



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 3RD MAY 2011**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr B Ashton
Cllr E Griffin-Singh
Cllr J Yates
Cllr S Overall
Cllr J Chaplin

Cllr J Pearson
Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr S Friend-Smith
Cllr P Eden

Cllr N Covell
Cllr W Burton
Cllr A Winchester
Cllr M Rouse

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bradney and Moakes.

**2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON
AN AGENDA ITEM – as per standing order 83 b**

There were no intentions to speak.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH MARCH & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th April were agreed and signed as a true record.

Pages 1120, 1121, 1122 and 1123 refer.

Matters Arising:- Page 1122, item 15 – The Mayor informed members he had attended ECDC's Planning Committee meeting on the 27th April when the City Council's planning application at Ely Cemetery was considered. He had spoken on the application, but it was refused. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will meet with representatives of the Planning Department to receive feedback on the application. The newly formed Council will then consider the way forward at a future meeting.

4. QUESTION TIME

As there were no members of the public or councillors present, there was no question time. However, members raised the question regarding progress on the roundabout at Thistle Corner. It was agreed the Deputy Mayor would write to the Chief Executive of ECDC asking them to ensure Cambs County Council fully appreciated how concerned this Council is about this issue. He will ask for an explanation as to why the roundabout has not been opened for use, as all the work had been completed. Members were also concerned that there will be uneven wear of the surface and this will cause problems very soon.

5. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the ordination of Pastor Billy Onen at the Olive Tree Fellowship; been on a cruise on the St John Ambulance boat "Ladybird"; attended the CAB "Evening of Miscellany"; the City of Ely Military Band Concert; Fenprobe's AGM; the Royal Wedding Day Community Celebration on Palace Green and the screening of the King's Speech film in Ely Cathedral by ADeC. He had also attended the Eel Day Parade; the Town Crier Competition and Awards Dinner. At this he had been presented with various gifts from Kidsgrove Town Council and Biddulph Town Council. A thank you letter will be sent from the Mayor to these Councils. He had attended the St George's Day Parade and Scouts Own Service and the King's School Senior School Prizegiving. He had also attended various meetings on behalf of the Council with regards to the future of the Courthouse, the Council's planning application for new workshop/Council office and various matters relating to public open spaces in Ely. He informed members the A142 seminar will be held on the 9th July.

6. PLANNING

Reports of a planning committee meeting held on the 18th April 2011 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

7. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

NALC Policy Consultation – Review of Statutory Duties Placed on Local Government

NALC Policy Briefing – The Localism Bill – an update

Letter from ECDC regarding the future of Neighbourhood Panels in East Cambridgeshire

Street Naming and Numbering:- Proposed name of “Moore Court” has been submitted for the residential development for the site off West Fen Road, Ely; New property name: Towan House, 31 King Edgar Close, Ely

Notification of tree work: 23 Wissey Way, Ely; 24 Parade Lane, Ely; 41 Annesdale, Ely; Paradise Sports Centre field, Newnham Street, Ely; Electricity Sub-Station, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely; Ely Cemetery, Beech Lane, Ely

Letter from Cambs County Council regarding Grass Cutting: Public Rights of Way

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) ADMINISTRATION – No report as Committee had not met.

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Eden informed members the flagpole had now been erected.

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

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

(v) ELY IN BLOOM – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 10th May. The Mayor and members thanked everyone from Ely in Bloom who had helped on their refreshment stall at the Royal Wedding Community celebrations. Concern was expressed regarding the condition of the flowers in the Welcome to Ely signs. Cllr Overall confirmed that due to the lack of rain these had not lasted very well. However, these will all be replanted in May.

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

(vii) YOUTH COUNCIL – Youth Council had not met. However, quotes are awaited for the solar lights within the Park.

(viii) CCTV – No report as Committee had not met.

9. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Allotments Association – minutes of the AGM held on the 16th March and a meeting held on the 16th February were noted.

Section 106 meeting – minutes of a meeting held on the 30th March were noted. Members requested the breakdown of funds be circulated to them, as this had not been attached to the minutes.

