



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 10TH JANUARY 2011**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr B Ashton
Cllr R Bradney
Cllr E Griffin-Singh
Cllr J Yates
Cllr S Overall

Cllr J Pearson
Cllr J Moakes
Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr S Friend-Smith
Cllr P Eden
Cllr N Covell
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr W Burton
Cllr A Winchester
District Cllr J Friend-Smith

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Chaplin.

**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 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 6th December were agreed and signed as a true record, following the correction in item 3, minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th November and minute page number 1012 should have read 1102. Pages 1103, 1104, 1105 and 1106 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1103, Item 3 – The Mayor gave a further update on CCTV. Cllr Burton was undertaking the CCTV training course with 11 other people. The transfer of the administration responsibilities from ECDC was still outstanding.

Page 1104, Item 7 – The Mayor confirmed a response had been received from the County Council regarding the Pavement Permit Policy. This has been passed to the Street Furniture Committee to progress and arrange a meeting with the County Council.

Page 1104, Item 8 – The Mayor informed members there would be an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on the 17th January to set the precept for 2011/2012.

Page 1105, Item 10 – The Clerk informed members there had been no response from the County Council following the comments made regarding tenders for contracted bus services – proposed changes for April 2011.

Page 1105, Item 11 – The Mayor updated members on the progress of Ely Riverside.

Page 1105, Item 12 – The Mayor and Cllr Bradney had both spoken to Giles Hughes at ECDC. It was anticipated that a seminar could be organised at the end of February. Soham Town Council will also be invited to attend. A letter will be sent to Mrs Dawe, Chairman of Stuntney Village Council updating her on how we are progressing with this issue.

Page 1106, Item 17 – Cllr Yates informed members he had been unable to organise a meeting of local organisations before Christmas, but a date for this meeting will be arranged shortly. Tracey Harding from ECDC had also expressed an interest in attending this.

4. QUESTION TIME

District Cllr J Friend-Smith informed members that work was now complete at Thistle Corner. The Section 38 Agreement between the developers and the County Council still needed to be signed. Once this had been undertaken the roundabout should then be able to open.

He had raised his concerns again with ECDC regarding the buffer zone near Alexander Chase and Collier Close. Section 106 money could be used to help progress the problems with linking these developments up.

Cllr Rouse raised his concerns that the streetlights at Tesco and the garage were not working. A new streetlighting contract is now in place and work has been undertaken in Ely over the last week. If these are still not working the Clerk will report them to the County Council.

5. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Ely Christmas Fair in aid of Cystic Fibrosis; the Ely Standard Sports Awards 2010; Lions Presentation Evening; a Muslim Prayer meeting at the Paradise Centre; carol singing in aid of NSPCC at Ely Station, a Reception at RAF Lakenheath; Papworth Hospital Charity's Carol Service; the Air Cadets Presentation Evening; Highfield School Christingle Service; Children's Society Christingle Service; Christmas Celebration Service at the Lighthouse Centre and a Reception at Queen's Hall, The Gallery. The Mayoress had attended a Coffee Morning at Highfield School.

District Cllr J Friend-Smith left the meeting at 7.30 pm.

6. PLANNING

Reports of a planning committee meeting held on the 22nd November 2010 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

7. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification of tree work:- 3 Palace Green, Ely; 24 Cambridge Road, Ely; various locations on Ely Cathedral land, Ely; Woolpack Yard, Ely; 27 Jubilee Terrace, Ely; 19 Bell Holt, Ely

Notification of street naming and numbering:- Kingsley Walk, Ely; Goldsmith Court, Ely

Letter from Chair of City of Ely Fairtrade Forum – *The Clerk will send a letter to the Chair thanking them for the information provided.*

Article from LCR Winter 2010 – 'More People Power?'

Copy of e-mail from ECDC Conservation Officer regarding planning applications affecting heritage Cambs County Council – Commons Act 2006: Section 15 – application to register land know as Ely Common as a Town Green – *Cllr Hobbs declared a personal interest in this item. Cllrs Yates and Burton will look at this application on behalf of the Council. The Clerk will request an extension to the consultation period to allow this to be discussed at the next Full Council as an agenda item.*

Tree Preservation Orders: E/04/10 – 1 Redman Close, Ely; E/2/94 – 86 & 88 Morton Close, Ely

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. ECDC have now forwarded documentation for the official transfer of the Columbine Road play area to this Council. Members unanimously agreed that subject to the Clerk checking and ensuring these were all correct the document could be signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Hobbs thanked the volunteers for the efficient way in which the lights were taken down.

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

(vi) ELY/RIBE – No report.

Committee Reports continued

(vii) YOUTH COUNCIL – The Youth Council had not met. Cllrs Friend-Smith and Yates had met with three representatives from English Heritage who had confirmed that an archaeological dig would not need to be undertaken for the installation of these lights in the park. They would just need to check the hole that is being dug when the lights are installed. It was agreed that electrical lighting should be installed rather than solar lighting. They had also discussed these changes with Jane Kennedy.

9. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 3rd December were noted.

City of Ely Allotment Association – minutes of a meeting held on the 15th December were tabled and noted.

10. NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2011/2012

The nominations of Cllr John Yates for Mayor, proposed by Cllr Richard Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Ron Bradney and Cllr Will Burton for Deputy Mayor, proposed by Cllr Richard Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Ron Bradney were unanimously approved.

11. TO NOMINATE A COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE ON TRINITY DOLE CHARITY

The Clerk informed members Mr Clarke had resigned as the Council's representative on the Trinity Dole Charity. Cllr Overall agreed to replace Mr Clarke. This was unanimously agreed by all members.

12 . CORRESPONDENCE

To receive the following correspondence

LCR Community Action

13. 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
Barclaycard	65.39	pd by direct debit
J Parker Dutch Bulbs WS Ltd	112.74	108125
Konica Minolta Business Solutions East Ltd	252.53	108126
Holgate & French (Shelford) Ltd	118.15	108127
Cambridgeshire ACRE	25.00	108130
ESPO	129.93	108129
ESPO	165.04	108131
Mr P Sindall	70.00	108128
Cheffins	166.93	108132
Jewson Ltd	24.68	108133
Gordon Harrison	11.14	108138
Elliotts	173.87	108135
Anglia Water	35.89	108136
City Cycles	4.87	108144
Jewson Ltd	41.02	108137
T Coulson by cash	75.00	108139
Thurlow Nunn Standen	64.76	108140
ESPO	138.63	108141
Digital Creations (Ely) Ltd	103.40	108147
Anglian Water	37.24	108142
G & J Peck Ltd	114.34	108143

Payments relating to staff since meeting on 6th December 2010

Salaries and wages	£7604.96 (paid by BACS)
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2334.22 (paid by BACS)
Pension fund payments	£1823.17 (paid by BACS)

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st December 2010, which was tabled