



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 30TH AUGUST 2011**

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr J Yates

Cllr A Winchester

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr N Clarke

District Cllr S Friend-Smith

Ms S Blake, ECDC

Cllr E Griffin-Singh

Cllr S Overall

Cllr J Chaplin

Cllr A Brear

Cllr E Every

District Cllr J Friend-Smith

Mr G Hughes, ECDC

Cllr W Burton

Cllr P Eden

Cllr B Ashton

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr R Wood

2 parishioners

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**

There were no intentions to speak.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST AUGUST & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 1st August were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1144, 1145, 1146, 1147 and 1148 refer.

Matters Arising:- Page 1144, Item 3 – The Mayor informed members a meeting had taken place regarding street trading and pavement licences that afternoon. It was generally agreed by all parties present that the City of Ely Council will have responsibility for 'pavement licences'. The Council will draft a strategy and policy for this responsibility through the Street Furniture Committee. The Cambs County Council officers agreed to go back to the County Council's Legal Department to start the legal process moving to allow this to be transferred to the City Council.

Page 1147, Item 11 – The Mayor informed members that the previously agreed comments submitted regarding the Polling Stations review had been incorrect, as the polling station at Shippea Hill had already been removed, which the members had misunderstood. The other comments will be taken into account.

Page 1147, Item 12 – The Mayor informed members there had been no progress on the Maltings Cottage.

**4. PRESENTATION BY SHIRLEY BLAKE, PRINCIPAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER, ECDC ON THE NORTH ELY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

Ms Shirley Blake, Principal Sustainable Development Officer and Mr Giles Hughes, Head of Planning and Sustainable Development, ECDC gave a presentation on the North Ely Development Framework. They explained the role and purpose of the framework document, site context, principles and proposals and implementation.

Following the presentation members made various comments. It was agreed it was important that the road structure is put in place first to ensure the same problems with Thistle Corner are not repeated.

Questions were asked about flooding of this area and what would be put in place to alleviate surface water. Mr Hughes confirmed that there would be sustainable urban drainage systems which would reduce run-off and increase the permeability of the development. Ms Blake explained that the District Council were working with the County Council and the developers to ensure there is a transport system in place to service this new area.

The Mayor thanked Ms Blake and Mr Hughes for a very informative presentation.

At 7.55 pm Ms Blake and Mr Hughes left the meeting

5. QUESTION TIME

District Cllr Sheila Friend-Smith reported that the Steeple Row application had not progressed any further. The County Council has told the Perspective that they do not have any right to have a structure for bin storage on Steeple Row, even though there is already a structure in place for this, which they do not appear to have noticed. There are two ways around this problem. The Perspective is keen to support these but they could be very expensive. The most likely course of action would be to withdraw the planning application and then resubmit with amendments.

District Cllr Jeremy Friend-Smith reported that he had attended a meeting last week regarding the buffer strip on the West of Ely. Kier and ECDC's negotiations are at an advanced stage. It is intended to have the paths completed during the autumn.

District Cllr S Friend-Smith and District Cllr J Friend-Smith left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

6. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the presentation evening for Ely in Bloom awards; Viva Company Performance in Soham; CAM/JAM Camp at Huntingdon; Ely Arts Society Preview of their Annual Summer Exhibition; Amnesty International 50th Birthday celebrations; the Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Committee Charity Walk, the RAF Mildenhall New Mayors and Chairman's BBQ, the Ely Monster Middle Triathlon and the City of Ely Horticultural Society's Great Autumn Show.

7. PLANNING

Reports of a planning committee meeting held on the 18th July 2011 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

8. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following items for information only, were received:

Notification by CCC that only 3 visibility cuts per season will be undertaken on the protected road verge at Stuntney, Ely. No full cuts of any road verges will be undertaken.

Notification by Stagecoach of changes to bus services 9, 10, 11 and 12 – Cllr Eden explained to members the changes to these bus services. It will result in the hospital getting 1.5 buses per hour and High Barns will have its hourly service restored. Members agreed they need to monitor these services and then feedback to Cllr Eden, who will pass on any concerns to Cambs County Council.

