



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON TUESDAY 27th MAY 2014**

PRESENT:

Cllr A Arnold Cllr N Clarke Cllr E Every Cllr G Barber Cllr I Lindsay Cllr J Yates

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Cllr Yates proposed that Cllr Arnold should be elected as Chair of the Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Clarke and unanimously agreed. Cllr Arnold proposed that Cllr Clarke should be Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Yates 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 OF THE STREET FURNITURE COMMITTEE (14th APRIL 2014) & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting of the Street Furniture Committee, held on the 14th April 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record – pages STL 163 & 164 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference were agreed as follows: - To encourage a clean, healthy and attractive local environment, which contributes to the City and its people, within its resources and responsibilities. To take account of the Localism Act opportunities under Section 106 and CIL monies. Also, to work with other authorities and organisations to achieve the best service possible with regard to Street Furniture.

6. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The following aims and objectives were agreed:-

To provide street furniture items such as dog waste bins, notice boards, street lights, bus shelters and signage

To maintain the items of street furniture that the Council is responsible for

To manage the memorial bench scheme

To manage the City's floral displays

To evaluate and recommend improvement to the Ely parish street scene.

7. REVIEW OF 2013/2014

Please see attached report.

8. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget dated 19th May 2014. There were no significant variances.

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9. RIVERSIDE SIGNAGE

Bridge Boatyard were asked to provide a quote for the cost of erecting two “Welcome to Ely” signs on the riverside. They have quoted approximately £900, ex-VAT, which includes the cost of making the fixing brackets. We are currently waiting for a copy of the method statement from Bridge Boatyard so this can be submitted to Highways and Network Rail for approval.

10. COUNCIL FLAG

The flag on the Market Place has become ripped and tattered. It was agreed that a replacement would be costed and will be considered as part of a general Street Furniture Review.

11. PURCHASE OF DOG WASTE BINS

Some examples of dog waste bins and the costs were provided. It was agreed that the Committee would not order a stock of bins at this time, but would order the appropriate bin, as and when required.

12. ELY IN BLOOM

An appeal for volunteers to join the Ely in Bloom Working Group was sent out. We have received responses from five members of the public who are happy to form the Working Group. It was agreed that a meeting would now be arranged. Cllr Arnold agreed to be the Committee’s representative.

13. ON-STREET PARKING PRIORITY LIST – UPDATE

Please see attached document.

14. A.O.B.

Cllr Barber raised the issue of illegal parking on the High Street and the disruption to the traffic flow that it causes. Cllr Arnold agreed to write to Inspector Ormerod to bring the problem to his attention.

On behalf of Cllr Rouse, Cllr Every drew the Committee’s attention to the comments on Shape Your Place concerning the traffic issues on Silver Street. Cllr Rouse feels that these comments cannot be ignored by this Council. He is currently trying to source some data concerning the issues so that he can approach the County Council. Cllr Clarke proposed that the Committee should look at devising a one-way system that works for both cars and cyclists. Cllr Clarke, Cllr Barber, Cllr Arnold and Cllr Yates volunteered to meet to discuss the possibilities.

The Section 106 application for the solar lights for the riverside has been approved, however, the order will not be placed until it has been agreed which Council will be responsible for the maintenance of them. The City of Ely Council feels that they should be the responsibility of ECDC as they own the riverside but this has not been agreed. Cllr Hobbs will be raising this at the new Commercial Services Committee meeting at ECDC in June.

After having read the Haddenham and Aldreth’s Parish Council response to East Cambridgeshire Council’s Draft Supplementary Planning Document on Renewable Energy Proposals, Cllr Barber suggested that the City of Ely Council should also have a policy in place. It was suggested by Cllr Every that this should go to the Personnel, Finance & Governance Committee for discussion.

15. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been arranged for Monday 18th August 2014.