



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN EAST CAMBS DISTRICT
COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GRANGE, NUTHOLT LANE, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON
MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2014**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr E Every
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr B Ashton
Cllr S Pittock

Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Yates
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr C Phillips
Cllr N Clarke
Cllr A Whelan

1 parishioner

District Cllr S Friend-Smith

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Barber, Hobbs, Pearson and Griffin-Singh.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests from Councillors as per Standing Order 83b were received.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 28TH JULY AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 28th July were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to the addition of Cllr G Barber to those present. Pages 1361, 1362, 1363, 1364 and 1365 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1361, item 4 – The Mayor reported that a response had been received from Jane Thompson, ECDC regarding possible crossings on Lynn Road, Ely. Members agreed the Clerk should respond requesting the City of Ely Council be consulted on proposals for this area, before they are finalised.

Page 1362, item 5 – The Mayor reported this matter had been taken up by the two ECDC ward councillors, who will be meeting with the surgery to look at the implications.

Page 1363, item 12 – The Clerk reported that the order had been placed for equality access audits at the Magistrates Court, the Maltings and Ely Cemetery.

5. QUESTION TIME

The Mayor informed those present, that item 19 would be discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting. Due to the confidential nature of this item, members of the public would be excluded from the meeting.

District Cllr S Friend-Smith requested that she and District Cllr J Friend-Smith be kept informed of any progress made on items which they have raised at the City of Ely Full Council meetings, such as the response from ECDC regarding crossings on Lynn Road. The Clerk agreed to forward her a copy of this. She also requested that they be kept informed regarding the St Mary's surgery. She was pleased regarding the proposals for the new Post Office, but needed to ensure there were disabled parking bays close by and that the building was suitable for this purpose.

5. Question Time continued

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members he had attended the first meeting of the governors of the new primary school, which will open next September. This year, however, forty new pupils will be in two portakabins at St Mary's School. He also informed members that the County Council will be considering the planning application for the proposed Ely by-pass next week.

The Mayor asked members how they felt about the information they were receiving regarding the development of the North of Ely. Members agreed that an update from ECDC officers would be much appreciated and Cllr Rouse agreed to arrange this.

6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the EACH celebration day; Branching Out Summer Fayre; met with the Inner Wheel; Hearbeat Fundraising event; EACH tea and cake fund raising event for Milton Children's Hospice; the Limes Home fund raising event; Prickwillow picnic in the park with Cllr Arnold and attended the Royal Anglian Regiment's Golden Jubilee, which included the presentation of colours at the Imperial War Museum.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Royal British Legion ceremony where a symbolic candle was lit at Ely War Memorial; the 80th anniversary of RAF Mildenhall; opened the Ely Guild of Woodturners exhibition; started the Ely Triathlon and opened the City of Ely & District Horticultural Society's Great Autumn Show.

7. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 14th July 2014 and immediately prior to this meeting were received from Cllr Yates.

8. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification of tree work:- The Old Palace, The Gallery, Ely; Jewsons Ltd, 27 Angel Drove, Ely; 34 Mulberry Way, Ely; Engine Yard, Ely; 14 Prickwillow Road, Ely; Quayside, Ely

Street Naming & Numbering:- Hithertree Cottage, Nornea Lane, Stuntney, Ely

Notification of full road closure/diversion located at Shippea Hill Level Crossing, Mildenhall Road, Ely – 25.10.14 at 22.00 until 26.10.14 at 06.00 and Mile End Level Crossing, Mile End Road, Prickwillow, Ely – 4.10.14 at 22.00 until 5.10.14 at 09.00 to carry out urgent rail defect

To note the signing of the Service Level Agreement between ECDC, City of Ely Council and the Trustees of Ely Museum

To note the Open and Accountable Local Government guide

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Arnold presented a report of a meeting held on the 18th August, which was approved. Cllr Pittock informed members the cost for the proposed historic plaque for the Magistrates Court related to the design, installation and planning permission fee. The document prepared by Cllr Clarke on 'traffic flow' was tabled and members felt that a few minor changes were needed. It was agreed that this document would be amended and then discussed again at the next Environment Committee meeting. Cllr Ashton declared an interest with an item within this document and took no part during the discussion. The notes of the Ely in Bloom Working Group meeting held on the 29th July were noted.

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

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met.

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

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Group had not met.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – Notes of a meeting held on the 31st July were noted.

10. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

The Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the following matter 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 Yates and unanimously agreed. *Due to the confidential nature of this item, this was discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.*

CCTV - a verbal report was given in Committee at the end of the meeting.

11. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Perspective Group Meeting – minutes of a meeting held on the 15th July were noted.

District Cllr S Friend-Smith left the meeting at 7.45 pm.

12. CAMBRIDGESHIRE FUTURE TRANSPORT: BUS SERVICE REVIEW – AREA D

Members ideally did not want to see any reduction in these bus services. They supported the options that gave as much time as possible for the passengers to spend in Ely. Members also hoped that the views of the local people that use these services will be taken into account when these decisions are made.

13. ELY POST OFFICE - PROPOSED MOVE TO NEW PREMISES AND BRANCH MODERNISATION

Members fully supported the relocation of the Post Office to these new premises. It was felt that by moving to this location it will be an excellent opportunity for Market Street, increasing the footfall and help the retailers in this area.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL’S CONSULTATION ON SUGGESTED CHANGES TO CAMBRIDGESHIRE’S HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING SERVICE

Ideally members would like to retain all of the recycling sites, but if this was not possible, they felt very strongly that the new site at Witchford should be retained. This is a relatively new site and is very well used in comparison to some of the other sites. With the proposed development of the North of Ely and the building of approx 3000 houses, the need for the site will only increase. The Council's preferred options would be Option 4 and Option 2. If some of the other options are agreed, members would be concerned about the environmental impact these would have. If for example a site is closed, then residents in that area would have to drive to the next available site, which would increase traffic on the roads and have a detrimental impact on the environment.

15. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON LISLE LANE AND SINGLE YELLOW LINES ON LISLE CLOSE

Members fully supported these proposals. The Clerk will request that double yellow lines outside 21 Willow Walk, Ely be included within this order.

16. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION EXTENSION AT WEST END, ELY

Members fully supported these proposals.

17. TO CONSIDER IF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL WILL TAKE PART IN THE ‘FLY A FLAG FOR THE COMMONWEALTH – 9TH MARCH 2015’

Although this item had already been considered at the Environment Committee it was being reconsidered as additional information had been received. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Ashton that the Council supports this Commonwealth event, but will fly the Union flag instead of the Commonwealth flag. This was seconded by Cllr Yates. Following a vote by members, there were 8 for and 2 against. This was therefore agreed.

18. TO AGREE AND SIGN THE LEASE FOR THE MALTINGS

The Mayor informed members the lease had now been finalised. This had been considered by the Maltings Working Party. The Mayor proposed the lease be agreed and signed. This was seconded by Cllr Yates and unanimously agreed. The Mayor signed the lease, which was then sealed by the Clerk.

The parishioners left the meeting at 8.50 pm.

19. COUNCIL SERVICES

The Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the following matter 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 Yates and unanimously agreed. *Due to the confidential nature of this item, this was discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.*

20. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

ECDC	377.00	paid by direct debit
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Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
Barclays	27.55	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	130.36	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	63.38	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	25.24	paid by direct debit
Fuel Gennie	436.58	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
Elliotts	128.50	109594
Cooleraid Ltd	39.48	109595
G & J Peck Ltd	208.38	109596
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	21.16	109597
Jewson Ltd	66.25	109598
Wicken Coronation Band	150.00	109599
Amey Cespa (East) Ltd	6.60	109600
Cambridge Mobility	72.00	109601
G Cook & Sons Ltd	1440.00	109602
Ely Museum	1894.75	109603
City Cycle Centre	147.48	109604
City of Ely Military Band	150.00	109605
Active Garden Ltd	1770.00	109606
Cambs County Council	382.87	109607
Henderson Electrical Services Ltd	477.60	109608
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	310.00	109609
ESPO	119.66	109610
ESPO	48.32	paid by direct debit
ESPO	42.27	paid by direct debit
A Arnold	4.50	109611
Festive Lights Ltd	2914.72	109612
Mr J Hannaford	100.00	109613
Newmarket Town Band	100.00	109614
Southern Electric	82.07	paid by direct debit
Wild Plan Ltd	112.54	109615
Mrs E Every	195.00	109616
Barclays	37.92	paid by direct debit
F I Whipp	150.00	109617
King's Lynn Town Band	150.00	109618
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	60.00	paid by direct debit
G & J Peck Ltd	58.84	109619
ESPO	18.10	109620
East Cambs Arts Ely Festival	100.00	109621
Cambridge Flat Roofing	3192.00	109622
ESPO	79.35	paid by direct debit
Mr M Colyer	28.32	109623

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 28th July 2014

Salaries and wages	£8634.35
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2085.21
Pension fund payments	£3126.91

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st July 2014