



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY 2011**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr B Ashton

Cllr R Bradney

Cllr E Griffin-Singh

Cllr J Yates

Cllr S Overall

Miss S Gibling & Mr G Hughes, ECDC

Cllr J Pearson

Cllr J Chaplin

Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr P Eden

District Cllr J Friend-Smith

Cllr N Covell

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr W Burton

Cllr A Winchester

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Moakes.

**2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON
AN AGENDA ITEM – as per standing order 60 b**

No intentions were made.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH JANUARY AND MINUTES OF
THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH JANUARY & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th January were agreed and signed as a true record.

Pages 1107, 1108, 1109 and 1110 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1107, Item 3 – Cllr Eden reported that no tenders had been awarded with regard to the contracted bus services. It may even be that they are deleted altogether as subsidies are being cut. He will seek clarification of this from the County Council. Following this the Mayor will then write to the County Council expressing the Council's concerns about the cutting of budgets for concessionary fares.

Page 1108, Item 4 – The Mayor informed members that East Cambridgeshire District Council were currently working on plans regarding the buffer zone on the West of Ely to link up the developments. He will be meeting with Mr Schuman from ECDC shortly to clarify what Section 106 money is available. He will also arrange a Section 106 meeting, hopefully before the middle of March.

Page 1108, Item 8 – The Clerk informed members the plan relating to the transfer of the Columbine Road play area to this Council had been incorrect. This would therefore, not be signed and sealed until all the information was correct.

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on the 24th January were agreed and signed as a true record. Page 1111 refers. There were no matters arising.

Item 5 was discussed before Item 4 to allow District Cllr J Friend-Smith to speak before he had to leave.

5. QUESTION TIME

District Cllr J Friend-Smith reported the Thistle Corner roundabout had not opened yet due to the developer sorting out the finance to the County Council. County Councillors had been requested to apply pressure to resolve this issue.

He informed members he had spoken to Mr Hill, ECDC and Mr Clarke, ECDC regarding the buffer zone. He had received complaints about the new play area at Murfitt Close, Ely which is currently fenced off. This is not secure as children are climbing over the fence into the area. He had spoken to Mr Hughes,

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ECDC to try and resolve the problems to get the play area open. The Mayor hoped this play area would be transferred to the City Council in the future. He requested Cllr Friend-Smith copy the Clerk in on the email he has sent.

Cllr J Friend-Smith left the meeting at 7.12 pm.

4. PRESENTATION BY SARA GIBLING AND GILES HUGHES FROM ECDC REGARDING THE REVIEW OF THE CORE STRATEGY DOCUMENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ELY

Miss Gibling and Mr Hughes gave a presentation to members on working together to manage future growth of Ely. They referred to the aims of the Ely Masterplan and the Localism Bill. They identified areas where growth within Ely could be achieved and how this could happen through consultation and recommendations in the revised Core Strategy. They gave timescales as follows; Core Strategy will be prepared between now and October 2011. The draft plan will then go out for consultation in November/December 2011. It will then be submitted to the Government in Spring 2012.

Cllr Winchester left the meeting at 7.23 pm.

Mr Hughes agreed to email the documents for the draft exhibition, planned for March to the Clerk, so this can be distributed to councillors, so they have information to discuss with officers at the exhibition.

Members who had attended the ECDC seminar recently, expressed their concern that this had been dominated by the consultants and they had not had enough time to put points forward. Members would be happy to have a joint seminar with ECDC to discuss this very important issue. It was requested that the planned development of the North of Ely needs to be detailed in a supplementary document, which clarifies where subsequent development is going in the future phases. This will enable everyone to have a better understanding of what the ultimate plans for the North will be. Mr Hughes confirmed this can be done alongside the Core Strategy.

The Mayor thanked Miss Gibling and Mr Hughes for their presentation.

Miss Gibling and Mr Hughes left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the winter reception at RAF Mildenhall; Prickwillow Village Council AGM; the Holocaust Memorial Day Service at Huntingdon and the High Sheriff's Awards. He had also attended various meetings on behalf of the Council, on various issues such as CCTV, future development of Ely, Riverside and new workshop.

