



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY,
24TH MAY 2022 AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY.**

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman held a minute's silence in memory of Cllr Mike Rouse who passed away on the 19th May 2022. Cllr Every gave a tribute to Cllr Rouse, as both a colleague and a personal friend.

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson – Clerk to the Council

Cllr R Morgan, Mayor

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr R Denness

Cllr S Austen

Cllr S Bellow

Cllr D Warman

Cllr E Every

Cllr I Lindsay

10 parishioners

County Cllr P Coutts

1. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Ganivet, Cllr Wilkins and Cllr Harris and their reasons accepted.

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 4TH APRIL 2022 AND MATTERS ARISING AND MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING AND MAYOR MAKING HELD ON THE 16TH MAY 2022 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th April 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957 refer. There were no matters arising. The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on the 16th May 2022 were agreed as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that on the 14th June it is the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands war and on the 23rd June, it is the 20th Cambridgeshire County Day at Newmarket. He also informed councillors he would be arranging a councillor seminar in September. He had mentioned in his acceptance speech the issue with parking outside the war memorial and requested that the Climate & Environment Committee look at this issue.

6. QUESTION TIME

A parishioner paid a tribute to Cllr Mike Rouse, who had recently passed away. Another parishioner said that Cllr Rouse had supported proposals they had for the Maltings Cottage and they hoped that the Assets and Tourism and Town Centre Committees could get together to discuss the use of this building. The Chairman informed the parishioner he had met with ECDC and would be reporting back to the next Assets Committee meeting. Three residents from the Maltings area asked questions in relation to the committee procedure at the last Assets Committee in regard to exclusion of the public in relation to the item on the use of the Maltings Green, policy implementation and how the new Policy for the use of the Green will be delivered and the responsibility for clients of the Maltings and RBK. The Clerk responded to all these questions. Another parishioner asked about the CCTV camera in the Country Park and explained about all the recent vandalism in this area. The Clerk confirmed the camera was working and the Council had not received any requests for reviewing of any incidents. Cllr Every agreed to take this issue back to ECDC.

3 parishioners left the meeting at 7.26 pm.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from County Cllrs Coutts and A Whelan. A copy of which will be attached to the minutes. A written report was also received from Cllr C Whelan, in her capacity as a District Councillor. A copy of which will also be attached to the minutes. Cllr Austen complained about the condition of the footpaths along West Fen Road and how difficult it was for mobility scooters to drive along these safely. Cllr Coutts agreed to follow this up and go back to her. He also stressed how important it was to ensure that all potholes were reported on-line via the County Council's website.

County Cllr Coutts left the meeting at 7.37 pm.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the St George's Day Church Service and dinner; the Annual Council Meeting; event at the Cathedral – table for the nation unveiling and Royal visit; St Ives Annual Council Meeting, meeting of Prickwillow Village Council and a meeting with the Deputy Mayor and Clerk. The Deputy Mayor had attended the 1st anniversary reception of the refurbishment of Ely Museum. The past Mayor had attended Ely Sinfonia Concert; Ely Hero Awards presentation; Ely Cathedral – Evensong Service and presentation to RAF of the Christmas Lights certificates.

9. PLANNING

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

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received and noted:-

Notification of Road Closures:- Queen Adelaide BGK Level Crossing, Ely Road, Queen Adelaide, Ely – 7-8.5.22; Deacons Lane, Ely – 21-23.6.22; Prickwillow Road, Queen Adelaide, Ely – 4-6.7.22 & 11-12.7.22; Prickwillow Road, Ely – 19 – 21.7.21

Street Naming and Numbering:- 1, 2 & 3 Northminster House, 27 High Street Back, Ely; The Farm Office, Harlocks Farm, Soham Road, Stuntney, Ely

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) **PERSONNEL, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE** – Cllr A Whelan presented a report of a meeting held on the 11th April 2022, which was approved. Cllr A Whelan felt the proposed Standing Orders were not as agreed at the meeting, so could not recommend approval of these. These will be taken back to the next Personnel, Finance and Governance meeting on the 30th May for further discussion. Members agreed the CIL request for funding for the refurbishment projects planned for the Maltings for £13,176.32. Members unanimously approved the reappointment of the Internal Auditor for the financial year 2022/23. Members noted the formal appointment of the part-time Tourist Information Centre Assistant, Mrs L Price. Members had agreed the appointment of an IT support company at a cost of £2,224 for the year. The Mayor proposed the Council approve the amended Memorandum of Agreement with ADeC for 2022/23. This was seconded by Cllr Every and unanimously approved.

