



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE VERNON CROSS
ROOM, ELY MUSEUM, MARKET STREET, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON
MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2015**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr E Every
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr B Ashton
Cllr E Griffin-Singh

Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Yates
Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr J Pearson

Cllr C Phillips
Cllr N Clarke
Cllr A Whelan
Cllr S Pittcock

4 parishioners

District Cllr S Austen

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Rouse and Barber.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests from Councillors as per Standing Order 83b were received.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH JANUARY AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th January were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to Cllr Lindsay being added to the apologies and removed from those present. Pages 1396, 1397, 1398, 1399 and 1400 refer.

There were no matters arising.

5. FEEDBACK FROM MANAGEMENT OF THE MOORINGS AT ELY RIVERSIDE CONSULTATION BY JULIE CORNWALL, PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER, ECDC

Cllr R Hobbs, in his capacity as a District Councillor, gave an update on this matter in Julie Cornwall's absence. He gave feedback on the 612 completed questionnaires, 155 of which were completed on line. The most favourable choice for length of stay for boats was for 48 hours, with no return within 48 hours. He reported this matter will be discussed at ECDC's Commercial Services Committee on the 3rd March. There will be a recommendation that boats can moor for a maximum period free of charge. If they exceed this period there will be a hefty charge, which will be administered by ECDC's Legal Department. Signage will also be erected. These regulations will be imposed initially for 6-12 months, after which a review will be undertaken to ascertain how well it has worked. He confirmed the City of Ely Council will be included in this review.

6. QUESTION TIME

The Mayor informed those present, that item 14 would be discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting. Due to the confidential nature of this item, members of the public would be excluded from the meeting.

Cllr Hobbs in his capacity as a District Councillor reported that English Heritage had expressed their concerns over the loss of view of the Cathedral, with regards to the erection of the new cinema.

District Cllr S Austen informed members she had been contacted by several parishioners regarding traffic issues within Ely. These related to West Fen Road and inappropriate parking. She had contacted the Police, but although they had issued a few tickets, they had not done anything further. The poorly lit junction of West Fen Road with the A10, had recently had a few near misses. The disabled parking spaces in Market Street will be removed when Anglian Water undertake some work in this area. She had contacted Cambs County Council regarding this but had not been successful in her request to have the disabled spaces moved to another part of this street. The Mayor agreed the City of Ely Council would write to the County Council regarding all this issues to try and help resolve the problems.

Mrs V Holden, a parishioner raised her concerns regarding issues with the work carried out to the outside of the old Magistrates Court, by the City of Ely Council for their new offices. She queried the level of the ramp, lighting, overflowing of the downpipe on to the ramp and the variation of the depth of the steps. She had met with ECDC's Building Control Officer regarding these matters and had suggested a handrail be fitted down the middle of the steps. The Clerk informed Mrs Holden that she had also had a discussion with the Building Control Officer and it had been agreed the lighting in place at the main entrance was satisfactory. Both the Conservation Officer and Planning Officer had confirmed they would not permit a handrail down the middle of the steps. Therefore, the level of the surfacing at the bottom of the first step was being assessed to ascertain whether this could be lowered.

7. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the Friends of Ely EAC meeting; the Ribe Annual dinner; the Churches Together Service at the Countess Free Church; a Chamber of Commerce event at Poets House; the City of Ely Council's Volunteers Celebration; was interviewed for the Cambridge Business Magazine; the Mayor of King's Lynn Burns'Night; Grow your Business through People Chamber event; visited Headway at Fulbourn; met with ADeC and the Arts Council and a CLAS Partnership meeting. She had written a bid for School/Buinness Links grant; had facilitated on the Women's Sector Equality event for the Chamber of Commerce; attended in her capacity as governor a full governors' meeting at St John's Community Primary School; Crime and Safety Partnership meeting, a Town Centres meeting and the ATC 50th Anniversary Parade and Service at Ely Cathedral.

8. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 26th January 2015 and immediately prior to this meeting were received from Cllr Yates.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Letter from Brigadier General Douglas Cox

Letter from Littleport Parish Council regarding proposed leisure village in Ely and response from ECDC Leader of the Council

Information regarding Community Payback –*the Mayor informed members the City Centre Forum had recommended the Payback Team be involved in the Clean up Ely Fortnight, which was being organised in conjunction with ECDC's Community Safety Partnership. The City of Ely Council would hold its own Neighbourhood Panel meeting on the 13th April, at the end of this fortnight. Cllr Griffin-Singh reported that when she was Chairman of the Street Furniture Committee, which was now the Environment Committee, she had produced a schedule of possible tasks for the Payback Team to undertake. She agreed to forward this to the Clerk to see if these could now be undertaken within this scheme. This will be discussed further at the next Environment Committee meeting.*

Ely Southern Bypass update

Future of Shape Your Place

Notification of tree work:- Kings School, Acremont House, 30 Acremont Street, Ely; 70 Lynn Road, Ely
Ely Byway 40

The Clerk, Clerks & Councils Direct

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee not met. The next meeting will be held on the 23rd February 2015.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 24th February 2015.