7. PLANNING

Reports of a planning committee meeting held on the 20th December 2010 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

8. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification of road closures at Ely Station level crossing

Street Naming & Numbering:- Padnal Lodge, 33 Ely Road, Prickwillow

Notification of tree work;- 9 Castlehythe, Ely; 235 Beresford Road, Ely; 3 Summerhayes, Ely; 1 Bishop Laney Drive, Ely; 10 Barkers Corner, Ely

Great Poppy Party Weekend brochure re the Royal British Legion's 90th Birthday on 10th-12th June 2011 – *Members requested the Clerk contact the local branch of the Royal British Legion to ascertain if they were organising any celebrations for this weekend.*

Letter from Cambs County Council re village maintenance budget

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (i) ADMINISTRATION – No report as Committee had not met.
- (ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 14th February at 7.00 pm.
- (iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – Cllr Bradney presented a report of a meeting held on the 17th January, which was approved. A new water tap will be installed in the cremation section of the cemetery. Funding was still being sought for the provision of a ball court at New Barns Avenue.
- (iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Hobbs presented a report of a meeting held on the 31st January, which was approved. It had been agreed not to proceed with an artificial Christmas tree. The updates from the Lighting Group and Switch-on Group were noted. The Switch-on Event this year will be held on the 25th November 2011.
- (v) ELY IN BLOOM – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 8th March. Cllr Overall confirmed the competitions will be judged on the 19th July.
- (vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as no meeting had taken place.
- (vii) YOUTH COUNCIL – The Youth Council had met on the 2nd February, but unfortunately only one member turned up. The Youth Worker who usually attends has been made redundant, but should be present at the March meeting. Cllrs Yates and Friend-Smith will be attending a meeting in the Park with Mr Hitch, Lighting Engineer from County Council. They will be discussing options for lighting and he will provide quotes for these. Another option they will discuss with him is solar studs in the pathway.
- (viii) CCTV – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 24th February, which was approved. These minutes had not been published due to the Committee being in transition. A finance committee for CCTV will be formed. This will meet before the CCTV Committee meeting and will consist of City Councillors only and will deal with the budget for CCTV.

10. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Perspective Riverside Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 13th January were noted.

Community Event committee – Cllr Yates tabled notes for a meeting held on the 15th February, which were noted. This will be sent to the local press to publicise the proposed celebrations of the Royal Wedding on the 29th April 2011. Members thanked Cllr Yates for all the progress that has been made with this event.

City of Ely Allotments Association – minutes of a meeting held on the 12th January were noted.

City of Ely Perspective Design Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 18th January were noted. Cllrs Friend-Smith and Eden had met with a representative from the Heritage Lottery Fund regarding Steeple Row. A pre-application had now been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be meeting with the Perspective Group in relation to the Court building.

11. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON PROVIDING A LIFETIME OF CARE: CONSULTATION ON BECOMING AN NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Members unanimously agreed to support the Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust to become an NHS Foundation Trust. The Mayor will respond on behalf of the Council.

12. TO COMMENT ON THE APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND KNOWN AS ELY COMMON AS A TOWN GREEN

Cllr Burton declared a personal interest in this item and signed the Register of Interest sheet. No

He had withdrawn from looking at this matter with Cllr Yates as agreed at the last Full Council meeting.

Cllr Yates informed members he had researched this application and recommended the Council should have no objection to this. If this is approved and is registered as a town green, he confirmed the City Council would have no responsibility for this. Cllr Yates read out a draft letter to the County Council, which would be the Council's response. Although this stated the Council had no objection to the application, three observations on this matter were made. Cllr Rouse proposed this letter be approved and sent on behalf of the Council. This was seconded by Cllr Bradney and unanimously approved. Cllr Friend-Smith abstained from voting.

13. TO COMMENT ON ECDC'S DRAFT SEX ESTABLISHMENTS AND SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES LICENSING POLICY

Members unanimously agreed to fully support this Policy.

14 . CORRESPONDENCE

To receive the following correspondence

The Clerk Clerks & Councils Direct

15. FINANCE

The following were approved for payment:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHQ NO
ECDC	473.00	pd by direct debit
Tiscali	18.79	pd by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	25.00	pd by direct debit
ECDC	335.00	108145
ESPO	71.89	108146
Mike Colyer	76.95	108148
Mrs A Hayter-Smith	200.00	108150
Soundstage One Event Services Ltd	921.79	108151
CCTV	5.99	108152
CCTV	5.00	108153
CCTV	5.99	108154
CCTV	5.99	108155
CCTV	5.99	108156
ESPO	306.02	108157
British Telecommunications	154.17	pd by direct debit
British Telecommunications	62.30	pd by direct debit
British Telecommunications	190.17	pd by direct debit
East Cambs District Council	25.00	108158
The CCTV Training Academy	2325.00	108159
Gordon Harrison	82.25	108160
Southern Electric	61.84	pd by direct debit
Cambs County Council	784.24	108161
Trevor Benton Construction Ltd	555.54	108162
Height for Hire Ltd	636.00	108163
T Coulson by cash	75.00	108165
G & J Peck Ltd	359.64	108164
Southern Electric	22.48	pd by direct debit
Southern Electric	69.38	pd by direct debit
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	122.31	108166
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	70.80	108167
Borlands Service Station	336.43	108168

Payments relating to staff since meeting on 10th January 2011

Salaries and wages	£7380.11 (pd by BACS)
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2423.80 (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 January 2011, which was tabled.