



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 7TH MAY 2013**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr W Burton
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr B Ashton
Cllr E Every
Cllr M Rouse

Cllr J Yates
Cllr P Eden
Cllr N Clarke
Cllr J Tyrrell
Cllr J Mackay

Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr E Griffin-Singh
Cllr S Overall
Cllr J Chaplin
District Cllr J Friend-Smith

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

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

District Cllr J Friend-Smith declared his intention to speak on agenda item 5.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH APRIL AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th April were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to an amendment to item 13, on Page 1255, which was corrected in Committee at the end of the meeting. Pages 1251, 1252, 1253, 1254 and 1255 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1251, Item 4 – The Clerk reported the County Council, Highways Department had confirmed the laying of a centre line and the editing of the lining at the junction with Downham Road and West Fen Road could be funded from the Ely Market Town Strategy. Cllrs Clarke, Hobbs and Arnold will meet a representative on site to discuss this work.

5. QUESTION TIME

The Mayor informed those present that items 12 and 13 would be discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting. Due to the confidential nature of these items, members of the public would be excluded from the meeting.

District Cllr J Friend-Smith informed members of his concerns regarding the failure of various developers to complete the footpaths on the bund. These have not been adopted and the developers continue to make excuses. He requested that the City of Ely Council apply pressure to the District Council to get these issues resolved. He highlighted an issue at Morley Drive connecting to Meadow Way. A small bridge had been installed along this route, but after this the path had not been completed and there is only a slope that is very slippery and muddy. He had spoken to the District Council, in his capacity as a District Councillor, but they do not seem to be moving this forward. Members agreed to assist in this matter and will copy County Cllr Anna Bailey in on any correspondence. Cllr Arnold informed members that she had been in contact with the County Council's Right of Way Officer, regarding her being a contact for the City Council with their department. Members unanimously agreed to this request.

6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Ely Cathedral Business Group, performance by Ely Sinfonia, the Wood Green 26th Annual Pet Blessing Service, the Foodbank Trolley push around Ely, St George's Day Parade and Service, the Ely Youth Choir Festival and the Poets House official opening.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Ely Cathedral Business Group, St George's Day Parade and Service, the Poets House official opening and the Hoop Trundle at the King's School.

7. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 22nd April 2013 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

8. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification of tree work:- 28A Northwold, Ely; 5 The Oakery, Lynn Road, Ely; 13 Cambridgeshire Close; 4 Willow Walk, Ely; 39 Forehill, Ely

Notification of street naming:- 36B and 36F Forehill, Ely

Thank you letter from Queen Adelaide Village Hall Committee regarding grant from City of Ely Council and the work that has been undertaken to the hall with this grant

District Cllr J Friend-Smith left the meeting at 7.20 pm.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Griffin-Singh reported that a new dog bin was now in place near Kiln Lane. This had been unanimously agreed by committee members via email.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – Cllr Clarke presented a tabled report of a meeting held on the 29th April, which was approved. Quotes for the new paths in Section Con E and the Garden of Remembrance will be re-quoted. A specification for this will be drawn up. Members unanimously approved the quotation from Wicksteed at a cost of £25,178.97 for a replacement unit for the log unit at St John's Road play area. This will be funded from Section 106, specifically allocated for this play area. Members also unanimously approved the quotation from Les Yardy Fencing, for replacement of the wooden fencing with metal fencing, at St John's Road play area, at a cost of £5,614. This will also be funded from Section 106, specifically allocated for this play area.

Cllr Clarke reported that on inspecting the horizontal bars at the St John's Road play area, he was recommending that the safety surface under this be extended. Members agreed to this recommendation.

Cllr Hobbs informed members that he would not be contacting the Friends of Jubilee Gardens, regarding the installation of a Petanque pitch in Jubilee Gardens, but he will be arranging for them to be contacted regarding this matter.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 10th June.

(v) ELY IN BLOOM – No report as Committee had not met.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Not met. Cllr Hobbs raised the Association's concerns again regarding the display of the Ribe Tapestry in the Maltings. Members agreed they would not object in principle to this being displayed in either the Magistrates Court or the Maltings Cottage. This will be looked at in the near future.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – Cllr Yates presented a report of a meeting held on the 9th April, which was unanimously approved. The discussion regarding the management of the Youth Forum website was noted. A further Youth Forum meeting had taken place on the 1st May and the minutes of this meeting will be approved at the next Full Council meeting. Cllr Yates informed members another Fair had been set for the 31st May between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm on the Market Place. This will be free to participants and will concentrate on ideas to promote what the Youth of the Parish can do during the holidays.

