The tree will be erected on the 23rd November. Cllr Every asked if ECDC had confirmed their agreement to this date for the erection of the tree. The Clerk confirmed she would seek clarification on this from the Deputy Clerk.

(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.

(vii) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE – No report as Committee had not met.

At 7.40 pm a parishioner left the meeting.

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

CIL Working Group - Cllr Hobbs agreed to be a replacement for Cllr Austen on this group during her period of absence.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – members noted the minutes of a meeting held on the 10th September. Cllr Hobbs confirmed the Village Council had decided not to move forward, at the present time, with regards to the village green.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE TABLES AND CHAIRS LICENCE RENEWAL FOR THE FISH HOUSE, 5 MARKET PLACE, ELY

It was unanimously agreed to support this application. However, it was requested that their ‘A’ board be positioned within this area and not on the public open space. The applicant should ensure that barriers are also in place, as visually impaired people find it very difficult when there are tables and chairs in the highway. If a barrier is in place this aids their movement and prevents them from bumping into the tables and chairs.

15. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE TABLES AND CHAIRS LICENCE RENEWAL FOR COSTA COFFEE, 10 MARKET STREET, ELY

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16. TO CONSIDER MOTION PROPOSED BY CLLR PHILLIPS

Cllr Phillips wished to propose the motion that “this Council believes that the interests of the residents of Ely would best be protected by a referendum on the terms of leaving the EU”

Cllr Phillips said he had proposed this motion due to a request from a parishioner at a past meeting urging the Council to debate the issue of a second referendum, sometimes called a ‘Peoples Vote’. He felt this should be considered as it was an important topic, but also because this Council should respond to legitimate concerns raised by parishioners.

Cllr Phillips spoke further on the motion and why it should be supported. Cllr C Whelan agreed to second this motion. Members then gave their opinions on this motion. The Mayor called for a vote on this motion. The result was 4 votes for, 6 votes against and 2 abstentions. The motion was therefore not approved.

The Mayor thanked Cllr Phillips for bringing this to the Council and all the members for debating this issue so well.

17. TO RECEIVE A DISCUSSION PAPER FROM CLLR PHILLIPS REGARDING GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Cllr Phillips informed members the paper he had produced with the input of the members of the Working Group, was intended to be a discussion paper and requested it be referred to the next Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee. This was unanimously agreed.

18. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL’S CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Members noted this consultation.

19. ELY COMMUNITY BUS PARTNERSHIP

Members noted and discussed the report produced by Cllr Every. Cllr Moakes suggested the working on the Memorandum of Understanding, should include that longer term one of the principles should be to bring people to the City Centre, from the new developments on the outskirts of the City. He agreed to produce some wording for this.

After a lengthy discussion, members unanimously agreed to the City of Ely Council’s involvement in this partnership as per the Memorandum of Understanding. Cllr Every would be the County Council representative, Cllr Rouse the City of Ely Council’s representative and Cllr Hobbs the District Council’s representative. A sum of £1500 will be made available from this financial year to cover the production of neighbourhood timetables. This will be funded from CIL. Funding will be calculated and included in the draft budget for 2019/20 for the support of the Community Bus Project.

Cllr Every agreed to request that Stagecoach give an update at a Full Council meeting in two to three months.

20. TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL REGARDING STAFFING REVIEW

Cllr Hobbs proposed the quotation from LGRC Associates Ltd with regards to the staffing review be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Arnold and unanimously approved.

21. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments

Lex Autolease	243.27	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
FuelGenie	335.40	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	2641.32	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	154.77	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	164.46	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	2688.41	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	35.34	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	90.87	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	137.93	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	60.67	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	141.44	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	317.05	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	58.78	Paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	41.99	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	2678.07	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	62.24	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	72.26	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	160.85	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	283.93	Paid by direct debit
EE	96.55	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	324.28	Paid by direct debit
Liquidline	178.92	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp-Postalia Ltd	72.00	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp-Postalia Ltd	100.00	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	57.84	Paid by direct debit

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

Churches Fire Security Ltd	839.16	112031
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	48.63	112032
Tokkan-FX	25.00	112034
Notice Board Company Ltd	12.59	112035
Ely & Soham Electrical Services	139.40	112036
A G Hobbs	172.80	112037
S Blake	764.50	112038
Verve Digital Ltd	120.00	112039
RGP Security Services Ltd	234.00	112040
Shefs	914.16	112041
Businessclean (Cambridge) Ltd	990.00	112042
Mr K Cook	176.03	112043