City of Ely Perspective Design Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 19th April were noted.

City of Ely Perspective Riverside Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 12th April were tabled and noted.

10. TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE FOR THE HERWARD, 45 MARKET STREET, ELY

Members were not adverse to the idea of outdoor dining, but felt there needed to be a coherent approach to this within the City and in this area. This Council is currently in discussion with Cambs County Council to facilitate taking responsibility for street trading and pavement licensing in Ely. This process has not yet been finalised. The Council likes the general principle of outside dining/cafe culture, but with restricted hours. Members would be very happy to work with the applicant and any other interested parties in the immediate area that would wish to undertake this in the future. A meeting will be requested to discuss this further with all parties.

11. DELEGATED SERVICES CONSULTATION

Members considered East Cambridgeshire District Council’s draft ‘Delegated Services Protocol’ and fully supported these proposals.

12. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S DRAFT ZOO LICENSING POLICY

Members had no concerns regarding ECDC's draft Zoo Licensing Policy.

13. TO CONSIDER WHETHER THIS COUNCIL SHOULD MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELY CHORAL SOCIETY

Members unanimously agreed the 50th Anniversary of Ely Choral Society should be recognised. They are holding an event in September to mark this occasion and the Deputy Mayor will hopefully attend this. It was also agreed the Society should be granted permission to use the City's crest on their correspondence and official documentation. Ely in Bloom will also ensure their colours are planted up at Ely Market Place.

14. FINANCE

The following were approved for payment:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHQ NO
ECDC	487.00	pd by direct debit
Tiscali	15.31	pd by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	pd by direct debit
ESPO	56.10	pd by direct debit
ESPO	71.45	pd by direct debit
British Telecommunications	167.85	pd by direct debit
British Telecommunications	193.77	pd by direct debit
British Telecommunications	61.48	pd by direct debit
Donarbon Limited	2000.00	108214
Mr Hannaford	100.00	108212
Ely Funeral Service	69.00	108213
Zurich Insurance	13256.86	108208
G D Barber	220.18	108215
ICCM	90.00	108216
Bannold	186.54	108217
CTN Turf	120.00	108218
Adams-Payne Safety Ltd	594.00	108219
Ms May	31.68	108220
Gordon Harrison	134.40	108221
Cambridge Newspapers Ltd	48.00	108222
Jewson Ltd	125.95	108223
Plantscape	78.00	108224
ESPO	66.24	108225
Thurlow Nunn Standen	37.28	108226
Borlands Service Station	451.11	108227
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	84.00	108228
Christine Weetman	50.00	108229
T Coulson by cash	85.00	10823
www.toolbox.co.uk	10.09	pd by direct debit – credit card payment
Battery Force	4.92	pd by direct debit – credit card payment
East Cambs District Council	21.00	pd by direct debit – credit card payment
Screwfix	110.67	pd by direct debit – credit card payment
Broxap Ltd	201.60	pd by direct debit - credit card payment
Hampshire Flag Company	137.99	pd by direct debit – credit card payment
Glassfibre Flagpoles Ltd	1170.00	108231
G & J Peck Ltd	95.21	108230
Mrs A Hayter-Smith	375.00	108234
Stannah	116.52	108235
FuelGenie	134.05	pd by direct debit

Payments relating to staff since meeting on 4th April 2011

Salaries and wages £8194.22 (pd by BACS)
Inland Revenue (Tax & NI) £2495.70 (pd by BACS)
Pension fund payments £1823.17 (pd by BACS)

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st March 2011

The Mayor said that this was the last meeting of the current Council. Five councillors were not standing for re-election. On behalf of the members he expressed everyone's gratitude and thanks for all the work they had contributed over their respective periods of service on the Council. He also personally thanked all the councillors for working with him during his Mayoral year.

The Deputy Mayor, on behalf of all the councillors thanked the Mayor for all that he had achieved in the past year. He had learnt what the qualities of being a Mayor were.