(viii) CITY CENTRE FORUM – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 8th May.

10. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

CCTV Steering Partnership Working Group – notes of a meeting held on the 9th April were noted.

Localism Working Party – notes of a meeting held on the 23rd April were noted.

On-Street Parking Working Group – Cllr Eden gave a verbal report on this Group. A walkabout had been undertaken and a list compiled of work needed, such as repainting of lines, correct signing needed etc. This list has been forwarded to Cambs County Council for them to address these issues. This will also be copied to County Cllrs Rouse and Bailey.

11. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Perspective Riverside Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 9th March were noted.

Riverside Improvement Plan Meeting – minutes of a meeting held on the 16th April were noted. Cllr Yates reported that the land ownership issues regarding the Slipway have now gone back to the beginning as it had been discovered this was part of the Highway. This will mean a delay of between 6-12 months. The Mayor reported he had met with Mr Killington of ECDC regarding the Riverside. He had confirmed this was now on hold due to the Slipway. Mr Killington agreed it would be good to have a meeting with representatives of the City of Ely Council regarding the possible transfer of the Riverside to the City of Ely Council. Cllr Yates agreed to attend this with Cllr Griffin-Singh and Cllr Every.

Prickwillow Village Council – tabled minutes of a meeting held on the 12th March were noted.

City of Ely Allotments Association – Cllr Clarke gave a verbal update of a meeting that had been arranged with the Project Manager regarding the Ely Southern by-pass to discuss concerns with access to the allotments at Bridge Fen. A satellite compound could be installed, which would be tarmac and could be used as a car park for the allotments. The Project Manager will come back with revised plans. Cllr Clarke had informed him that the City of Ely Council were the owners of the land and would need to give permission for any proposals.

12. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE MAGISTRATES COURT

Due to the confidential nature of this item it was discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.

13. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE MALTINGS COTTAGE

Due to the confidential nature of this item it was discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.

17. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

East Cambs District Council	370.00	paid by direct debit
East Cambs District Council	520.00	paid by direct debit
Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
Francotyp-Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	108.70	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	308.54	paid by direct debit
Barclays Bank	27.18	paid by direct debit
ESPO	75.69	paid by direct debit
ESPO	130.13	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	74.37	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	231.67	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	189.62	paid by direct debit
P R Baxter	47.00	109055
Allen’s Skip Hire Ltd	60.00	109056
Witham Oil and Paint (Soham) Ltd	186.70	109057
CCTV Volunteer	6.40	109058
City Cycle Centre	15.94	109059
Gordon Harrison	22.20	109060
ESPO	515.52	109061
G & J Peck Ltd	32.34	109062
Cambridge Computer Wizards Ltd	60.00	109064

Finance continued

Zurich Management Services	114.00	109065
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	174.90	109066
CCTV Volunteer	13.16	109068
CCTV Volunteer	19.20	109069
Stannah Lift Services Ltd	124.12	109070
Peters Groundworks Services	822.90	109072
Local World Ltd	67.20	109063
ICCM	90.00	109071
St Mary's PCC	115.00	109073
Isle Interactive Ltd	30.00	109074
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	732.25	109075
Wider Plan Ltd	164.80	109054
ECDC	1.00	109085
Southern Electric	134.00	paid by direct debit
AmeyCespa	6.60	108086
G & J Peck Ltd	13.78	109076
Ernest Doe & Son Ltd	3414.00	109077
Ely Tyre Services	167.60	109078
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	84.00	109079
ESPO	141.08	109080
Thurlow Nunn Standen	134.07	109081
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	127.20	109082
1 st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	58.20	109083
Cooleraid Ltd	4.80	109084
Southern Electric	25.94	paid by direct debit
Isabelle Elliott	10.00	109087

Payments relating to staff since meeting on 8th April 2013

Salaries and wages	£9223.91
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2241.64
Pension fund payments	£2823.81

Members noted and approved the tabled bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th April 2013