(iii) RECREATION AND CEMETERY – Cllr Pearson presented a report of a meeting held on the 2nd February, which was approved. Members agreed to the siting of two storage containers on the recycling area at the Cemetery. A planning application will be submitted for this. The cemetery fees will be increased by 2% for 2015/16. Additional pathways into the Garden of Remembrance and section CON E will be added to the Section 106 application for the upgrading of the surface of the main entrance into the cemetery. The Clerk informed members that a final price had now been provided for the new van. This had increased from £193.81 to £202.72 (prices inclusive of VAT). Members unanimously approved this additional cost and agreed to this being paid by monthly direct debit. Cllr Hobbs raised his concern that the Council was not making the most of the recycling area at the cemetery. He feels that due to the better recycling service offered to households, there was no longer a need for the recycling banks to remain in this area. The income from ECDC for these was quite minimal. Due to the trouble residents had parking on New Barns Road, he suggested this area could be used to hire out car parking spaces to the residents. It was agreed to refer this suggestion back to the Recreation and Cemetery Committee to look at the feasibility of this.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Hobbs presented a report of a meeting held on the 20th January, which was approved. Members noted the updates from the Lighting Group and the Switch-On Group.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Notes of a meeting held on the 15th January were noted.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Griffin-Singh gave an update on the Centre E. A CIO, which was independent of the City of Ely Council, had now been formed and had been in place since January. They have now managed to get their proposal for the Centre E back on to the County Council's General Purpose Committee again.

The Mayor informed members she had helped write a bid developing the character development programme at Ely College. This had been submitted for a grant of £60,000 to facilitate a link between businesses and schools. If this bid was successful and the CIO were successful in obtaining management of the Centre E, this could be an ideal location to be included in this scheme, as it has a purpose built training facility.

11. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

The Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the following matter be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 be exercised. This was seconded by Cllr Yates and unanimously agreed. *Due to the confidential nature of this item, this was discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.*

CCTV - a verbal report was given in Committee at the end of the meeting.

12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Stuntney Village Council – minutes of the AGM and further meeting held on the 12th November 2014 were noted.

City of Ely Allotments Association – minutes of a meeting held on the 10th December 2014 were noted.

Prickwillow Village Council – tabled minutes of the AGM and further meeting held on the 19th January 2015 were noted.

Notes of a meeting held on the 16th January 2015 with ECDC and the City of Ely Council regarding the North of Ely were noted. Further minutes re the North of Ely Football meeting held on the 23rd January were also noted. It was agreed to hold a members' seminar to go through the information from these meetings. The ECDC officers will also be invited to attend.

13. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE ELY ZIPPER BUS SERVICE

Members discussed this request at great length. It was agreed to defer this request to a future Full Council meeting, when the Clerk will be able to provide information regarding the expenditure of the Council at the year end and whether there are any funds available to support this service.

The parishioners left the meeting at 8.10 pm.

14. COUNCIL SERVICES

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15. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

Talk Talk	20.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
Barclays	27.55	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	99.49	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	25.64	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	67.18	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	88.33	paid by direct debit
Soundstage One	1024.20	109810
Grays Surfacing	11970.00	109811
Wider Plan Ltd	112.54	109813
Bishop's Move	1080.00	109814
ECDC	1129.00	109818
Argos for Business	32.31	109819
M Rogerson Ltd	2883.30	109820
ESPO	14.58	109821
ECDC	93.41	109822
Littleport Parish Council	217.50	109823
Metro Rod Ltd	180.00	109824
Witham Oil & Paint (Soham) Ltd	139.02	109825
G & J Peck Ltd	29.07	109826
Jewson Ltd	33.59	109827
Leak Busters	265.00	109828
B I Catering Equipment Services	236.02	109829
Labour-tech Recruitment Ltd	168.00	109830
BHTA Number 3 Account	200.00	109831
Stoke Ferry Timber Ltd	157.80	109832
Countryside Services	1182.00	109833
Easy Clean	2910.00	109834
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	42.38	109835
Simpson's Nurseries Ltd	103.26	109836
CD Clowe Electrical Services	210.00	109837
Mason Hyde	20.00	109838
Rogan Heating Services Ltd	81.00	109839
Securitas Security Services (UK) Ltd	84.00	109840
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	130.00	109841
ESPO	83.96	paid by direct debit
ESPO	201.79	paid by direct debit
ESPO	73.44	paid by direct debit
Armourstore Self Storage Ltd	159.88	109842
ESPO	73.78	109846
ECDC	93.41	109844
G & J Peck Ltd	3.69	109845

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 12th January 2015

Salaries and wages	£8650.94
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2469.64
Pension fund payments	£2826.53

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st January 2015, which were tabled.