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

G & J Peck Ltd	58.46	112044
Clearview Communications	14991.60	112045
DBL Promotion	360.00	112046
M Rogerson Ltd	792.00	112047
HEY Bendalls	900.00	112048
Meltemi Ltd	96.96	112049

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21. FINANCE CONTINUED

ECDC	2669.80	112050
Premier Decorations Ltd	4152.60	112051
ESPO	662.69	112052
Anglian Water	22.93	112053
Trade UK	305.35	112054
Ensign Solutions Ltd	13.80	112055
Anthony Love Seating Installations	1509.55	112056
Securitas Security Services (UK) Ltd	55.80	112057
S Bradley	350.00	112058
Cooleraid Ltd	53.70	112059
Aztek Services Ltd	75.00	112060
Ely Central Heating Services Ltd	446.00	112061
Fen Farm Supplies	35.00	112062
Office Furniture Online	856.80	112063
ATS Heritage	300.00	112064
Mile Tree Brewery Ltd	274.75	112065
Cheffins	152.78	112066
Nisbets	86.36	112067
XS Platforms UK Ltd	734.40	112068
Heathcote & Ivory Ltd	537.60	112069
Total Gas & Power	8.80	112070
Millennium Pest Control Ltd	66.00	112071
National Fed of Cem Friends	15.00	112072
Jewson Ltd	137.74	112073
Allens Skip Hire Ltd	168.00	112074
K Ellis	2036.00	112075
Deeping Direct Deliveries	115.20	112076
Warren Access	271.74	112077
Sterling Cleaning Services Ltd	50.40	112078
Andy Grant Ltd	144.00	112079
CCTV Volunteer	16.20	112080
CCTV Volunteer	20.70	112081
GreenCity Solutions Ltd	209.36	Paid by direct debit
Konica Minolta Bus Solutions (UK) Ltd	176.26	112082
ECDC	20.00	112083
We are Blueshed Ltd	288.00	112084
Anglian Water	449.09	112085
Trade UK	49.90	112054
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	157.80	Paid by direct debit
CamAlarms Ltd	175.75	112086
Archant Community Media Ltd	314.82	112087

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 24th September 2018

Salaries and wages	£27772.14
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£7932.28
Pension fund payments	£12733.57

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th September 2018

Cllr Anna Bailey, Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Ely South

City of Ely Council 22nd October 2018 - Cambridgeshire County Council Update

Ely Bypass

The completion of the long awaited Ely Bypass is coming ever closer and the road will open on 31st October 2018 at 2.30pm.



Budget Update

This year sees the greatest level of uncertainty for some time (at this time of year) in terms of the budget setting process for 2019/20 and beyond. The budget gap still to find for April 2019 is £20.8m and there are some potential large budget swings in funding from central Government. The new funding formula will not now be known until November 2019 for implementation in April 2020. As it currently stands, the Council is due to go into what is called “negative Revenue Support Grant” in 2019/20 meaning that not only would we no longer be receiving any Revenue Support Grant, in fact we would have to hand over £7.2m of locally collected Council Tax to central Government. The Council has been lobbying hard to avoid this situation which we can ill afford, but the outcome of this is as yet unknown. We do not yet have the new Business Rates Retention scheme in place, but there is a possibility that we may get selected for a one year pilot which would provide a new funding source until the new scheme comes in, in 2020/21. We do not yet know what the options will be for Council Tax or the Adult Social Care precept and we also do not know the future of the Better Care Fund.

The recently announced “Matt Hancock” money (£240m nationally) for adult social care winter pressures is welcome news, and will mean an additional £2.32m for Cambridgeshire. The extra funding comes at a time when adult social care across the country and in Cambridgeshire face unprecedented pressures on their services not just during the winter but all through the year. The demand for services has risen due to increases in the number of people living longer with a sharp rise in complex needs later in life. Over the next five years Cambridgeshire will have an increase in this population of two per cent, higher than the national average.

In summary, a lot of big ticket items that are still as yet unknown, making budgeting more difficult and less certain than in the past. Conservatives did provide some cushioning to this by creating a “smoothing reserve” in last year’s budget - it was much mocked by others in the Council at the time, who all put forward ideas for spending the money, but it is proving to be a very good thing that was done!

