



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 2013**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr W Burton
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr C Jones

Cllr J Yates
Cllr B Ashton
Cllr N Clarke
Cllr S Overall

Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr E Griffin-Singh
Cllr P Eden

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Chaplin and Every.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations from the councillors.

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

No intentions were made.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH DECEMBER & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th December were agreed, and signed as a true record. Pages 1233, 1234, 1235 and 1236 refer.

Matters arising – Page 1234, Item 9 – The Clerk confirmed the setting of the precept for 2013/14 will be considered at the next Administration meeting on the 28th January.

Page 1235, Item 14 – The Clerk informed members, ECDC had confirmed that they would approach Aldi regarding the reallocation of the Section 106 money, to be used on CCTV provision generally within the City, rather than in the Vineyards, once the store has been completed and the Section 106 money paid over to ECDC.

**5. MS S BLAKE AND MS S BONNETT, ECDC TO GIVE UPDATE ON THE ELY TRAFFIC AND
ENVIRONMENT STUDY**

Due to the weather, this update was deferred until the next Full Council meeting in February.

6. QUESTION TIME

District Cllr Sheila Friend-Smith reported that the Steeple Row improvements had now been granted planning permission.

She asked if there had been any further progress on the installation of new dog bins. Cllr Griffin-Singh confirmed she had requested ECDC install new bins purchased by the City Council, but unfortunately this had not been undertaken yet. She agreed to chase them again.

She asked if the new Youth Forum would be using the Youth Council's notice board on the City Council's building. Cllr Yates confirmed that posters regarding the Youth Forum Fair will be placed in there shortly.

She reported that the Perspective Riverside Group had received a presentation regarding the proposed new Cambridge University Rowing Club building development at the riverside. It was anticipated a planning application would be submitted in February. Members agreed it would be a good idea to request the same presentation for its members. The Clerk will arrange this. It was agreed that members must ensure that whatever is gained by the community, is accessible to the community.

7. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Haddenham Day Centre Christmas Lunch; St Ives Mayor's Charity Carol Concert; the Cathedral's Christingle Service; City of Ely Military Band concert; the Ely Sinfonia Children's Show; Highfield School's Christingle Service and the Lighthouse Carol Service.

The Deputy Mayor had attended a Brass Band Concert at Highfield School and the opening of Bartram's offices at Lancaster Way Business Park.

8. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 17th December 2012 and immediately prior to this meeting were received from the Deputy Mayor.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification of tree work- Old St Mary's, 66 Silver Street, Ely; St Mary's Surgery, St Mary's Street, Ely; Waterside, Ely; 51 Prickwillow Road, Ely; 11 Chapel Street, Ely; Bell House, Lynn Road, Ely; The Wardens House, 32A West Fen Road, Ely; 3 Barton Square, Ely

Notification of Street Naming and Numbering:- Aldi Store, Lisle Lane, Ely; 114 Lancaster Way, Ely; Lancaster Lodge Childcare Ltd, Lancaster Way Business Park, Ely

To note email from ECDC re Community Infrastructure Levy

Ely Area Neighbourhood Panel Newsletter

Notification of a Public Inquiry regarding application to register land known as Ely Common, Prickwillow Road, Ely as a town green, to be held on the 24th January 2013

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) ADMINISTRATION – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 28th January at 7.00 pm.

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Griffin-Singh reported she hoped to resolve the problems with the new bus shelter at Lancaster Way shortly and this would then be erected as soon as possible.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Clarke informed members the work to the workshop should be completed by the end of this week. Members agreed an additional cost of £1668.12, to replace the exterior door. He also reported that Cllr Every, the Assistant Clerk and himself would be undertaking a tour of the play areas on the 21st January, to prioritise the works needed at each site.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 21st January. The Clerk informed members a winner for the Christmas lights window display competition, had been selected and sent her prize.

(v) ELY IN BLOOM – No report as Committee had not met. Members considered the 5 quotes received for the planting of baskets, planters and troughs and the watering of these for summer 2013. It was unanimously agreed to award this contract to the lowest quote from Simply Gardening of Ely at a cost of £5142.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Not met.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – Cllr Yates presented a report of a meeting held on the 9th January, which was approved. The updates regarding the Youth Fair and website were noted.

11. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

There were no Working Parties/Steering Group reports.

12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

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

City of Ely Perspective Design Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 20th November, which were tabled, were noted.

13. SHAPE YOUR PLACE CURRENT ISSUES

Members considered the issue posted on Shape your Place on the 11th December 2012 regarding the need for a zebra crossing on Lynn Road, Ely. Cllr Jones reported that she had personally written to Cambs County Council requesting the installation of an island in the centre of this road. The Mayor felt that with the imminent development of the North of Ely, it is important to ensure that these sorts of road issues are addressed within the planning applications. Members agreed to request that Cambs County Council undertake a further survey of this area and the amount of pedestrians crossing, as it was felt there may not have been a true reflection of the numbers, when it was undertaken just before Christmas.

14. TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME CCTV CO-ORDINATOR

Cllr Every informed members of the process undertaken regarding the appointment of the part-time CCTV Co-ordinator. Cllr Yates proposed that as recommended by the interview panel, Mrs L Titmarsh be appointed to this position, which was seconded by Cllr Clarke. Members voted with 9 in favour and 2 abstaining. Following this vote Mrs Titmarsh's appointment was unanimously approved.

15. TO CONSIDER LETTER FROM SMITHS GORE

Members considered the letter from Smiths Gore. It was unanimously agreed to respond positively to their request, regarding the Council managing the open space within phase 1 of their planning application for Highflyer Farm. The Council would formally confirm its desire, in principle to manage the various elements of the scheme as detailed in their letter.

16. TO CONSIDER RESPONSE FROM CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, REGARDING UPDATE ON TABLE AND CHAIR ARRANGEMENTS

The Mayor gave a brief background on this matter. The Council had reached an agreement with Cambs County Council that it would take responsibility for the day to day management of this scheme. However, the latest response from them had confirmed that they no longer wished us to be involved in these arrangements. It was therefore agreed that the Mayor would agree a meeting with the local County Councillors regarding the County Council's inability to undertake localism. It was also agreed he would raise this at the next Ely Neighbourhood Panel meeting.

17. NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2013/2014

The nominations of Cllr Elaine Griffin-Singh for Mayor, proposed by Cllr W Burton and seconded by Cllr J Yates and Cllr Elisabeth Every for Deputy Mayor, proposed by Cllr J Yates and seconded by Cllr W Burton, were unanimously approved.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:
LCR

19. FINANCE

To approve the following for payment:

ECDC	506.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	360.00	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	28.37	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	114.92	paid by direct debit
Barclays Bank	26.81	paid by direct debit
MiJan Ltd	81.00	108932
Newmarket Town Band	150.00	108933
Gordon Harrison	495.65	108935
Deeping Direct Deliveries	38.40	108936
Elliotts	713.98	108937
ECDC	14436.69	108938

Finance continued

Quadrant Security Group Ltd	1524.58	198939
G & J Peck Ltd	209.93	108941
ESPO	39.60	108940
Jewson Ltd	31.44	108942
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	2855.20	108956
City of Ely Allotment Assoc	298.50	108944
CCTV Volunteer	13.16	108945
Anglian Water	65.84	108946
CPALC	140.00	108947
CCTV Volunteer	19.84	108948
CCTV Volunteer	25.98	108949
Mr N Clarke	40.80	108950
Cooleraid Ltd	9.60	108951
1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	20.26	108952
Konica Minolta	257.90	108953
G & J Peck Ltd	7.42	108954
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	238.50	108955
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	63.36	108957
City Cycle Centre	13.37	108958
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	69.61	108959
Mr M Chinery-Colyer	52.53	108960
G & J Peck Ltd	101.39	108962
British Telecommunications	220.70	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	156.49	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	70.59	paid by direct debit

Payments relating to staff since meeting on 10th December 2012

Salaries and wages	£7552.28
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2389.48
Pension fund payments	£2613.36

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st December 2012