



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 2012**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr J Yates

Cllr S Overall

Cllr J Chaplin

Cllr A Brear

Cllr W Burton

District Cllr S Friend-Smith

Ms J Thompson, ECDC

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr P Eden

Cllr B Ashton

Cllr N Clarke

Cllr E Griffin-Singh

District Cllr J Friend-Smith

Mr A Olley & Mr B Lonsdale, ETA

Cllr R Wood

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr E Every

Cllr A Winchester

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

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

Mr A Olley declared an intention to speak under item 5 on behalf of the Ely Traders Association.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH DECEMBER & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 19th December were agreed and signed as a true record with a correction to item 5, so it read Ministry of Justice. Pages 1167, 1168, 1169, 1170 and 1171 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1168, Item 5 – Members were updated that ECDC were still negotiating with Kier regarding the buffer zone in Ely West. They have one month to respond, if they do not then ECDC will realign the path and get on with the work.

Page 1170 – Item 12 – The Clerk reported confirmation had been received from the County Council that the street lighting in the conservation area of Ely is defined as Designated Area lighting in the PFI contract and therefore column and lantern style will be replaced with 'like for like' equipment. The PFI provider Balfour Beatty will also consult with this Council two to three months in advance of any programmed works.

Page 1170, Item 13 – The Mayor reported the CCTV Partnership Agreement had not been signed yet, as further amendments were necessary.

Page 1170, Item 14 – The Mayor reported he would be meeting with ECDC Chief Executive shortly to discuss the Maltings Cottage.

**4. PRESENTATION BY JANE THOMPSON, INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME MANAGER, ECDC
REGARDING THE ELY TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT STUDY PROJECT PLAN**

The Mayor welcomed Ms Thompson to the meeting. She informed members of the planned highway works in Lisle Lane/Forehill by Sainsbury's and then those planned by Cambs County Council after Sainsbury's had opened. The Ely shuttle bus hourly service will be operational from the 13th February. Through Sainsbury's Section 106 agreement there is £600,000 allocated for this study. This has to be spent in the next ten years and will be spent on her salary, plans that need to be drawn up for consultation and surveys etc. During October/November, traffic surveys were undertaken at 11 junctions. These will be undertaken again once the new store has been open for a while. Air Quality studies have also been undertaken and there will be a van parked for a year at a location in Ely to constantly monitor the nitrogen dioxide levels. Cllr Winchester was concerned about the traffic impact on Lisle Lane once the second supermarket opened. Ms Thompson confirmed that if they were to gain planning permission for this, there

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would be funds from the new development to help with these problems. Members were also concerned about the possible problems with construction traffic, as was experienced with Sainsbury's. It was noted that perhaps there should have been better consultation with the local residents and the information regarding street closures did not have the correct road names on. Members unanimously agreed that there was a need to improve connectivity between Lisle Lane and the City Centre, to make this a natural flow. They felt this was an area of priority for the money to be spent on initially. Ms Thompson thanked members for their comments and agreed to take these on board. The Mayor thanked Ms Thompson for her informative presentation.

Ms Thompson and District Cllr J Friend-Smith left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

5. QUESTION TIME

Mr Lonsdale, on behalf of the Ely Traders Association, asked that the City of Ely Council take the lead in forming a management team for the City Centre. The Mayor acknowledged a letter he had received from the ETA regarding this and confirmed this had been touched on at the last Full Council meeting. The Council's response to the car parking proposals consultation also included the need for such a group. The Mayor read out the relevant paragraph for information. The Mayor agreed that the Council would support this request wholeheartedly.

District Cllr Sheila Friend-Smith thanked the Council for changing the Section 106 meetings to Thursdays. She reported that with regard to the Steeple Row application, the three councils will be working together with Ely Perspective regarding the wooden storage area. They seem to be getting nearer to a solution, but all three have to co-operate or it will not happen. She hoped it would be sorted within the next two months.

District Cllr Sheila Friend-Smith had been approached by parishioners regarding the opportunity for them to buy small apartments within a complex for older people. She felt there may be an opportunity to provide this within the City Centre and asked if the City of Ely Council could initiate this in anyway. Members agreed to support this suggestion as an initiative and will try to promote this where possible, if an opportunity arises.

6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had made official visits to the Ambulance Station, Fire Station and Police Station on the 23rd December. He had visited the Princess of Wales Hospital on Christmas Day, attended the opening of children's art competition at the Babylon Gallery and attended the Prickwillow Village Council AGM and Council meeting.

7. PLANNING

Reports of a planning committee meeting held on the 5th December 2011 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

8. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification of street naming and numbering:- Mile End Barn, Clayway Farm, Padnal Bank, Queen Adelaide, Ely; Long View, Putney Hill Road, Prickwillow, Ely; the Old School, Main Street, Stuntney

Notification of tree work:- 1 Back Hill, Ely; The Green, 19B Downham Road, Ely; Balagowan, 34 Downham Road, Ely; 20 New Barns Road, Ely

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Thank you letter from Stuntney Village Council regarding refurbishment of village sign

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (i) ADMINISTRATION – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 6th February.
- (ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Griffin-Singh reported that a bid had been submitted for the Minor Highways Improvement Scheme for a pedestrian crossing at High Barns. The new crossing patrol person was now in post at High Barns for the two schools.
- (iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. Members considered the three quotes for the upgrade of the skatepark. Cllrs Winchester and Every declared a personal interest in this matter. They completed sheets 64 and 65 of the Register of Interests and took no part in the discussion of this item. Members unanimously agreed to the lowest quotation of £12,900 from Highline. Cllr Hobbs gave an update on the cemetery staff/storage premises. He had met with an ECDC planner on site with the Mayor. He confirmed that planning permission is not needed for the alterations to the existing chapel, but permission for the new storage shed would need to be applied for. He thanked Cllr Clarke for all his hard work in preparing the plans and initial costings for this work.
- (iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Chaplin presented a report of a meeting held on the 16th January, which was accepted. The proposed plans for 2012 lights were noted.
- (v) ELY IN BLOOM – No report as Committee had not met.
- (vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as group had not met.
- (vii) YOUTH COUNCIL – Youth Council had not met.
- (viii) CCTV – No report as Committee had not met.

10. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Allotments Association – minutes of a meeting held on the 14th December were noted.
City of Ely Perspective Riverside Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 12th January were noted.
Prickwillow Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 16th January were noted.

11. TO AGREE SECTION 106 PRIORITIES

The Mayor confirmed the Section 106 balance was £240,000. A breakdown of the Sainsbury's contributions will be available at the next meeting. This will be additional to the current balance. The proposed workshop and storage at the cemetery will cost approximately £80,000 - £100,000. Tower Road lighting – if the lights in the Park are successful, this could be an option for lighting this footpath. At the Section 106 meeting held today it was agreed to include on the list of priorities, improvements to Forehill to link the City Centre to Lisle Lane. Steeple Row application needs further funding to get it moving again. Costs for this had been requested so this could be considered at a future Section 106 meeting. It was agreed that members should forward their list of priorities to the Mayor or the Clerk.

12. TO APPROVE RESPONSE TO ECDC REGARDING CAR PARKING PROPOSALS

Members unanimously agreed the draft letter prepared by the Mayor regarding comments on behalf of the Council in relation to ECDC's car parking proposals should be submitted, subject to two minor changes.

Cllr S Friend-Smith, Mr A Olley and Mr B Lonsdale left the meeting at 8.25 pm.

13. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC'S CONSULTATION ON PRELIMINARY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE

Members had noted the consultation on the preliminary draft charging schedule and unanimously agreed to give authority to the Mayor to submit a response on behalf of the Council.

Cllr Chaplin left the meeting at 8.30 pm.

14. TO APPROVE QUOTATION FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE MAYORAL ROBE

Members noted the quotation of £673 to refurbish the existing Mayoral robe. Alternative companies to undertake this work were suggested. Members unanimously agreed to give authority to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to look at these alternatives and make a decision.

15. PRICKWILLOW VILLAGE VISION SITES SURVEY

Members noted the proposed poster, questionnaire, map of potential sites and suggested consultation period of the 6-27 February and unanimously approved all of these.

16. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THISTLE CORNER, ELY

Members noted the correspondence and update regarding Thistle Corner, Ely.

17. TO NOTE THE FINDINGS OF CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL’S SPEED LIMIT REVIEW NO 14 – A10 (CAMBRIDGE – ELY)

Members noted that the A10 (Cambridge-Ely) will not be reduced to 50 mph on this stretch. However, there will be a 50 mph speed limit on two sections of the review length. This will be from the A14 interchange at Milton to a point North of the Slap-Up junction at Waterbeach and on a section either side of the Little Thetford junction.

18. TO APPROVE SIGNING OF SHAPE YOUR PLACE, EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE PARTNER AGENCY SUPPORT AGREEMENT AND TO APPOINT A MEMBER OF STAFF TO CARRY OUT SUPPORT WORK IN RELATION TO THIS SITE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

Members unanimously approved the signing of Shape Your Place, East Cambridgeshire Partner Agency Support Agreement by the Mayor. It was also agreed that the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Administrative Assistant will be appointed to carry out support work in relation to this site on behalf of the Council.

19. TO CONSIDER REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION REVIEW WORKING PARTY

This item was discussed in Committee and a confidential minute forms part of these minutes.

20. TO APPROVE BUDGET HEADINGS FOR 2012/2013

Members unanimously agreed to approve the budget heading for 2012/2013 on the precept of £310,986. Members also noted and approved the cash reserves 12/13 risk assessment.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

Clerk and Councils Direct	The Clerk	Keeping in Touch
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22. FINANCE

The following were approved for payment:

PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHQ NO
ECDC	487.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	346.00	paid by direct debit
Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
Farrer & Co	600.00	108490
CS Containers	475.20	108492
FuelGenie	150.78	paid by direct debit
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	76.80	108493
CCTV Volunteer	17.60	108494
CCTV Volunteer	36.80	108495
CCTV Volunteer	21.12	108496
CCTV Volunteer	131.20	108497
CCTV Volunteer	17.60	108498
Cambs County Council	528.64	108499
Allen’s Skip Hire Ltd	16 8.00	108500
Neil Cutforth & Associates	364.00	108501
G & J Peck Ltd	330.72	108502
Barclays	27.18	paid by direct debit
ESPO	192.48	108503
Stoke Ferry Timber Ltd	132.00	108504

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Miss J Chaplin	32.50	108505
Mr N Clarke	32.00	108506
Cambridgeshire ACRE	120.00	108507
Cooleraid Ltd	38.40	108508
Mrs S Overall	45.00	108509
British Telecommunications	184.33	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	205.02	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	67.90	paid by direct debit
City Cycle Centre	54.84	108510
ESPO	48.81	paid by direct debit
ESPO	131.10	paid by direct debit
T Coulson by cash	85.00	108511
UK Cheapest Ltd	9.58	paid by direct debit – pd by credit card
Sitebox Ltd	60.74	paid by direct debit – pd by credit card
Screwfix Ltd	46.41	paid by direct debit – pd by credit card
MSM Consulting Engineers	168.00	108512
Gordon Harrison	26.58	108513
Height for Hire Ltd	955.20	108514

Payments relating to staff since meeting on 19th December 2011

Salaries and wages	£7351.14
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2377.64
Pension fund payments	£2107.56

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st December 2011