(ii) **CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT** – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on the 19th April 2022, which was approved. Cllr Lindsay informed members the 15 trees, which represent the 15 Councillors of the City of Ely Council will have a small plaque explaining why they have been planted. Progress has been very slow with the 20s Plenty speed reduction campaign.

(iii) **ASSETS** – Cllr Morgan presented a report of a meeting held on the 3rd May 2022, which was approved. The planting plan for the sensory garden was moving forward and the construction had now begun with paths being installed. The Christmas tree and the hire of the hoists are in the process of being ordered. A meeting will be held at Sessions House with a representative from the Ely Allotments & Gardens Association to find a suitable location for the display of their 45 trophies. The request for the funding of the replacement windows from the Council's general reserve had not been made at Full Council, so this will need to be considered at the next Full Council meeting. Members agreed to extend RBK's lease for a further 10 years when it expires in 2024. The Mayor proposed that the Policy for the use of the Maltings Green be approved and adopted. Cllr A Whelan requested that the wording regarding community use be amended to say, including but not limited to. This amendment was agreed. Cllr Phillips seconded the proposal and this was unanimously approved. Cllr Phillips informed councillors that the first Muslim burial had taken place at the cemetery. He had met with the Ely Muslim Association following the burial, along with the Deputy Clerk and the Estates Manager. It had been appreciated how everyone had worked together to achieve this burial.

(iv) **TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE** – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 13th June 2022.

12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Members noted the notes of meetings from:-

Prickwillow Village Council held on the 4th April 2022 – Cllr Lindsay informed members two MVAs will be purchased shortly, which will hopefully help with speeding.

City of Ely Allotments and Gardens Association held on the 23rd May 2022 - Cllr Denness informed members it had been agreed to invite a representative from the Association to attend Sessions House to discuss suitable locations for their trophies to be displayed and also the Bridge Fen asbestos issue would be discussed at the next Climate & Environment Committee meeting.

Cllr Phillips informed members there would a meeting of Ely Trinity Dole on the 26th May, where there was to be a discussion regarding Ely Trinity Dole being wound up and incorporated in to the Needham's Foundation. He felt the Council should be formally consulted on this as direct descents as church wardens. The City Council's representative has a formal role so it must be consulted if there is a new set up proposed.

13. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC'S CONSULTATION REGARDING EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PLAN SINGLE ISSUE REVIEW(SIR) – PROPOSED SUBMISSION

It was agreed councillors would respond as individuals. Members felt that the Council should review their decision regarding not to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and felt a working group should be set up to review this again. The Clerk will invite Sally Bonnett from ECDC to talk about this at a Full Council meeting.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL'S DRAFT CAMBRIDGESHIRE'S ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY

It was agreed councillors would respond as individuals.

15. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

Cllr Every proposed the Council approves the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements for 2021/22 and the signing of the balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2022 and to also note the Internal Auditor's last check for 2021/22. This was seconded by Cllr Lindsay and unanimously approved. Cllr Every wanted to record thanks to the Clerk for all her hard work in relation to this.

16. TO PASS A RESOLUTION THAT BOTH MS LYNETTE PRICE AND MISS CHARLOTTE HUSSEY BE SPECIFIED AS PENSIONABLE EMPLOYEES UNDER REGULATION B1(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS 1986 (AS AMENDED)

Cllr A Whelan proposed that the resolution that both Ms Lynette Price and Miss Charlotte Hussey be specified as pensionable employees under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as amended). This was seconded by Cllr C Whelan and unanimously approved.

17. FORMAL SIGNING OF THE FUNDING AGREEMENT FROM THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY FOR THE MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME – ELY CCTV NETWORK EXPANSION

Cllr Every proposed this agreement be formally signed by the Mayor. This was seconded by Cllr Lindsay and unanimously approved. The Chairman signed the agreement.

18. TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION REGARDING MOVING FORWARD WITH THE APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC WORKS BOARD LOAN

To consider resolution to seek approval of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to apply for a Public Works Loan Board loan of £85,518.40 over the borrowing term of 5 years for the replacement of the retractable seating in the Maltings. The annual loan repayments will come to around £16,661.48. It is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments

Members considered the following resolution:-

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19. FINANCE

Cllr Phillips proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Warman and unanimously approved.