Notice by CCC regarding temporary prohibition of through traffic order 2011 – Ely Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide – 10 – 11 September 2011

Notice of Making by CCC for Byways Open to all traffic No 45 and No 46 Ely, No 47 and No 48 Little Downham – Prohibition of Driving Order 2011

Update on Prickwillow NESTA event dates

Cambs and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan – suggested changes to the site specific proposals plan
To note CCC speed limit review No 14 – A10 (Cambridge-Ely) – The Clerk informed members this review was for information only and the Council would be able to comment when the County Council undertook formal consultation of this review later in the year. Members appreciated this, but felt they should express their concerns regarding the reduction in the speed limit on this road. It was unanimously agreed the Mayor would send a letter stating that this reduction was totally unnecessary.

Notification of tree work:- 2 Cardinals Way, Ely

Notification from the Cambs County Council Rights of Way Officer of work to be undertaken on the byway along the back of the motel and BP garage at the junction of the A10 and the A142

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) ADMINISTRATION – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 15th August, which was approved. Members approved the request from the Prickwillow Engine Trust to refurbish the steam boiler of the Ely Fire Engine, which is on loan to them. The Trust had asked if any funds would be available for help with the costs of undertaking this and members agreed they should apply under the Council's grant process. The annual review of the Town Crier's contract had been undertaken and only one minor change was necessary. The grants process and procedures to be undertaken had been discussed and it had been agreed the grant cheques would be sent out in the post. However, organisations will continue to be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in April, to give a short presentation on their organisation and how they spent the grant.

(ii) STREET FURNITURE – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 19th September.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 12th September.

(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.

(viii) CCTV – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 7th September.

(ix) DIAMOND JUBILEE – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 19th September.

10. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Allotments Association – minutes of a meeting held on the 15th June were noted.

City of Ely Perspective Executive – minutes of a meeting held on the 22nd August were noted.

11. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ELY OUTDOOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION REGARDING GRANT FUNDING TOWARDS THE RESURFACING OF THEIR EXISTING ARTIFICIAL HOCKEY FACILITY

After considering this application, members unanimously agreed that this request was not an appropriate use of Section 106 funding. It was agreed the Mayor would write to the consultants expressing the Council would be mindful to be of assistance in this matter, but further information would be needed from them. As public money was initially used to establish this facility it had been expected that sufficient funds would have been put to one side over a period of time to refurbish the surface when required. Clarification of whether this had happened would be sought. Confirmation of any other grant funding they may be seeking would be requested. It would also be suggested they contact the Ely and District Volunteer Centre, who may be able to help them in identifying any available funds.

12. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC DRAFT ALLOTMENT REPORT

Members unanimously agreed to bring the following points to the attention of ECDC regarding this draft report. The Ely and District Volunteer Centre have a scheme whereby individual gardens are used for allotment purposes. The City of Ely Council is currently working with ECDC on a scheme to connect all the development areas in the Western side of Ely. This is an area where allotments could possibly be included.

13. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC PROPOSED DRAFT REVISIONS TO SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT – DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND PLANNING OBLIGATIONS

The Council were of the opinion that applications for affordable housing involving gypsy and traveller and travelling show people caravan scheme, that the basic contribution/standard charges should not be reduced.

14. 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
FuelGenie	300.60	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	70.03	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	22.54	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	54.00	paid by direct debit
Millennium Pest Control Ltd	57.60	108331
ECDC	5657.40	108332
ESPO	88.38	108334
Breckland Brass Band	150.00	108333
1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	34.93	108335
King's Lynn Town Band	150.00	108336
Stoke Ferry Timber Ltd	111.54	108344
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	6.60	108337
G & J Peck Ltd	92.81	108338
Kenny Hill Builders Merchants Ltd	83.96	108339
Trophies and Medals.com	70.33	paid by direct debit on credit card
CCTV Volunteer	30.80	108340
Fenland Leisure Products	36.30	108341
Gordon Harrison	44.16	108342
T Coulson by cash	85.00	108343
Barclays Bank	70.00	paid by direct debit
Jewson Ltd	17.44	108345

Payments relating to staff since meeting on 1st August 2011

Salaries and wages	£7998.18 (pd by BACS)
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2407.95 (pd by BACS)
Pension fund payments	£2049.14 (pd by BACS)

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