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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, 11TH FEBRUARY 2019**

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson, Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr M Rouse

Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr M Lansell

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr P Moakes

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr C Whelan

Revd M Banyard, Mayor's Chaplain *2 parishioners*

County Cllr A Bailey

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev Banyard led the Council in prayer for Cllr John Yates who had passed away on the 21st January 2019. Before the start of the meeting a minute's silence was observed.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Every, Cllr Pearson and Cllr 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 14TH JANUARY 2019 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th January 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Pages 1719, 1720, 1721, 1722 and 1723 refer.

There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded members of his Mayoral dinner on the 23rd February. He also informed members of the charity car boot to be held at Tesco on Easter Sunday.

6. QUESTION TIME

A member of the public informed members they had spoken to ECDC's Planning officers regarding the advertising on the Ely in Bloom planters instead of 'A' boards, with regards to their connection with the East Cambs Access Group. They confirmed that permanent signs would need to have planning permission and it would be the responsibility of the City of Ely Council to obtain this. The Chairman thanked her for obtaining this information for the Council.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Members noted the report from County Cllr A Bailey. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

County Cllr Bailey left the meeting at 7.15 pm.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had presented prizes for album art at Babylon Gallery; given a talk to Chinese visitors at Sessions House; attended the opening of the A142 By-pass walkway; attended a visit with Jake Berry MP to Ely independent shops; attended the Elysian Beer Festival; attended the Parish Councils Conference at Isleham; attended an event for the Shade School at ECDC on local democracy; attended the preview of The Beautiful Stitch at the Lady Chapel; attended the Ely Ribe Association Dinner and Ely Rocks at the Prince Albert.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Parish Councils Conference at Isleham and the Ely Ribe Association Dinner.

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:- 39 Springhead Lane, Ely; 17 Bohemond Street, Ely; 19 Broad Street, Ely; 12 Birch Close, Ely; 18 Buckthorn, Ely; 22 Willow Walk, Ely;

Notification of Street Naming & Numbering:- 35 & 37 Old Bank, Prickwillow, Ely

Notification of road closures:- Forehill, Ely – 26-27.3.19; Victoria Street, Ely - 29.4-1.5.19

Thank you letters for grant from CamSAR and Cambridgeshire Hearing Help

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as the Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 25th February.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on the 5th February 2019, which was approved. The Committee is looking into the possibility of replacing some of the planters and it is hoped that some of the larger planters could be used to hang 'A' boards, in an attempt to keep them off the pathways. The refurbishment of two of the bus shelters on Cam Drive will be carried out by this Council. Members had discussed the question of the ownership of the war memorial at Prickwillow. The ownership is not clear, but this Council does have the power to repair, maintain and protect a war memorial within the district. The Mayor proposed this Council take over the maintenance of this. This was seconded by Cllr Lindsay and unanimously agreed. Prickwillow Village Council will publish this intention in their village newsletter, to ensure there are no other claims to ownership. Quotations will be obtained for the installation of three new lamp posts in Annesdale, Chapel Street and West End.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – Cllr Phillips presented a report of a meeting held on the 21st January 2019, which was approved. Members noted the upgrade to the equipment at High Barns had commenced and the installation of the fitness equipment at St John's Road will commence on the 7th February. It had been agreed that as the fitness equipment is the first of its kind for this Council, a press release should be issued once the installation is complete. Cllr Phillips informed members there had been three complaints regarding this equipment from local residents, as they were concerned it would attract anti-social behaviour. Cllr Phillips had been in contact with all of the complainants and informed them that this was planned and funded as part of a scheme to make the community fitter. He asked them to give the equipment a chance.

