



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
STREET FURNITURE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON MONDAY 6TH AUGUST 2012**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr. Will Burton Cllr. Elaine Griffin-Singh Cllr. Nigel Clarke Cllr. John Yates
Cllr. Anthony Winchester Cllr. Alison Arnold Cllr. Roy Wood Cllr. Mike Rouse
Cllr. Richard Hobbs

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

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

No intentions were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (28th MAY 2012) & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held 28th May 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages STL 146, 147 & 148 refer.

Matters Arising, Page 146, Item 4 – Cllr Winchester reported that he has still not received the bin emptying schedule that had been requested from ECDC.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 30th July 2012. It was brought to the members attention that there has been an overspend of the new works budget due to the purchase of several dog waste bins. An order of 10 bins was made in order to take advantage of a bulk order saving.

5. LITTER BIN AUDIT WORKING GROUP

ECDC has been contacted to arrange a date in which Councillors could accompany the bin emptying contractor in order to identify any under-used bins. We are still awaiting a response from ECDC so there is nothing further to report at this stage.

6. OUTDOOR EATING & DRINKING ARRANGEMENTS

There is nothing further to report at this stage. Cllr Burton is currently trying to find out when CCC will be writing to local establishments to inform them of the forthcoming licensing scheme. Cllr Griffin-Singh will contact CCC to pursue this.

7. REQUEST FOR A BUS SHELTER AT THE A142 ROUNDABOUT

An order has been placed for the bus shelter. Delivery and installation should take approximately 2-3 weeks. Grovemere Estates have kindly donated £1500 towards the cost of the shelter. A letter of thanks will be sent from the Chair of the Committee.

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Committee Chairman
6th November 2012

8. COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM

A discussion concerning the Community Payback Team took place. There are concerns that there does not seem to be a schedule of work to be followed. Cllr Griffin-Singh proposed to arrange a meeting between the City of Ely Council, Highways and the Payback Team.

9. SNOW CLEARING VOLUNTEERS

A request for local snow clearing volunteers has been sent to the local press and posters have been placed around the City. So far, 3 volunteers have come forward. The Committee discussed whether a scheme of this nature could work in an area as large as Ely. Cllr Griffin-Singh agreed to contact Paul Butcher of CCC to find out more details.

10. SAINSBURY'S SECTION 106 MONIES FOR CYCLE RACKS

The Ely Cycling Campaign group have mapped the location of all cycle racks in the City and have proposed locations for new racks. Much information from Highways and ECDC has been circulated. Cllr Griffin-Singh agreed to arrange a meeting between ECDC and Highways to progress this.

11. REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC SIGN AT STOUR GREEN

Cllr Winchester reported that residents have raised £124 so far towards the cost of a road sign. In view of the fact that a firm decision had not been made on this issue, much discussion took place on how to proceed with this. It was decided that a firm costing would be obtained and that Highways would be consulted.

12. CITY CENTRE SIGNAGE

Cllr Yates reported that at a recent meeting of the newly formed City Centre Forum, there was a strong desire to improve the fingerpost signage in Ely. A list of proposed improvements has been drawn up by ECDC and it is estimated that these changes will cost approximately £60,000. Cllr Yates proposed that this expenditure could be funded by Section 106 monies. Cllr Griffin-Singh and Cllr Rouse agreed to meet to investigate this further.

13. NOTICE BOARD AT HIGH BARNES

The High Barnes Residents Committee has requested a notice board to be located near to the newly installed multi-use games area. There is currently no funding available from the Street Furniture budget but it is possible that this can be considered for Section 106 funding or from next year's budget. It was agreed that costs would be investigated.

14. SECTION 106 PROPOSALS

The Committee was asked to propose ideas for future Section 106 projects. It was agreed that City Centre signage improvements could be proposed for Section 106 monies. It was also suggested that City Centre street arches could be a possible option for Section 106 funds, but costings would need to be sought first.

15. GRIT BINS FOR RAMSEY ROAD & LARKFIELD ROAD CAR PARKS

There has been a request for grit bins to be provided by the City of Ely Council for Ramsey Road and Larkfield Road car parks. The Committee re-iterated the fact that this Council's policy is not to provide grit bins.

16. STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The current street lighting maintenance contract with Balfour Beatty came to an end on the 30th June 2012. After discussing the options, it was agreed that a new 3 year contract would be undertaken with Balfour Beatty, which reduces the cost of maintenance by £2 per lamp.

17. A.O.B.

Canon David Pritchard, the Acting Dean of Ely, has contacted the City of Ely Council to request that the Jubilee Beacon be removed from the Cathedral by June 2013. Councillors agreed to think about possible locations for the Beacon and report back with suggestions at the next meeting.

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – 24TH SEPTEMBER 2012.

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Committee Chairman
24th September 2012