Highways Update

Lynn Road has now been resurfaced to the same specification as Cambridge Road and you will no doubt have seen many other local roads in and around Ely undergoing surface treatment. The A142 Stuntney Causeway is due to be completely rebuilt in January 2019, but I am pushing to try to ensure that the road is not closed during that period, but remains open with traffic management.

UK Power Networks (UKPN)

UKPN owns and is exclusively responsible for the maintenance and upgrading of the electricity infrastructure and supply network across London, the South East and the East of England.

The County Council relies on the services of UKPN to deliver and connect power to new infrastructure projects across Cambridgeshire. The performance of UKPN in delivering its services is critical to the Council's ability to deliver projects in a timely and efficient manner and can either enhance or damage the Council's reputation. In March 2018 I took a motion to Full Council which highlighted three examples of delays caused by UKPN to delivery of infrastructure across our district. These were the issues relating to the Ely Bypass, the resurfacing of Cambridge Road in Ely and the delivery of a pedestrian crossing in Haddenham.

Following unanimous support of the motion, the Chief Executive of CCC wrote to the Chief Executive of UKPN. Following this, I attended a meeting earlier this month with the CEO and Director of Customer Services at UKPN and the Chief Executive and Director of Place and Economy at CCC. At the meeting UKPN made an absolute commitment to providing excellent customer service to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough from here on in and will be having further meetings to review the list of current and imminent projects. We now have a direct route in to the CEO and Director of Customer Services who both say they are committed to dealing with any issues personally.

Needhams Foundation

I sit on the Needhams Foundation, which is a local charity founded from the estate of Catherine Needham in 1730, providing financial help to young people as well as providing grants to schools in Ely. We also recently agreed to offer bursaries to people attending the Bishop Laney Sixth Form at Ely College. It is open to anyone that has been educated in Ely and we are keen to receive more applications from individuals. Further details and an application form can be found here: <https://ely.org.uk/needhams.html>.

Anna Bailey, Cambridgeshire County Councillor for Ely South

Cllr Lis Every, Cambridgeshire County Councillor – Ely North

City of Ely Council 22 October 2018 – Cambridgeshire County Council Update

Cambridgeshire County Council

The Children and Young People's Committee has its own budget pressures. The numbers of children in care have been increasing nationally over recent years, with a particular increase in the last financial year. In Cambridgeshire, the national increase locally is compounded by both local population expansion and the previous increase in numbers of unaccompanied asylum seekers requiring care. Cambridgeshire when compared with statistical neighbours is above average for the rate of children in care. We continue to work on reducing the number of children in care through a more pro-active approach to ensuring more permanent care through appropriate adoption for our very young children whose permanent return to the family is unlikely and where appropriate a return to the family or extended family..

The current marketing strategy to find more local foster parents is bringing forward larger numbers of people prepared to consider fostering. More local fostering (which is £300 per week cheaper than agency fostering either local or outside the area) will result in much lower costs and is much better for the individual children.

The Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee continues to have concerns about the academic achievement of our young people in care. The review of the Virtual School is now complete and we await the recommendations from it. We were finally able to bring those involved in the mental health agenda in front of the committee. However, our approach to this issue has to be better (refer to the green paper on transforming children and young people's mental). This reports that most young people in care will have some form of mental issue. We are currently exploring what a 'good mental health care service' would look like and we will receive a report at the next meeting.

East Cambridgeshire District Council

EnterpriseEast, the economic development arm of ECDC, sponsored (along with other businesses) the Careers Event in the Cathedral on 9 October. All secondary schools in the area brought their Year 11, and Bishop Laney their Year 12 and 13 students. All the Ely and Littleport Year 5 students also attended, with nearly 60 businesses, FE colleges and universities. We hosted over 1,000 young people who behaved really well, demonstrating an interest in possible career paths and keeping our exhibitors on their toes with excellent questions.

EnterpriseEast launched their Apprenticeships.buzz portal which is a conduit between businesses, apprenticeship providers and young people. It de-mystifies and explains how to obtain or become an apprenticeship and advertises all the live vacancies in the area. It is also supported by very active social media backup. It is the only such portal in the Combined Authority and is likely to be used for the pilot arm of an Apprenticeship Hub which will be launched by the Adult Skills Service next year. We are in forefront again for this.

Their next venture is the Business Boost at the Hive on 23 November. Entry by advance booking.

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