



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER 2011**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr J Yates

Cllr S Overall

Cllr J Chaplin

Cllr A Brear

Cllr R Wood

District Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr W Burton

Cllr P Eden

Cllr B Ashton

Cllr N Clarke

District Cllr J Friend-Smith

Cllr A Winchester

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr E Every

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Arnold and Griffin-Singh.

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

There were no intentions to speak.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH AUGUST & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 30th August were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1149, 1150, 1151 and 1152 refer. There were no matters arising.

**4. PRESENTATION BY SASS WILLIS, FLOOD AND WATER MANAGER, CAMBS COUNTY
COUNCIL ON THE ELY SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Mayor welcomed Sass Willis, CCC and Renuka Gunasekara from Hyder Consultancy. Sass Willis gave members background on the history of flooding within the Parish and County. They also explained about the areas vulnerable to surface water flooding within Ely and requested members comments on any areas they know of which have flooded, or could be liable to flooding. It was agreed maps would be sent to the Clerk for circulation to members, so they could identify on the map, suggested flood risk 'wet spots' that would undergo detailed assessment. The Mayor also agreed to invite them to the next Ely Neighbourhood Panel meeting to obtain feedback from the public that are in attendance. The Mayor thanked them both for attending and they left the meeting at 7.35 pm.

At 7.35 pm District Cllr J Friend-Smith left the meeting

5. QUESTION TIME

District Cllr Sheila Friend-Smith reported on behalf of District Cllr J Friend-Smith that the fence at the Murfitt Close play area had fallen down, but this has now been repaired. The bins in this area were also overflowing as they were not part of the Veolia contract, as the play area had not yet been adopted. Cllr Burton agreed to look into this to see if Veolia's contract could be varied.

District Cllr Sheila Friend-Smith informed members that the planning application for Steeple Row would not be withdrawn as they have been able to move forward a little bit with this. They will be working with the Cathedral about redirecting the path, which will be much less expensive. This path will be diverted to the other side of the trees, which will mean the Dean and Chapter will not have responsibility for this. The Tree Officer had a few concerns, so the Perspective will get a local firm in to undertake a survey.

6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Ely Rotary Club where there was a presentation about youth; pre-view of textile art exhibition at St Peters Church, Ely; had a tour of Ely in a wheelchair with the Access Group; Haddenham Steam Rally; opening of Jar Jars; the NESTA Project at Prickwillow. Members agreed it would be a good idea to hold some of the Full Council meetings in the villages of the parish of Ely, such as Prickwillow, Chettisham and Stuntney. He had also attended the farewell Eucharist for the Dean of Ely Cathedral and Ramsey Town Council Civic Service.

7. PLANNING

Reports of a planning committee meeting held on the 15th August 2011 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

8. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification of tree works:- 110 Morton Close, Ely; Wulverhost, Lynn Road, Chettisham, Ely; 17 St Mary's Street, Ely; land beside 5 Mulberry Way, Ely

Notification of TPOs: 89 Cambridge Road, Ely; 16 groups of trees and 102 individual trees at North Ely Military Housing Area, Water Tower and access road to Highflyer's Farm, Ely; 27 individual trees and 8 groups of trees at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Lynn Road, Ely

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) ADMINISTRATION – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 5th September, which was approved. The recommendations for the grants allocated under Section 137 were unanimously approved by members and will be added to the list of approved payments. An additional application from the Little Willows Baby and Toddler Group was also considered and a grant of £100 was approved. A request for a Local Needs Housing resident for the erection of a conservatory on their property was considered. Members unanimously agreed to approve this request subject to the usual conditions and an agreement being signed.

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 19th September, which were approved. The application form and fees for a scheme for local residents and businesses to sponsor the installation of a bench in and around Ely were approved. These benches could be sponsored as a dedication or a commemoration, as well as in memoriam of someone. Funding for a crossing patrol person is still available at Spring Meadow School and Downham Road, but the County Council had been unable to recruit for these positions. A request for a bus shelter at the bus stop at the A142 roundabout at Lancaster Way had been received. Grovemere Property Ltd would be contacted to see if they would be interested in sponsoring this.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – Cllr Hobbs presented a report of a meeting held on the 12th September, which was approved. Members had unanimously agreed to proceed with the transfer of Abbotts Way play area. The revised transfer documents for this had now been received and members authorised the Chairman to sign and seal the document. The level of staffing for the winter months had been agreed as 3 full-time staff. This will be reviewed in the Spring.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 17th October.

(v) ELY IN BLOOM – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 27th September.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as Association had not met. The AGM will be held on the 28th September.

(vii) YOUTH COUNCIL – Youth Council had not met. The Mayor reported there would be an item on the next Administration meeting on how he plans to proceed with the Youth Council and his Youth initiative project.

(viii) CCTV – Cllr Burton presented a report of a meeting held on the 7th September, which was approved. An update from the CCTV Co-ordinator was noted. The Deputy Mayor reported that the Police Station Open Day on the 11th September had been a great success, with many people visiting the CCTV control room. There had also been several people interested in becoming CCTV Volunteers.

