



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2013**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr W Burton	Cllr J Yates	Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr A Arnold	Cllr P Eden	Cllr E Griffin-Singh
Cllr B Ashton	Cllr N Clarke	Cllr S Overall
Cllr C Jones	Cllr E Every	Cllr J Tyrrell
Cllr J Chaplin	<i>District Cllr S Friend-Smith</i>	<i>1 member of the public</i>

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mackay and Rouse.

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 S Friend-Smith declared their intention to speak on agenda item 5, 11 and 12.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH MARCH AND MATTERS ARISING AND
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH MARCH AND
MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th March were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1246, 1247, 1248 and 1249 refer.

Matters arising – Page 1248, Item 13 – Members noted the response from Cambs County Council regarding the suggestions this Council had made with regard to the request on Shape your Place, for a mini roundabout on Downham Road and West Fen Road. The Department for Transport do not approve mirrors on the highway within a 30 mph speed limit. The widening of the path was felt to be unacceptable as the current road width is narrow, making this suggestion not very feasible. The laying of a centre line and looking at editing the lining at the junction could be a possibility, although it would require third party funding. Members considered this suggestion and agreed this should be undertaken with funding from the Ely Market Town Strategy. The Clerk will contact the County Council to see if this would be possible. She will also suggest that a site meeting be held to look at this option.

The minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on the 25th March were agreed and signed as a true record. Page 1250 refers. There were no matters arising.

5. QUESTION TIME

The Mayor informed those present that items 10, 13 and 14 will be discussed in committee at the end of the meeting. Due to the confidential nature of these items, members of the public will be excluded from the meeting.

District Cllr S Friend-Smith thanked the Council for taking on the responsibility of the Ely Court House and offered to help in any way she could. She felt that it was a great step forward and was proud that the City Council will have such a presence in the City. She was concerned that Shape Your Place seemed to have very negative responses on issues at the moment. She also informed members that the Isle of Ely Festival would be starting in June. The City Council had kindly given a grant to the Festival, and this had been spent on publicity and the website. She hoped that councillors would be able to take part in the events that are being organised.

6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended a meeting with the Papworth Trust; had opened the new Aldi store in Ely; attended Downham Market's St Winnold's Breakfast; attended lunch with children at St Mary's C of E Junior School and the Ely Choral Society's concert.

The Deputy Mayor had also attended the meeting with the Papworth Trust and ECDC's Domestic Violence Awareness Day.

7. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 25th March 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:- 52 Prickwillow Road, Ely; Barton Lodge, 89 Cambridge Road, Ely; 3 The Blackbirds, 41 Broad Street, Ely; Willow Cottage, 56 Quayside, Ely; 74 St Mary's Street, Ely; Communal Garden Woolpack Yard, Ely; car park rear of 14 & 20 Militia Way, Ely

Notification of Street Naming and Numbering:- Badgers Drift, 17 John Amner Close, Ely; Sauve House, 30 Lower Road, Stuntney, Ely

Letter from Cambs County Council regarding introduction of electronic consultation

Letter from Cambridgeshire Acre regarding service changes

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Eden asked if there was any indication of when the two new bus shelters on Lisle Lane would be installed. The Clerk will chase this up.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. The three quotes for the replacement equipment at Stuntney recreation field and the three quotes for fencing at Columbine Road play area were considered. Members unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Playdale at a cost of £2417.20 and Kestrel Fencing at a cost of £1445.15, as these were both the cheapest quotes. Members had also had quotes for the new paths in Ely Cemetery tabled. However, they felt that these should be deferred to the next Recreation and Cemetery meeting for a decision to be made.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Chaplin presented a report of a meeting held on the 18th March, which was approved. Members agreed to incorporate the separate Finance Group meeting into the Christmas Lights Committee meeting. The updates on the lamp posts and from the lighting group were noted. A date will be set shortly for the presentation of certificates to the volunteers from USAF Mildenhall, to thank them for their help in erecting the lights this year.

