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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2013**

**PRESENT:**

The Mayor Cllr E Griffin-Singh	Deputy Mayor, Cllr E Every	Cllr S Overall
Cllr A Arnold	Cllr J Yates	Cllr J Chaplin
Cllr M Rouse	Cllr N Clarke	Cllr C Phillips
Cllr R Hobbs		

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr B Ashton and Cllr J Tyrrell.

**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**

There were no intentions declared.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH AUGUST AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 27th August were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, and 1285 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1283, item 13 - Cllr Hobbs did not agree with the Council's adopted, co-option process and requested that it be reviewed again at the Full Council meeting in February 2014.

**5. QUESTION TIME**

The Mayor informed those present that items 13, 14 and 19 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.

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a County Council reported that he and County Councillor Bailey, had met with Mr S Alexander, who is the Local Highways Officer for Cambridgeshire County Council. Mr Alexander is aware of the on-street parking issues within the City. He also advised that the Queen Adelaide Scheme is currently being drawn up for traffic calming and speed reduction measures funded through the Local Highway Improvement bid. Cllr Rouse had details of the relevant costings for improvements to highways and will forward these to the Clerk. Cllr Rouse advised that the County Council will be holding a public meeting in Ely on the 1st October, which will be a chance for potential sponsors to present a summary of their bids, to run the new school in the North of Ely.

**6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT**

The Mayor had attended Burrows Bookshop – book launch, launch of Amore Vita, Stour Green community event, Ely Art Society exhibition; Ely in Bloom judging day; Summer Saturday's programme; Ely Triathletes; Ely in Bloom presentation evening; The Mayor's sports day; Ely Runners; Child Contact Centre; St Mary's Surgery; In Your Patch; Ladies Fitness Club – Launch; Corkers Crisps World Record open day; Battle of Britain Service at St Mary's Church; Ely Star Radio launch; Home Start AGM; G's Skills Assessment day; Creepy in the library – prize giving; Ely Flames Basketball Team; Ely Beet fun day and the Isle of Ely Produce Ltd open day.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Launch of a statue at ADeC; USAF BBQ at Mildenhall; a photo exhibition; the Ely Police Station open day and Ramsey Civic Service.

## 7. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 9th September 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:- 24A Main Street, Prickwillow, Ely; 148 West Fen Road, Ely; 17 Dalton Way, Ely; 15B Silver Street, Ely; grassed area to side of 2-8 West Fen Road, Ely; 40-52 Bell Holt, Ely; 45 Chiefs Street, Ely; 21 Egremont Street, Ely; Tower Court, Tower Road, Ely; 14 Egremont Street, Ely; Chantry House, 11B Barton Road, Ely

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## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) FINANCE AND PERSONNEL – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 2nd September 2013, which was agreed. The recommendations for the grants allocated under Section 137 were considered. Cllr Rouse took no part in this debate and Cllr Every took no part in the debate relating to number 19. Cllr Hobbs questioned whether applications numbered 24 and 19 were eligible, as he felt they were businesses. The Mayor questioned the decision not to give a grant to application number 10. She had recently visited this club and had learned that 15 out of the 23 children attending were from Ely. Members agreed that the Council's system for assessing the criteria for the grants, should be reviewed. Cllr Every and Cllr Yates agreed to look at this. Members agreed to award the grants to all those recommended with the exception of numbers 24 and 19, as further details would be sought, regarding these. Cllr Hobbs did not support the grants given to the sports clubs. Cllr Clarke proposed the adoption of the reviewed CCTV Policies for Volunteers. This was seconded by Cllr Chaplin and unanimously approved. The Mayor signed both Policies. The Internal Auditor was reappointed for 2013/2014.

