



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 29TH JULY 2013**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr E Griffin-Singh

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr N Clarke

Cllr J Chaplin

1 member of public

Cllr J Mackay

Cllr J Yates

Cllr E Every

Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr J Tyrrell

The Mayor reported to members that Cllr Eden and Cllr Burton had both resigned from the Council. Cllr Eden had been a councillor since February 2001 and had been the Mayor during 2003-2004. Cllr Burton had joined the Council in May 2007 and had been Mayor during 2012-2013. She proposed a vote of thanks to both of them for all the hard work and effort they had contributed to the Council and the community over their years in office.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ashton and Overall.

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 1st July were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1270, 1271, 1272, 1273 and 1274 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1273, item 15 – Cllr Yates informed members he had received further information regarding Steeple Row, which was not as he had originally been lead to believe. Therefore, he would be clarifying this with East Cambs District Council.

Page 1275, item 19 – The Mayor reported that the sale of the Magistrates Court had now completed and the building belonged to the Council.

Page 1275, item 20 – The Mayor reported the garden at the Maltings Cottage had now been cut.

Page 1273, item 17 - Members noted the update from ECDC regarding the Ely Riverside Mooring Byelaw.

5. QUESTION TIME

The Mayor informed those present that items 11 (Allotments) and 16 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.

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a County councillor, informed members that he was looking at the issue on Shape Your Place, regarding lorries in King's Avenue. He had also asked Mr Hughes from ECDC to arrange a meeting with Cambs County Council as a new bus stop standing in King's Avenue had been installed, but cars were actually parking in front of it. The Clerk informed members she had raised concerns with Sainsburys regarding their delivery lorries using Broad Street as a route to the store and not via Prickwillow Road. She had been assured by

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Sainsburys that all the delivery drivers had been instructed to go via Prickwillow Road. If any members spot these lorries travelling along Broad Street, they should report this to the Clerk who will pass this information on to Sainsburys.

6. MAYOR’S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Aquafest, Age UK AGM, Wood Green, the Animals Charity Mayors Day, the English Heritage’s Urban Panel dinner in conjunction with their visit to Ely, opening of Roly Fudge shop and the Fenland District Council Chairman’s Reception. She had also visited various organisations such as Kaptiv8 Academy, Ely Aquarius Gateway Club and the Cambridge and Ely Child Contact Centre.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the opening of the new Ely Sixth Form Common Room.

7. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 15th July 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:- Queens Hall, The Gallery, Ely; Acremont House School, Acremont House, 30 Egremont Street, Ely; Ely Beet Sports & Social Club, 83 Lynn Road, Ely; 3, Three Cups Walk, Ely; Barton Farm site car park, Barton Square, Ely; 2B Station Road, Ely; 33 Egremont Street, Ely; 8 Nutholt Lane, Ely; 55 Broad Street, Ely
Notification of Street Naming & Numbering;- 1 new dwelling, 26 The Vineyards, Ely; Wendreda House, 17 Church Lane, Ely; 26A Main Street, Prickwillow, Ely

Thank you letter from Ely College for grants for their Presentation Evening

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) ADMINISTRATION – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 15th July, which was approved. Members noted that the Working Group to review the Council’s forms of communications would meet with Mr Block and Mr Pittock, following their presentation on the ElyAce, to discuss how to promote the Council on this app. Members noted the revised Committee Structure and subject to the removal of the Asset & Acquisitions Committee Chairman from the Finance & Personnel Committee this was unanimously approved. Members approved the new application form for the co-option of councillors. Members agreed to take out another ESPO contract for 5 years for a new photocopier. Resident only parking signs for Ramsey Road will be purchased. Members noted the Internal Auditor’s report from his last visit on the 15th May. There were no issues for concern. Members approved the recommendation that Cllr Yates be appointed to represent this Council on a small Working Party, being formed by the Perspective Group, to move the Steeple Row project forward.

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting is on the 19th August. The Clerk gave an update on the bus shelter for Lancaster Way.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Clarke reported that the new play equipment had been installed at St John’s Road play area. The order had been placed for the new skate ramps at St John’s Road and the new fence for the St John’s Road play area was being erected today. The third quote for the new paths in the Cemetery had been received. The lowest quote was therefore accepted from Greys Surfacing.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 16th September. Cllr Chaplin agreed to speak to Mr Newstead regarding the arrangements for the switch-on evening as Philip Eden had resigned as a councillor and had been involved with this.

(v) ELY IN BLOOM – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 24th September. Judging for the Ely in Bloom competitions will take place on the 7th August, with the prize giving on the 20th August.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Minutes of a meeting held on the 3rd July were noted.

18. 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	258.30	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	333.95	paid by direct debit
Barclays Bank	27.92	paid by direct debit
ESPO	121.31	paid by direct debit
ESPO	73.03	paid by direct debit
ESPO	50.75	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	168.43	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	64.84	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	275.79	paid by direct debit
Bannold	299.79	109139
Waterbeach Brass	150.00	109140
Breckland Brass Band	150.00	109141
Cooleraid Ltd	49.60	109143
Simpson's Nurseries Ltd	39.74	109144
Wicken Coronation Band	150.00	109145
ESPO	48.43	109146
1st Call (Hire&Sales) Ltd	26.40	109147
G & J Peck Ltd	44.87	109148
Greenbarnes Ltd	975.96	109149
The CCTV Training Academy	1950.00	109150
City Cycle Centre	17.03	109151
Quadrant Security Group Ltd	2453.14	109152
City of Ely Military Band	150.00	109153
King's Lynn Town Band	150.00	109154
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	6.60	109155
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	18.02	109156
Abacus Playgrounds	2466.00	109157
Gordon Harrison	68.10	109158
S Overall	128.14	109159
G B Sport & Leisure	323.28	109160
CCTV Volunteer	5.00	109161
CCTV Volunteer	5.00	109162
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	30214.76	109163
Anglian Water	34.43	109142
G & J Peck Ltd	7.63	109172
Southern Electric	60.09	paid by direct debit
Safe & Sound Playgrounds	316.80	109171
Cooleraid Ltd	30.00	109170
K Ellis	672.00	109169
Jewson Ltd	10.80	109168
CCTV Volunteer	12.80	109165
CCTV Volunteer	4.80	109166
CCTV Volunteer	9.87	109164
Mr C Weston	25.00	109173

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 1st July 2013

Salaries and wages	£9283.98
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2072.16
Pension fund payments	£3093.60

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th June 2013.