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments and BACS payments

ECDC	948.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	279.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	1821.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	923.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	499.00	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	78.66	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	383.70	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	352.06	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	352.06	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	136.07	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	895.04	Paid by direct debit
Liquidline Ltd	307.20	Paid by direct debit
Liquidline Ltd	129.00	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	65.68	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	476.59	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	72.00	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	250.00	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	107.08	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	42.54	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	19.50	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	2488.23	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Liquidline Ltd	139.46	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	2943.67	Paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	848.89	Paid by direct debit
Drax Energy Solutions Ltd	35.69	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	242.76	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	872.47	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	317.30	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	547.96	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	164.10	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	112.95	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	3391.38	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	7.81	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	132.35	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	1227.85	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	277.03	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	65.68	Paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	250.00	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	40.26	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	109.49	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	145.92	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	3574.73	Paid by direct debit
TotalEnergies Gas & Power	13.30	Paid by direct debit

19. FINANCE CONTINUED.....

Barclaycard	2536.89	Paid by direct debit
Drax Energy Solutions Ltd	34.57	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	191.85	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	1171.12	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	170.46	Paid by direct debit
ESPO	114.98	Paid by direct debit
Zurich	12215.66	Paid by BACS
S Blake	445.50	Paid by BACS
Shefs	1254.00	Paid by BACS
Boon Books	62.50	Paid by BACS
Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	516.00	Paid by BACS
Ely Diocesan Board of Finance	720.00	Paid by BACS
P Kilkelly	750.00	Paid by BACS
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	80.97	Paid by BACS
Kamarin Computers Ltd	667.20	Paid by BACS
SMBE Direct Ltd	132.00	Paid by BACS
B Richardson	30.00	Paid by BACS
Cambs Turf Nurseries	96.00	Paid by BACS
Elyi Magazine	400.00	Paid by BACS
Calico Cottage	306.84	Paid by BACS
H C Electrical	292.32	Paid by BACS
Grocers Brokers Ltd	328.32	Paid by BACS
RGP Security Services Ltd	115.20	Paid by BACS
S Bradley	300.00	Paid by BACS
We Are Blueshed Ltd	900.00	Paid by BACS
Kevin Robinson	45.00	Paid by BACS
Trade UK	298.32	Paid by BACS
Mile Tree Brewery Ltd	252.43	Paid by BACS
Studio Nova Ltd	1185.00	Paid by BACS
Eden Farm Hulleys	217.06	Paid by BACS
Ely Central Heating Services Ltd	100.00	Paid by BACS
S Bradley	300.00	Paid by BACS
RGP Security Services Ltd	105.60	Paid by BACS
M Routledge	980.00	Paid by BACS
Shefs	464.82	Paid by BACS
Kamarin Computers Ltd	2001.60	Paid by BACS
ATS Heritage	234.00	Paid by BACS
D Holt	50.00	Paid by BACS
L Villegas Cid	232.00	Paid by BACS
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	720.00	Paid by BACS
We Are Blueshed Ltd	444.00	Paid by BACS
Shefs	792.00	Paid by BACS
Grays Surfacing	8424.00	Paid by BACS
S Blake	843.50	Paid by BACS
Clearview Communications Ltd	3683.40	Paid by BACS
Yandell Publishing Ltd	450.00	Paid by BACS
Zurich	56.00	Paid by BACS
L Ault	51.00	Paid by BACS
Ellgia Ltd	150.75	Paid by BACS

19. FINANCE CONTINUED.....

Gem Heating Solutions	84.00	Paid by BACS
Cambridge Art	1107.00	Paid by BACS
DTP Southfield	702.72	Paid by BACS
Trade UK	140.92	Paid by BACS
Studio Nova	300.00	Paid by BACS
RGP Security Services Ltd	76.80	Paid by BACS
Dr A R Khan	2096.00	Paid by BACS
Shefs	672.00	Paid by BACS
Grays Surfacing	13848.00	Paid by BACS
L Ault	20.40	Paid by BACS

