



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON MONDAY 6th OCTOBER 2014**

PRESENT:

Cllr A Arnold Cllr N Clarke Cllr G Barber Cllr J Yates Cllr A Whelan

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Lindsay and Cllr Every.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – *to receive Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary & other interests, from Councillors, as set out in standing order 83b.*

There were no declarations received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (18th AUGUST 2014) & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting of the Environment Committee, held on the 18th August 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record – pages ENV 3 & 4 refer.

Matters arising Page 3 – Item 3 – Matters arising – members present thought that this was still an issue. Cllr Yates has a meeting scheduled with Inspector Marcia Nichols and agreed to raise the problem with her.

Page 3 – Item 5 – permission has been granted by all the relevant authorities for Bridge Boatyard to go ahead and erect the ‘Welcome to Ely’ signs on the river.

Page 3 – Item 6 – A new flag has been purchased and is flying on the Market Place.

Page 4 – A.O.B – Dangerous path on Lisle Lane. This was brought to the attention of Highways. A work order for the maintenance has already been raised by them.

4. BUDGET UPDATE & BUDGET SETTING FOR 2015/2016

Members noted the budget dated 30th September 2014. There were no significant variances. It was agreed that the same budget as for 2014/15 would be requested.

5. TRAFFIC FLOW REPORT

Cllr Clarke presented his report from the Traffic Flow meeting that took place on the 18th June 2014. Cllr Barber felt that imposing a 20pmh speed limit for all roads in the City Centre was a good idea, but was concerned that it could not be enforced. Cllr Clarke proposed that the Working Group should use this list as a starting point.

6. FORMATION OF KING’S AVENUE TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP

In response to concerns about speeding and parking in this area, it was agreed that a Working Group would be set up to analyse the problem further. The Working Group will consist of Cllr Every, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Barber, Cllr Whelan and Cllr Yates.

7. REQUEST FOR DOG WASTE BINS

Cllr Arnold had received a request for two dog waste bins to be installed on Lark Bank in Prickwillow and a further request has been made from ECDC to repair or replace the dog waste bin at the entrance to the Country

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Park on Springhead Lane. It was agreed that we would attempt to repair the bin at the Country Park entrance and that, one of the litter bins in Prickwillow, would become a dual-purpose bin, where bagged dog waste is accepted.

8. HISTORIC PLAQUE REQUEST

The Committee agreed to sponsor an historic plaque for the Courthouse. Several plaques have been placed on buildings of interest, creating an historic plaque trail. The wording should read “Ely Sessions House – Built in 1820.”

9. ELY IN BLOOM

The hanging baskets have now been taken down and the tubs emptied, ready for winter planting. We have received many comments about how lovely the baskets looked this year.

10. ON-STREET PARKING PRIORITY LIST – UPDATE

Cllr Clarke reported that the outstanding works on this list will only be done at a cost to the City of Ely Council. Cllr Clarke proposed that the Group should meet and attempt to get costings for the outstanding works from Cambs County Council Highways Department.

11. A.O.B.

The Solar Light walkway along the Riverside will be installed on the 28th and 29th of October 2014. A petition has been received from a residents group about parking issues on Dovehouse Close and Potters Lane. The members agreed to read the material presented and would add the item to the priority list.

12. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday 16th February 2015 but this will be brought forward after the Working Groups have met.