



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
STREET FURNITURE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2014**

PRESENT:

Cllr A Arnold Cllr J Outen Cllr E Griffin-Singh Cllr E Every Cllr M Rouse
Cllr N Clarke Cllr C Phillips Cllr J Yates

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr J Pearson.

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

No intentions were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (28th OCTOBER 2013) & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 28th October 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record – pages STL 159 & 160 refer.

Matters arising – Page 159, item 6 – The Jubilee Beacon has now been removed from the Cathedral and has been stored at the Cemetery.

Matters arising – Page 160, item 10 – Cllr Every reported that the notice board at Stuntney is being repaired. The company from which the board was purchased, has taken the door away and will be replacing it with a new one. This replacement will be paid for out of the Street Furniture budget.

Matters arising – Page 160, item 10 – The grit bin at the top of Three Cups Walk has now been moved to a more appropriate position, at the request of a local shopkeeper.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 18th February 2014. There were no significant variances.

5. RIVERSIDE SIGNAGE

Ely Perspective has very kindly offered two “Welcome to Ely” signs for installation on the identified bridges over the river. It was agreed that the boat yards in Ely would be asked to provide a quote for the cost of erecting the signs. Members present agreed that they would be happy for the Chair to make a decision based on the quotes received. A limit of £1,000 was agreed by all.

6. FOOTPATH AT MERRIVALE WAY

Cllr Rouse advised that there was very little chance that this path would be completed, as building has now taken place on the original path route. Confirmation of this would be sought from ECDC.

7. TREE ON LYNN ROAD

Members present discussed the consequences of the County Council’s policy of not replacing trees, when it has been necessary to fell/remove a tree that has been damaged or is diseased. It was felt that the City of Ely Council should take some responsibility for replacing/planting new trees. It was agreed that a definitive policy should be agreed by Full Council. The cost of a licence to plant on County Council owned land and insurance premiums would be checked.

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8. PLANTING OF TREE ON CAMBRIDGE ROAD

Please see the notes from item 7.

9. ON-STREET PARKING PRIORITY LIST UPDATE

Cllr Arnold provided an update regarding the On-Street Parking priority list. Please see attached report. Cllr Every suggested that the previous members of the working group, continue to monitor the progress of the work identified and report back at each meeting.

At 8.00pm Cllr Rouse left the meeting.

10. MEMORIAL BENCHES

Cllr Arnold asked members present as to whether it would be a good idea to promote the memorial bench scheme by advertising in the local press. It was generally felt that this was not necessary. It may be possible, with future purchases, to use the “unveiling ceremony” as an opportunity to make the public aware that the scheme exists.

11. RIVERSIDE L.E.D. FOOTWAY PROJECT

As a representative of the ECDC Riverside Improvement Plan Group, Cllr Yates informed the Committee of a project to install solar lighting along the riverside. The lights would be the same as the ones installed on Cherry Hill and would be inserted into the ground every 9 metres. A plan of the project was distributed to members present. The ECDC Riverside Improvement Plan Group is asking for this Committee to consider submitting a Section 106 application from the P.O.S. funds. ECDC will also be installing these lights though the Country Park. The cost of the lights, not including the County Park, would be £5,442.90. As providing lighting for the riverside was a current aim of this Committee, it was agreed that they would support this project and proposed that it be recommended to Full Council for the submission of a Section 106 agreement. Long-term maintenance for the lights would have to be clarified before a decision is made.

12. A.O.B.

Cllr Yates informed the meeting that the bin store on Steeple Row is now finished.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is set for 27th May 2014. However, it was agreed a meeting would be arranged before this date in March or April.

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Committee Chairman