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

ECDC	8157.75	114028
Millennium Pest Control Ltd	72.00	114029
Eden Farm Hulley's	33.44	114030
Thomas Ridley & Son Ltd	990.31	114031
RGP Security Services Ltd	316.80	114032
KOMPAN Ltd	21801.93	114033
Ensign Solutions Ltd	201.60	114034
HAGS-SMP Ltd	337.09	114035
Jewson Ltd	95.99	114036
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	56.88	114037
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	147.02	114038
D Bates	16.65	114039
S Thompson	10.95	114040
L Price	58.00	114041
Nisbets	106.38	114042
Thomas Ridley & Son Ltd	465.77	114043
ESPO	615.32	114044
Anglia Sprayers Ltd	34.13	114045
ECDC	5167.62	114046
ECDC	199.53	114046
ECDC	101.00	114046
Allens Skip Hire Ltd	190.00	114047
R Morgan	48.60	114048
City Cycle Centre	142.40	114049
Harper Collins Publishers	65.92	114050
Meltemi Ltd	66.20	114051
Gordon Harrison	6.60	114052
Konica Minolta Bus Sols Ltd	218.88	114053
G & J Peck Ltd	14.58	114054
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	930.60	114055

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

Aztek Services Ltd	625.50	114057
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	452.40	Paid by direct debit
Greenworks Solutions Ltd	1413.90	Paid by BACS
Aztek Services Ltd	187.22	114057

19. FINANCE CONTINUED.....

EDF Energy	292.80	114058
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	37.10	114059
C Tyler	38.98	114060
Harper Collins Publishers	43.97	114061
Newmarket Community Arts Creative Forum	200.00	Paid by BACS
Prestige Fire Safety Limited	1290.00	Paid by BACS
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	18.49	114059
Thomas Ridley & Son Ltd	379.03	114063
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	250.00	Paid by direct debit
Heelis & Lodge	350.00	114062
Konica Minolta Bus Sols UK Ltd	176.26	114064
Greene King Brewing & Retailing Ltd	1489.57	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	216.00	114066
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Virgin Media	62.40	Paid by direct debit
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	17.65	114059
Eden Farm Hulley's	34.27	114065
Worldpay	275.13	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	544.39	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	405.20	114066
Eden Farm Hulley's	174.61	114068
Chatteris & Manea Silver Band	250.00	Paid by BACS
M Routledge	965.00	Paid by BACS
M Basford	150.00	Paid by BACS
Studio Nova	72.00	Paid by BACS
Amazon Payments UK Ltd	47.92	114059
British Telecommunications	42.54	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	107.08	Paid by direct debit
Cambridge Mobility Ltd	60.00	Paid by BACS
East Cambs Trading Co Ltd	455.88	114069
S St John	27.20	114070
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	250.00	Paid by direct debit
Mr M Green	150.00	114056
T Corcoran	400.00	114067

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 4th April 2022

Salaries and wages	£28,540.65 (April)	£31,599.25 (May)
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£10,083.66	£9,404.97
Pension fund payments	£9,892.56	£8,964.37

Councillors noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the periods ending 28th February 2022 and 31st March 2022

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Ely County Councillors' Report

Cllr Alison Whelan, Ely North

Councillor Piers Coutts, Ely South

May 2022

FINANCES & COUNCIL ASSETS

This Land

The County Council is currently seeking a new Chair for its development company *This Land*.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Ofsted Inspection

Senior leaders in Children's Services at Cambridgeshire County Council have responded well to the challenges of COVID-19 and have ensured children stayed safe, according to Ofsted inspectors.

The inspectors also praised senior leaders at the authority for maintaining continuity throughout structural changes.

The team from Ofsted visited the Council in March. They acknowledged the challenges of social worker recruitment in the county but added that leaders recognised this. They particularly praised the support from 'well-informed, committed' councillors, adding that with financial investment, action was being taken to strengthen services.

They found that most children in need and those with a child protection plan were supported well, and that children's practitioners held cases that were appropriate to their role, and received regular supervision.

Inspectors highlighted some areas for improvement, mostly related to capacity and staffing.

The full report is at [50181344 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/50181344)

More children offered first choice primary school

The proportion of children in Cambridgeshire offered a place at their preferred primary school for this September has risen.

A total of 95.1 per cent were offered a place at their first choice school – up from 94.4 per cent last year.

The proportion offered a place at their second choice school was down slightly from 3.9 per cent in 2021 to 3.1 per cent this year. A total of 0.6 per cent were offered a place at their third choice school—the same as last year.

The Council's school admissions team received and processed more applications than last year—up from 6420 to 6568.

COMMUNITIES, SOCIAL MOBILITY & INCLUSION

Household Support Fund

During 2021/22 the Council administered the Household Support Fund scheme to support those most in need over the winter months, primarily with food and fuel costs. This used £2,457,158 of Government funding.

