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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY  
AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY, 29TH MARCH 2022**

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

The Mayor, Cllr S Austen

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr R Denness

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr E Every

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr V Ganivet

Cllr K Wilkins

Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr D Warman

*2 representatives of City of Ely Allotments and Gardens Association*

*2 representatives of the Ely Ribe Twinning Association*

*1 member of the public*

*7 representatives of the Voluntary Organisations giving reports*

*A minutes silence was held to remember Cllr Arnie Arnold, following his recent sudden passing on the 5th March 2022.*

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Whelan.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 29TH MARCH 2021**

Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 29th March 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 164, 165 and 166 refer.

### **3. MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. She said it was lovely to see everyone in person and thanked parishioners and representatives from organisations for attending.

### **4. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

The Committee Chairmen spoke about their Annual Reports, which had been issued with agendas and answered questions raised.

#### **(i) Chairman's Annual Report**

No questions.

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#### **4. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS CONTINUED .....**

##### **(ii) Personnel, Finance and Governance**

No questions.

##### **(iii) Planning**

No questions

##### **(iv) Assets**

No questions.

##### **(v) Environment**

No questions.

##### **(vi) Christmas Lights**

No questions. A parishioner thanked the Council for putting on such a superb Christmas lights display last year.

##### **(vii) Assets and Acquisitions**

No questions.

##### **(viii) Tourism and Town Centre**

No questions. A parishioner who was the Chair of the Neighbourhood Watch East Cambs Group raised their concerns regarding the recent anti-social behaviour within the city and especially on Palace Green, near the canon, with groups of people drinking. As this had an order issued in the past to make it a no drinking zone, could this be done again. Cllr Every said that as this was an anti-social behaviour matter it was not the responsibility of this Council, but as she was the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership at ECDC they may be able to look at requesting an order. She agreed to speak to the parishioner outside of the meeting.

##### **(ix) Youth Forum**

No questions.

##### **(x) Ely/Ribe Association**

No questions. Mr McMillan highlighted the difficulty the Association had been having with regards to setting up a new bank account. This is also a common problem being experienced by many other organisations and charities. He hoped they would be able to resolve this problem shortly. Cllr Ganivet said she knew the Chair of the Twinning Association in Oxford and agreed to put them in touch with each other.

##### **(xi) Allotments**

No questions.

##### **(xii) Working Groups**

Questions were raised for the following Working Groups:-

CCTV – a parishioner raised concerns regarding unauthorised barbeques in Jubilee Gardens and that these had burnt the grass. Cllr Every agreed to raise this with the officer at ECDC.

Diversity and Inclusivity – Clare Somerville asked about funding for providing changing places toilets. It was reported that ECDC have had a meeting with the funding authority regarding a provision at the Barton Road car park.

##### **(xiii) Representatives on Other Organisations**

No questions.

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## **5. GENERAL FORUM**

Mr Brown, the Chairman of the City of Ely Allotments and Gardens Association, said the Council should be very proud of themselves as they were not closing allotments, which a lot of other councils were doing. Cllr Rouse said this was because the Association does such a fantastic job of managing them on the Council's behalf.

Mr Hughes, a parishioner and representative of the Ely Ribe Twinning Association raised the Network Rail consultation, which he had supported the Council in their response to this. Collection of further evidence to support the final proposals was currently underway and traffic counts were being undertaken through Queen Adelaide.

## **6. REPORTS FROM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

### **Isle of Ely Rowing Club**

Mr R Maxey the Chair, attended on behalf of the Isle of Ely Rowing Club. He thanked the Council for their grant and support, which had funded the refurbishment of toilets they had purchased. The Club had been running for 18 years and had only ever had one portaloo until now. It has been a community rowing club since 2004 and is open to all. They run learn to row courses for both adults and children. They also have 30 children from the City of Ely College who row before school. They would like to continue the link with the Council and agreed to liaise with the Outdoor Sports and Leisure Working Group. Cllr Rouse said the Council would be happy to talk to the club.

### **Stuntney Village Council**

Mrs Dawe, the Chair thanked the Council for their grant. The Village Council produces and distributes a monthly newsletter to all households in Stuntney. The grant will be used to cover the costs of producing this and hiring of the social club for the Council's meetings. She thanked Cllr Lindsay and County Cllr P Coutts for all their support.

### **Babylon Arts**

Claire Somerville thanked the Council for their grant. This will be used for a project for young people in High Barns, which will take place in the summer. She thanked the Council for their continued support for the Babylon Cinema at the Maltings. 2700 people had come back and enjoyed it, following the pandemic. They hoped to do more at the Maltings, such as live dance and theatre performance events. Cllr Every thanked Babylon Arts for retaining the cinema at the Maltings. The Council is proud to have it at the Maltings and give the sessions free to Babylon Arts for the community to enjoy. She also said if they were producing a Cultural Strategy for the city, the Council be interested in being involved in this.

### **Prickwillow Village Council**

A representative from Prickwillow Village Council had been unable to attend so a written treasurer's report for the year ending the 21st December 2021 was provided.

## **7. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and said it was useful to have parishioners present and asking some questions. She wished them all a good night.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

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