The storage shed extension at the cemetery was now complete, apart from some lighting and electric sockets that need to be installed. The storage containers will be removed this week. Cllr Phillips proposed the recommendation to increase the cemetery fees by 2.5% for the year 2019/20 be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Arnold and unanimously approved. The Deputy Clerk had submitted a planning application for the erection of a 6ft high fence adjacent to New Barns Avenue and for change of use of the recycling area at the cemetery to burial land. Quotes will be obtained for upgrading of equipment at Willow Walk and The Park, Cherry Hill, as Section 106 money has already been allocated for these projects.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Arnold presented a report of a meeting held on the 4th February, which was approved. Cllr Arnold informed members there would be an additional meeting of the Committee to discuss the pros and cons of possibly moving the Switch On event to a Sunday. Members noted the matters of concern which had been reported to the Committee.

2 parishioners left the meeting at 7.45 pm.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

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

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

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as the Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 18th February.

(vii) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE - No report as the Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 12th February 2019.

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

CIL Working Group – notes of a meeting held on the 7th February were noted and approved. Members unanimously approved the recommendation for £6,500 for the provision of defibrillators in Ely.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Allotments and Garden Association – notes of a meeting held on the 19th December 2018 were noted. As representatives of the Council, some members had attended meetings of the various Drainage Boards. Budget setting had been undertaken at these meetings.

14. NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2019/2020

The nomination of Cllr Alison Arnold for Mayor, proposed by Cllr M Rouse and seconded by Cllr R Hobbs was unanimously approved. There were no nominations for Deputy Mayor.

15. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC’S CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ENFORCEMENT POLICY 2019

Members agreed to make no comments on this consultation, but felt members should respond as individuals if they wished.

16. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON AN APPLICATION TO TRADE FROM A CONSENT STREET

Members fully supported this application for the Fisherman’s car park, Willow Walk, Ely subject to there being no loss of car parking spaces in the car park and the applicant must ensure he clears all rubbish generated from his business.

17. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONS SCHEME – NEW FAIR DEAL CONSULTATION

Members agreed to make no comments on this consultation.

18. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC’S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2019/20

Members agreed to make no comments on this consultation.

The Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, regarding agenda item 19, 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 Arnold and agreed to go into Committee at the end of the meeting.

19. TO CONSIDER EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS FOR THE MALTINGS COTTAGE

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

20. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments and BACS payments

Lex Autolease	695.29	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	248.41	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	28.32	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	60.74	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	155.88	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	672.78	Paid by direct debit

20. FINANCE CONTINUED

FuelGenie	82.04	Paid by direct debit
Plan Communications Ltd	41.99	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	205.47	Paid by direct debit
Green City Solutions	212.69	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	164.93	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	141.48	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	137.52	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	49.00	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	3335.56	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	257.48	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	150.00	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	60.64	Paid by direct debit
EE	96.26	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	514.73	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	897.91	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	307.14	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	177.05	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

Valueswift Ltd	176.50	112272
Page Fine Jewellery	60.00	112273
Businessclean (Cambridge) Ltd	990.00	112274
Eden Farm Hulley's	102.84	112275
BFS Group Ltd	1600.55	112276
National Pen Promotional Products Ltd	164.99	112277
Lunchbox	241.45	112278
Shefs	154.44	112279
ECDC	114.00	112280
Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce	120.00	112281
Thorlabs Ltd	1109.40	Paid by BACS

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

Travis Perkins	26.50	112282
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	89.42	112283
ECDC	324.00	112284
Jean Barrington Ltd	473.47	112285
Assoc of Town Centre Management	144.00	112286
RBS Ltd	77.59	112287
Ely & Soham Electrical Services Ltd	280.00	112288
Gordon Harrison	190.27	112289
ECDC	195.20	112290
G & J Peck Ltd	27.57	112291
Total Gas & Power	10.17	112292
Trade UK	46.97	112293
Jewson Ltd	208.75	112294
CCTV Volunteer	10.80	112295
S Redgrave	50.00	112296
First Aid Training Services Ltd	1080.00	112297
Withall Electrical Ltd	1152.96	112298
Warren Access	542.40	112299
Deeping Direct Deliveries	349.20	112300
Digital Creations Cambridgeshire Ltd	150.00	112301
Clearview Communications Ltd	18.00	112302
Page Fine Jewellery	90.00	112303
Heelis & Lodge	200.00	112304