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Arnold reported she would be meeting with the Assistant Construction Manager from Network Rail, regarding the Welcome to Ely Signs on Ely High Bridge and the new railway bridge. She also reported the dog bin at Upherds Lane had been replaced.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Chaplin presented a report of a meeting held on the 16th September, which had been tabled. This was approved. Section 106 funding will be applied for the installation of sockets on 28 lamp posts within the City. More volunteers are required to help with putting up the lights. This will be advertised at the Council's drop in stall on the 19th October.

(v) ELY IN BLOOM – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 24th September 2013.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Cllr Hobbs presented a report of the AGM held on the 18th September 2013. He advised the committee members had visited the Court House and had identified a few possible places that the tapestry could be moved to. They will put a proposal in writing to the Council.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 1st October 2013.

(viii) CITY CENTRE FORUM – No report as committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on 25th September 2013. Cllr Every reported that the consultation report on the Market Place had not yet been received. Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a District Councillor, will ensure this is moved along with the District Council.

## 10. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

On-Street Parking Working Party – Cllr Arnold tabled the notes of the On-Street Parking Working Party held on the 9th September 2013, which were noted. Cllr Clarke and herself, had met with the County Council regarding a report the Working Party had drawn up reviewing the most urgent work required on the Highways, in the City, such as repainting etc. They had been advised that this report would now form the master document that the County Council plans the maintenance work from and will be kept updated.

## 11. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – Cllr Arnold reported that the problem regarding the road at Lark Bank, had not been resolved by the County Council. Therefore, members agreed a letter should be sent to the Highways department in support of the correspondence received, regarding the required improvements to this road.



**20. Finance continued.....**

Wississippi Jazzmen	150.00	109200
City Cycle Centre	49.81	109202
CCTV Volunteer	16.45	109203
CCTV Volunteer	12.00	109204
CCTV Volunteer	9.60	109205
S Overall	14.00	109206
Henderson Electrical Services Ltd	189.30	109207
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	1397.38	109208
Cooleraid Ltd	9.60	109209
CW Technologies (UK) Ltd	431.28	109210
ESPO	33.66	109212
Konica Minolta	126.78	109213
Rialtas Business Solutions LTD	204.00	109214
Allen's Skip Hire	84.00	109215
Isle Interactive LTD	90.00	109216
Grays Surfacing	12431.24	109217
Local World LTD	72.00	109218
ESPO	18.96	109219
Royal British Legion	37.00	109220
G & J Peck	17.53	109221
Anglian Water	50.68	109222
Anglian Water	12.96	109222
Barclaycard	720.12	paid by direct debit
Countryside Services	180.00	109223
Pecks	108.47	109224
Pecks	34.12	109224
Jewson	38.94	109225
ESPO	45.60	109219
Smith Gore	225.00	109226
East of England Local Gov Assoc	120.00	109227
PKF Littlejohn	1560.00	109228
ADeC	850.00	109211
Ely Runners	250.00	109230
Army Cadet Force (Ely)	450.00	109231
City of Ely Netball Club	250.00	109232
Home Start East Cambs	500.00	109233
Ely Viking Korfball	200.00	109234
Guide Association Ely District	450.00	109235
Ely Museum	2000.00	109236
City of Ely Horticultural Society	800.00	109237
Pos+bility	500.00	109238
Ely Aquarius Gateway	500.00	109239
Campaign Amateur Theatre	450.00	109240
Isle of Ely Rowing Club	250.00	109241
Cambridge and Ely Child		
Contact Centre	500.00	109242
City of Ely Cricket Club	250.00	109243
Voluntary and Community Action		
East Cambs	250.00	109244

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Ely Roller Hockey Club	250.00	109245
Parkinsons UK	500.00	109246
Stuntney Village Council	100.00	109247
Ely English Language Cafe	150.00	109248
Centre 33	500.00	109249
Prickwillow Village Council	120.00	109250
Earth	990.00	109251

**Payments relating to staff since meeting on the**

Salaries and wages	£2184.03
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2184.03
Pension fund payments	£3093.60

**Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st August 2013**