



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
STREET FURNITURE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON MONDAY 20TH MAY 2013**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Elaine Griffin-Singh Cllr. Nigel Clarke Cllr. Janice Mackay
Cllr. Elisabeth Every Cllr. Jeremy Tyrrell Cllr. Alison Arnold Cllr. Mike Rouse

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Mayor, Cllr Griffin-Singh, proposed that Cllr Arnold should be elected as Chair of the Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Rouse and unanimously agreed. Cllr Every proposed Cllr Mackay should be Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Rouse and unanimously agreed. Cllr Arnold then chaired the meeting.

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

No intentions were received.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (26th FEBRUARY 2013) & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 26th February 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record – pages STL 153 & 154 refer.

Matters arising – P 153, item 6. Cllr Griffin-Singh reported that this has not progressed to a satisfactory conclusion and there was nothing further to report.

5. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 14th May 2013. It was noticed that a typing error had been made in the New Works heading. This should have read £6,782.00. The budget update will be corrected. Cllr Tyrrell proposed that a schedule of objectives should be agreed by the Committee at the start of the new financial year, but Cllr Griffin-Singh explained that this is something that would need to be agreed by Full Council.

6. REQUEST FOR A DOG BIN AND DOG BIN INSTALLATION UPDATE

A request to install a dog bin on or near to the green space on Merivale Way, Ely, had been received from a parishioner. It was agreed that Cllr Rouse and Cllr Arnold would arrange to meet the parishioner to discuss the best location.

A further request has been received from Stuntney Village Council, for a second dog bin to be installed in the village. This was agreed, but the location for a new bin had not been proposed. The representative from Stuntney Village Council will be contacted to discuss this.

Six new dog bins have been installed by ECDC in Upherds Lane, Lisle Lane, Thistle Corner, Abbots Way Mulberry Close and Kiln Lane.

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7. SITING OF JUBILEE BEACON

Several potential locations were discussed that included, Lavender Green, the Country Park, the Maltings Cottage and the Bund. There were concerns that the Beacon would end up in a location where it could not be lit. Cllr Tyrrell suggested that it could be sited at the Marina, rather than stored away until it was next needed. He also said that he may be able to help with transporting it to a new site. It was decided that Cllr Arnold and Cllr Mackay would meet with Cllr Tyrrell to decide on the best location at the Marina. This will be recommended for approval at the next Full Council meeting.

8. RIVERSIDE SIGNAGE

Cllr Griffin-Singh pointed out that there were no "Welcome to Ely" signs on the river and proposed that it might be a good idea to have some signs on bridges on the approach to Ely. The Chairman proposed that this should be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

9. NOTICE BOARD FOR PRICKWILLOW VILLAGE COUNCIL - UPDATE

The Section 106 application for this had been submitted to ECDC and approval was awaited.

10. ALTERNATIVE DOG WASTE DISPOSAL

Cllr Arnold raised the issue of dog waste disposal and made Councillors present aware of an anaerobic digestion process, in which micro-organisms break down bio-degradable material in the absence of oxygen. This was discussed by members and it was agreed that the City of Ely Council was too small an organisation to be involved with a project like this. Cllr Rouse suggested that this was a possible pilot project for new developments and that it should be drawn to the attention of the relevant officer at ECDC.

11. REQUEST FOR BUS SHELTERS – KING’S AVENUE

Further to Cllr Eden's request to install two bus shelters on King's Avenue, members present discussed the potential cost of installing two shelters and ground work preparation. It was agreed that this could potentially be a misuse of Section 106 funds if the bus service was not to continue in the future. It was decided that this would be deferred until it was clear that the service will be continued.

12. A.O.B.

Cllr Rouse commented on the untidy state of the High Street and some surrounding areas. He proposed that this should be raised at the next meeting of the City Centre Committee.

The lack of vehicular access signs at the Riverside was discussed. Cllr Rouse is concerned that it is not clear how drivers of emergency vehicles and delivery vans access certain areas on the Riverside such as Ship Lane. It was suggested that this should be addressed by the On-Street Parking Review Working Party.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

The date of the next meeting was set for 19th August 2013.

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