The Joint Administration's budget in February set aside £1M for a new Household Support Fund wider scheme for 2022/23. In March the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced further funding for the Household Support Fund nationally. We do not yet know how much of that is allocated to Cambridgeshire.

The £1M provided from Council funding will enable the 2022/23 offer to be more flexible, as it will not be limited by the Government rules that applied to last year's funding.

Community grants

The Committee has awarded grants to thirteen community organisations from its 'Innovate & Cultivate' Fund, now rebadged Cultivate Cambs. Included in these is £15,000 for Cambridge Re-Use, to support their scheme to offer donated furniture and home wares at very low cost to low-income families in Cambridge, East Cambridgeshire and South Cambridgeshire.

Ukraine Response Group

A Cambridgeshire Ukraine Response Group has been established to bring together a range of organisations in a co-ordinated response. The Group meets at least twice weekly

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

Solar Together discount offers

Solar Together Cambridgeshire is a partnership between Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridgeshire's district councils, to offer homeowners high-quality solar PV panels through a group purchasing scheme.

The first round of the scheme in autumn 2020 saw just under 1,000 installations completed. The second round which has just taken place resulted in more than 9,000 registrations of interest. This is 59 per cent higher than the total registration figures in the autumn 2020 scheme.

Homeowners are able to secure average discounts of 34 per cent compared to typical market rates. Those taking up the scheme will also benefit from the recent removal of VAT for solar PV.

Three winning bidders—Greenscape Energy, Green Energy Together UK, and Everyone's Energy—have been chosen to carry out the installations.

#LetsGetOutdoors

The County Council has launched a #LetsGetOutdoors campaign which is encouraging people to make use of Cambridgeshire's fantastic parks. The campaign is highlighting a new online map

<https://www.cambsopenspace.co.uk/> which lists all the main green spaces across Cambridgeshire.

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

Local Highway Improvement bids

The Highways & Transport Committee met on 26 April and awarded funding to the successful Local Highway Improvement bids from parishes.

Here in East Cambridgeshire there were successful bids from Soham, Lode, Fordham, Burrough Green, Sutton, Cheveley, Chippenham, Woodditton, Haddenham, Wilburton, Isleham, and Wicken.

The Committee has set up a working group, to review the Local Highway Improvement scheme process. Subject to that group's

proposals, the provisional application window for next year's round will be October-November 2022, with approval of schemes in June 2023 and pricing and construction March-June 2024.

20MPH zones

A Council working group on the implementation of 20MPH zones in Cambridgeshire is due to hold its first meeting soon.

No Mow May

Cambridgeshire County Council has stopped cutting grass on its road verges during May this year to support local biodiversity, with a particular focus on pollinators such as bees.

'No Mow May' is run by Plantlife, an organisation that promotes the maintenance and growth of wildflowers, plants and fungi. According to Plantlife, more than 700 species of wildflowers grow on road verges in the UK. Cutting the grass less often will help reduce carbon emissions, as well as providing habitats for pollinators, such as bees, to thrive. The Council is also encouraging all local parish councils that cut verges on its behalf to take part in No Mow May.

Road safety is a priority for Cambridgeshire County Council, so in agreement with Plantlife the Council will still cut grass where leaving it could cause danger, such as at junctions or bends.

District Council Report May 2022

Cllr Christine Whelan

Full council meetings are now live streamed on you tube, this change took place when the full council meetings moved to the Council chamber having previously met in bigger venues due to covid restrictions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXiCN1kwjjk> for the full recording.

This month's meeting was to agree the administration and committee places for the next municipal year.

At the beginning of the meeting there was an official presentation to Jo Brooks who is retiring due to ill health. There were speeches and votes of thanks given for the service she had given to the council.

One motion was presented by the Liberal Democrats

Accessible public toilet Motion

A motion that was put to the Full Council for improvements to public toilet provision in East Cambridgeshire was proposed, seconded—and then the Council administration referred it without debate to one of its committees, which is not due to meet next until late June.

There were no questions from members of the public and no petitions were presented.

Questions were submitted from councillors to other councillors as it has been agreed that any member can ask any other member a question.

Isleham neighbourhood plan was formally adopted.

Committee memberships, Chairs and vice chairs were elected.

The full agenda and links can be found on:

<https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/council-19052022>