20. FINANCE CONTINUED

Arco Ltd	27.79	112305
CamAlarms Ltd	166.55	112306
ATS Heritage	300.00	112307
City Cycle Centre	26.04	112308
Caterfix Ltd	993.60	112309
Businessclean (Cambridge) Ltd	1012.80	112310
Ensign Solutions Ltd	397.20	112311
BFS Group Ltd	745.37	112312
Allens Skip Hire Ltd	360.00	112313
Securitas Security Services Ltd	55.80	112314
Verve Digital	120.00	112315
S Blake	566.50	112316
Partnership Invoice Finance Ltd	4286.00	112317
Ely Tool Hire Ltd	128.35	112318
ESPO	291.43	112319
Amazon Payments Europe SCA	188.22	112330
ESPO	120.21	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	766.20	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	411.10	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	274.82	Paid by direct debit
Meltemi Ltd	96.96	112320
Cooleraid Ltd	23.70	112321
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	29998.80	112322
Anglia Stairlifts Ltd	840.00	112323
ElyiMagazine	462.35	112324
CCTV Volunteer	5.40	112325
Amazon Payments Europe SCA	4.20	112330
Amazon Payments Europe SCA	26.97	112330
CCTV Volunteer	2.99	112326
Jean Barrington Ltd	133.92	112285
ESPO	22.38	112319
CamAlarms Ltd	133.20	112306
M Rogerson Ltd	2736.00	112327
Trade UK	212.44	112293
Greene King Brewing & Retailing Ltd	404.88	Paid by direct debit
Liquidline Ltd	192.47	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	43.20	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	10.17	112292
Anglian Water	429.34	112328
Shefs	880.44	112329

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 14th January 2019

Salaries and wages	£26,349.53
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£6,752.16
Pension fund payments	£11,759.71

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st December 2018 and for the period ending 31st January 2019, which had been tabled.

Cllr Anna Bailey, Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Ely South

City of Ely Council 11th February 2019

Stuntney Cycle/Footpath - Funding Approved

The proposed scheme to improve and extend the existing cycle/footpath from Stuntney to Ely went to the County Council's Economy & Environment Committee in early January and was awarded £175k funding in the 2019/20 budget round which is the total cost of the scheme that was worked up. I have sent the DRAFT concept drawings to Stuntney Village Council, (which were only indicative to bid for the funding). Detailed drawings will now be prepared and I will ensure the Village Council is consulted on these when they are ready.

404	East Cambs	A142 Stuntney to Ely cycleway/footway - part of the wider scheme Cycle Route Soham to Ely (via Stuntney).	£175,000	£175,000	-	-	The Stuntney to Ely scheme is part of the wider Soham-Stuntney-Ely Cycle Route scheme. This scheme scored high on the Delivery Case and has local support.	4.17
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Ely Bypass - Walkway and Underpass Update

The bypass walkway, which was part of the mitigation required to get the bypass through the planning process, was officially opened on 23rd January 2019. It is a magnificent, high quality piece of infrastructure, containing 252 tonnes of steel, 25 tonnes of sustainable timber and 380m of stainless steel handrail! It joins the Ouse Valley Way and the Fen Rivers Way footpaths.



Work at the railway underpass continues. There have been delays caused by unexpected cabling found deep under the road surface, additional improvements to drainage, and a delay to the overheight vehicle flashing warning signs which are having to be specially made. The road is now due to reopen on 28th February 2019.

County Council Budget

The previously reported situation about the negative Revenue Support Grant has now been finalised, with the Government confirming that the County Council will not be required to pay the £7m of negative RSG to central Government - very welcome news!

The County Council's budget was agreed at the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 5th February. The financial situation at the County Council remains challenging but we have been able to balance the budget in 2019/20 and are making additional funding available for Highways maintenance (a total of £28.7m extra in the period 2018 to 2024), including footpaths, and adults and children's social care.