(v) ELY IN BLOOM – Cllr Overall presented a report of a meeting held on the 19th March, which was tabled. These were approved. Members agreed to incorporate the separate Finance Group into the Ely in Bloom Committee meeting. It was hoped the hanging baskets will be up by the 25th May. Ely in Bloom competition categories will remain the same as last year, apart from 'best hanging basket', which will be replaced with a "best front garden" category. Judging day will be on the 6th August, with the presentation evening on the 20th August. Cllr Overall confirmed that the Scout flowerbed at Ely Police Station will continue. The four tier planter outside the Cathedral Centre will be moved to the Butter Market.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Not met.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 9th April.

(viii) CITY CENTRE FORUM – Cllr Yates presented a report of a meeting held on the 13th March, which was approved. Members discussed the need for a logo for the City and agreed to take back to the next City Centre Forum meeting, the proposal that the City of Ely Perspective's logo 'a City for all reasons' be used.

10. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

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

11. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

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

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

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

12. SHAPE YOUR PLACE CURRENT ISSUES

Members considered a response from Cambs County Council regarding an issue relating to cycling along the River. The majority of members felt that it was not appropriate to cycle along the river front, as in some parts it is quite narrow, especially near the Cutter, and it makes it dangerous for pedestrians. It was agreed that cyclists should be prohibited from cycling along the river, until a Code of Practice is developed, which sets protocols to ensure safe use of the waterways, which would also include cyclists. The Clerk will pass these comments on to ECDC's new Ely Riverside Improvement Plan Group, who will be holding its first meeting shortly. This matter could then be discussed by this Group as well.

13. 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.

14. 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.

District Cllr S Friend-Smith and the member of the public left the meeting at 7.55 pm.

15. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC'S SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY 2013-2017

Members endorsed the approach that ECDC had taken, but were disappointed that the partners did not include parish councils and schools, within the strategy and action plan. It was felt this strategy and action plan did not encourage people to walk or cycle to these sporting or physical activities, which in itself would promote health and well being. Members also felt it was important to ensure that funding is in place to allow the strategy and action plan to move forward and succeed.

16. REQUEST FROM STUNTNEY VILLAGE COUNCIL TO PLANT AN OAK TREE ON THE HIGHWAY VERGE IN STUTNEY

Members considered the request from Stuntney Village Council to plant an oak tree on the highway verge in Stuntney. Members unanimously agreed they could not support this request, as the City of Ely Council would have to bear the costs of planting and maintenance for the tree in perpetuity and any damage or injury caused by it.

17. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

East Cambs District Council	366.00	paid by direct debit
East Cambs District Council	517.50	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	47.43	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	170.19	paid by direct debit
Barclays Bank	37.18	paid by direct debit
ESPO	65.30	paid by direct debit
ESPO	110.44	paid by direct debit
Teleshore (UK) Ltd	432.00	109021
Anglian Water	42.98	109023
XMA Ltd	52.32	109024
Newnham Street Carpets	1068.00	109025
Konica Minolta	257.90	109026
ESPO	78.92	109027
ESPO	74.16	109029
Anglian Water	18.53	109028
Wider Plan Ltd	223.50	109030

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G & J Peck Ltd	224.55	109031
CPALC	280.00	109032
Signs of the Times Ltd	1027.20	109033
NALC	16.00	109034
Cambridgeshire Turf Nurseries	36.00	109035
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	3183.12	109036
Simply Gardening of Ely	1862.00	109037
Smiths Gore	225.00	109038
The Information Commissioner	35.00	109039
CCTV Volunteer	36.80	109042
Zurich Municipal	11441.85	109040
1st Call (Hire and Sales) Ltd	16.80	109041
CCTV Volunteer	13.16	109043
CCTV Volunteer	27.52	109044
Jewson Ltd	38.94	109045
Paradise Sports Centre	160.75	109046
ESPO	6.90	109047
Cooleraid Ltd	4.80	109048
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	19.92	109049
ECDC	672.00	109050
G & J Peck Ltd	30.29	109051
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	1397.38	109052
ICCM	90.00	

This invoice was deferred for payment to allow it to be discussed at the next Recreation and Cemetery Committee meeting, as it is renewal of an annual subscription. This will be reviewed to ensure this should be renewed.

Payments relating to staff since meeting on 11th March 2013

Salaries and wages	£8060.11
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2266.08
Pension fund payments	£2726.68

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 28th February 2013 and 31st March 2013.