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(ix) DIAMOND JUBILEE – Cllr Burton presented a report of a meeting held on the 19th September, which was approved. It had been agreed the event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee would be organised by the City of Ely Council. The provisional plans were agreed as a picnic in Jubilee Gardens from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm. The evening entertainment would be a concert, with 3 bands, to be held in the Park. This would be followed by the lighting of the beacon. These proposals will be costed out and discussed at the next meeting, when the budget for 2012/2013 will be set. A new beacon will be commissioned for this event.

10. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 6th September were noted,
City of Ely Allotments Association – minutes of a meeting held on the 17th August were noted.

11. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE RECAP WASTE MANAGEMENT DESIGN GUIDE CONSULTATION

Members considered the RECAP Waste Management Design Guide and agreed to note this and make no comments.

12. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF THE DECISION TO REMOVE ALL SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICE FUNDING

Cllr Eden agreed to look at these proposals and report back to the next Full Council meeting with a draft response on behalf of the Council.

13. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE 2013 REVIEW OF PARLIMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN ENGLAND

Members unanimously agreed that electors from the town of Newmarket in the county of Suffolk be combined with the district of East Cambridgeshire. However, in future the City of Ely should have preference in any references as it has Royal Charter status.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC'S DRAFT GUIDE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Members agreed Cllr Griffin-Singh would look at this document and make comments on behalf of the Council. Members agreed that this Council would not be in favour of garage courts.

15. TO APPROVE SIGNATORIES FOR THE CAMBRIDGE BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNT

The Council had been notified that they would have to reduce the number of signatories on this account. It was agreed that these would now be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and two others appointed by the Mayor.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the following correspondence:

The Clerk LCR Clerks & Councils Direct

17. 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 |
| The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal | 34.00 | 108346 |
| Isle Interactive Ltd | 90.00 | 108347 |
| 1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd | 772.80 | 108348 |
| Cottenham Brass Band | 150.00 | 108150 |
| BACS charges | 27.18 | paid by direct debit |
| Fuel Genie | 293.24 | paid by direct debit |
| English Brothers Ltd | 121.30 | 108351 |
| Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd | 41.11 | 108352 |
| ESPO | 45.32 | 108353 |
| G & J Peck Ltd | 354.87 | 108354 |

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| T Coulson by cash | 85.00 | 108369 |
| CCTV Volunteer | 14.08 | 108355 |
| CCTV Volunteer | 70.64 | 108356 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | 2700.00 | 108357 |
| Wississippi Jazzmen | 150.00 | 108358 |
| Konica Minolta Business Solutions East Ltd | 353.49 | 108359 |
| Clocking Systems | 25.20 | 108360 |
| CCTV Volunteer | 55.36 | 108361 |
| RBS Software Solutions | 159.00 | 108362 |
| Gordon Harrison | 13.44 | 108363 |
| City Cycle Centre | 5.96 | 108364 |
| CoolerAid Ltd | 9.60 | 108365 |
| Allen's Skip Hire Ltd | 84.00 | 108366 |
| ECDC | 2229.53 | 108373 |
| Cole Ambrose Ltd | 10.00 | 108367 |
| Wicksteed Leisure Ltd | 7027.32 | 108370 |
| Smiths Gore | 225.00 | 108371 |
| F J Zelle Ltd | 150.00 | 108349 |
| Mr J Hannaford | 100.00 | 108372 |
| Farrer & Co | 3300.00 | 108368 |
| Cambridge & Ely Child Contact Centres | 300.00 | 108376 |
| City of Ely & District Horticultural Soc | 800.00 | 108377 |
| Parkinson's UK (Ely Support Group) | 500.00 | 108378 |
| Vol & Community Action East Cambs | 400.00 | 108379 |
| Ely Youth Initiative | 500.00 | 108380 |
| Ely Senior Citizens Minibus Fund | 250.00 | 108381 |
| Home-Start East Cambs | 500.00 | 108382 |
| RAF Witchford Display of Memorabilia | 100.00 | 108383 |
| EARTH | 900.00 | 108384 |
| Ely Museum | 2000.00 | 108385 |
| Ely Runners | 250.00 | 108386 |
| Stuntney Village Council | 85.00 | 108387 |
| Prickwillow Village Council | 85.00 | 108388 |
| ADeC | 250.00 | 108389 |
| City of Ely Waits | 250.00 | 108390 |
| Isle of Ely Rowing Club | 250.00 | 108391 |
| St Mary's Church | 576.00 | 108392 |
| CYPS – Ely Youth Club | 250.00 | 108393 |
| Magpas | 250.00 | 108394 |
| The Garage Youth Project | 250.00 | 108395 |
| The NCT (Isle of Ely Branch) | 100.00 | 108396 |
| Ely Soham Dial-a-Ride | 500.00 | 108397 |
| Ely City Football Club | 250.00 | 108398 |
| City of Ely Cricket Club | 250.00 | 108399 |
| City of Ely Netball Club | 250.00 | 108400 |
| Prickwillow Engine Trust | 975.00 | 108401 |
| Little Willows Baby and Toddler Group | 100.00 | 108402 |

Payments relating to staff since meeting on 31st August 2011

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| Salaries and wages and honorariums | £7829.51 |
| Inland Revenue (tax & NI) | £2355.45 |
| Pension fund payments | £2049.14 |

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