



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 27TH AUGUST 2013**

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor, Cllr E Every
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr N Clarke
Cllr J Chaplin

Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr J Yates
Cllr S Overall
Cllr C Jones

Cllr B Ashton
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr J Tyrrell

1 member of public

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Every chaired the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Griffin-Singh and Mackay.

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 1ST JULY AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 29th July were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1275, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1279 and 1280 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1277, item 13 – It was noted that the name suggestions by this Council for the new road off Lynn Road were felt to be inappropriate. The name will include 'Sheriff'.

Page 1280, item 16 – Members unanimously agreed that the new camera to be installed at the Country Park will be added to the existing stock of cameras.

5. QUESTION TIME

The Deputy Mayor informed those present that item 15 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.

There was no discussion or questions raised under this item.

6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor had not provided details of their engagements. These will be given at the next Full Council meeting.

7. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 12th August 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:- 12 John Amner Close, Ely; 29 Buckthorn, Ely; 26 The Vineyards, Ely; 19 Welland Place, Ely; 6 The Turnpike, Ely

Notification of street numbering and naming:- Pegasus House, 69 Waterside, Ely; 132 West Fen Road, Ely; new commercial unit – The Studio, 1A Back Lane, Ely

Notification from Cambs County Council of changes to local bus services

Letter regarding Stuntney Lower Street rising main replacement – Stuntney Causeway Allotments

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) ADMINISTRATION – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 2nd September, which will consider the grant applications.

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – Cllr Arnold tabled notes of a meeting held on the 19th August. She informed members that ECDC would be installing one of the City of Ely Council's new dog bins at Upherds Lane, which had gone missing. Members noted the Committee's aims and objectives. The suggestion to move the grit bin in Three Cups Walk to the top of the hill had been referred to Cambs County Council, who will be considering the request and will respond directly to the City of Ely Council. Cllr Arnold confirmed that the design of signs for the river will be discussed at the next Street Furniture Committee meeting. Cambs County Council had agreed in principle to the erection of these on their land. Designs selected would be submitted at Full Council for final approval.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Clarke informed members the installation of the new road way in the Cemetery will commence next week. The next meeting will be held on the 9th September.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 16th September. Cllr Chaplin informed members that confirmation had finally been received that the lamp columns identified could be used to display set pieces. She also reported that she had been unable to speak to Mr Newstead or Mr Eden regarding the Switch-On evening.

(v) ELY IN BLOOM – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Overall informed members the prize giving evening on the 20th August had gone very well, with a good attendance.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as had not met. The AGM will be held on the 18th September. As the Ribe tapestry may be displayed in the Magistrates Court, it had been requested that members of the Ely/Ribe Committee have a tour of the courthouse to look at suitable locations for this.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as Committee had not met.

(viii) CITY CENTRE FORUM – Cllr Yates outlined to members, proposals for a one off Christmas Park and Ride, to encourage shoppers into the City Centre, which would run from Ely College. Three quotes had been obtained for this service, with Ely Soham Dial a Ride being the cheapest. Cllr Clarke expressed his concern that there was to be no contribution towards the cost of this service from the main beneficiaries, the traders. Cllr Ashton agreed with this and asked which budget heading the cost of this service would come from. The Clerk confirmed that there was no budget heading for this. Cllr Every proposed the Council would in principle fund this service up to a cost of £2000 for 5 Saturdays commencing on the 23rd November to the 21st December. This would be considered a pilot for possible future schemes. Costs will also be incurred to promote this service. This was seconded by Cllr Yates and members voted 7 for, 2 against and 1 abstention. It was therefore agreed to accept the cheapest quote from Ely Soham Dial a Ride.

10. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

There were no reports from Working Parties or Steering Groups.

11. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Ely Traffic and Environment Study – Officer Working Group – members noted the notes of a meeting held on the 11th July. Members asked the Clerk to request that time lines and costings be added to these notes, for each project. Members were concerned that there now appears to be a number of different working groups etc that have been formed, that are overlapping on several projects. For example this group, City Centre Forum (City of Ely Council), Town Centres Working Party (ECDC) and the On-Street Parking Working Group (City of Ely Council). Members felt each group needed to ensure they were aware of what each other were doing and also keep each other informed.

City of Ely Allotments Association – members noted the minutes of a meeting held on the 12th June. Members unanimously approved the appointment of Cllrs Every and Mackay as the Council’s representatives on ECDC’s Town Centres Working Party.

12. TO FILL COUNCILLOR VACANCY IN THE NORTH WARD BY CO-OPTION

Members considered the three applicants for the councillor vacancy in the North Ward by co-option. Cllr Jones abstained from this process and did not take part in the vote. The procedures for this co-option followed the co-option of members procedures, as set out in the Council’s Standing Orders. To ensure a fair process was undertaken, members considered blind applications. Mr C Phillips was elected to fill the North Ward vacancy.

13. TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR THE DOWNHAM ROAD/WEST FEN ROAD JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS

Members considered proposals for the Downham Road/West Fen Road junction improvements. They fully supported and approved these plans. These designs will now be considered by the County Council's Safety Team for approval. If approved this will be funded from the Action for Market Towns budget.

14. TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE CHANGES TO CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL’S WINTER GRITTING ROUTES

Members discussed this item at great length. It was proposed by Cllr Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Yates that Forehill and Back Hill be upgraded to a precautionary network 1 (red) from precautionary network 2 (blue). It was felt that these two roads are a major route in and out of the City and should be upgraded to ensure they are always gritted. Members unanimously agreed to this proposal. Cllr Tyrrell proposed that Waterside be upgraded from a network 3 to 2. This was seconded by Cllr Rouse, but upon a vote of members, this was not agreed and will not be put forward as a possible change.

15. CCTV AND COUNCIL SERVICES

Due to the confidential nature of this item it will be discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting

16. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

East Cambs District Council	370.00	paid by direct debit
East Cambs District Council	520.00	paid by direct debit
Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
Francotyp-Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	234.79	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	315.67	paid by direct debit
Barclays Bank	27.92	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	15.16	paid by direct debit
ESPO	39.04	paid by direct debit
ESPO	45.86	paid by direct debit
Zurich Municipal	226.32	109174
Les Yardy Fencing	6736.80	109175
CCTV Volunteer	27.22	109167

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Littleport Brass Band	150.00	109176
Lunchbox	343.20	109177
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	675.90	109178
Stoke Ferry Timber Ltd	123.54	109179
ESPO	11.70	109180
G & J Peck Ltd	154.92	109181
Cooleraid Ltd	9.60	109182
City Cycle Centre	38.65	109183
Local World Ltd	72.00	109184
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	84.00	109185
Mr M Chinery-Colyer	39.79	109186
Well Heeled	29.70	109187
Jewson Ltd	15.58	109188
The BHMA Group	91.14	109189
Francotyp-Postalia Ltd	72.00	paid by direct debit
Balfour Beatty Living Places Ltd	465.26	109190
ESPO	44.24	109191
Gordon Harrison	9.58	109192
CCTV Volunteer	55.20	109193
CCTV Volunteer	6.40	109194
K Ellis	512.00	109195
S Overall	41.72	109196

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 29th July 2013

Salaries and wages	£9424.37
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2082.50
Pension fund payments	£3093.60

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