We continue to push for fairer funding for the County Council which has one of the lowest per head of population funding levels in the country. The fairer funding review is undergoing another round of public consultation.

Staff Pay at the County Council

You may have read reports that the Chief Executive decided to enact the agreement made previously with the unions which saw a shut down for three days at Christmas, with those earning over £26,000 not receiving pay for the additional three days holiday. This saved the County Council £900k. Council Members have also taken the same level of cut to their allowances.

Political Literature Incorrect

Some opposition Council Members at the District Council, supported by their senior County Council colleagues, have been circulating and supporting leaflets stating that the County Council is in “financial meltdown”, is “facing bankruptcy” and that “care for elderly people is...likely to be badly hit”. These statements are irresponsible, frightening and untrue. As Chairman of the Adults Committee that oversees the delivery of adult social care at Cambridgeshire County Council, I would like to reassure all older people and their families in and around Ely, with or without a care package, that the statement that “Care for elderly people is also likely to be badly [financially] hit” is absolutely wrong. In fact the County Council plans to spend an average of 6% *extra* per year for the next five years - an additional £11m per annum by 2023.

A further statement in the same leaflet that “budgets are being slashed” in relation to highways maintenance this winter is also incorrect. Last year, the administration increased this year’s budget for potholes by £2m. In addition to this extra £2m, the County Council also secured a further £2.3m for drought damaged roads which the administration agreed to top up with an extra £2.2m. Further, the County Council has obtained an additional £6.6m for extra maintenance this winter, which includes nearly £1m specifically set aside for footpaths. So, an increase of £13.1m in total this winter.

The statements that the County Council is facing “bankruptcy” and “financial meltdown” are also wholly incorrect. The Council is a very considerable landowner across the county, has an absolute track record of responsible and sound financial management, and no concerns have been raised by the external auditors, which is not the case in other local authority areas, particularly those with social care responsibilities.

A10 Roundabouts

I am continuing to push the case for the A142/A10 (“BP”) and Lancaster Way roundabouts and met with key staff from the Combined Authority recently. I am looking to get the BP roundabout included on the District Council’s Regulation 123 list so that it could potentially benefit from Community Infrastructure Levy funding. Some works will take place in the short term, but I want to ensure that the best possible solution is delivered so that works are not abortive and public funds are put to the best possible use.

Supporting the High Street



East Cambs was pleased to host a visit to Ely by Jake Merry MP, Minister for High Streets on 24th January. A meeting with Mr Berry took place including local Councillors, Lucy Frazer MP and local retailers to discuss the challenges facing our High Streets. A number of things were discussed including the Government’s “Future High Streets Fund” where we went into detail about how to increase our chances of submitting a

successful bid. We also talked about the Combined Authority’s Market Town Feasibility Study, the challenges of business rates for small independents and the unfair playing field of the costs of running a private independent retail business versus charity shops and the online giants such as Amazon. Mr Berry then went into Ely to speak directly with shop keepers in the city centre.

Cambridgeshire Archives Move

The Archives service has now closed to prepare the archives for the move to the new site in Ely at The Dock, Angel Drove. There are 855 tonnes of historical documents from the 13th century. The new site is due to open in the autumn.

RECAP Awarded Funding for Research Project Aimed at Eliminating Plastic Waste

The RECAP Waste Partnership is taking part in a project with the University of Cambridge. The RECAP Partnership, which consists of Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council and the five Cambridgeshire district / city councils, will work alongside this project to help deliver tangible benefits from the research.

The University of Cambridge's Centre for Circular Economy Approaches to Eliminate Plastic Waste is one of eight new research projects exploring ways of making, using and recycling plastics which have been announced by the Science Minister, Chris Skidmore, on 18 December 2018.

The County Council adopted a motion last year that I took to Full Council to have a "Purge on Plastics" and further detail on progress made with that work will come forward soon.

Anna Bailey, Cambridgeshire County Councillor for Ely South

