



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN ECDC COUNCIL CHAMBER,
NUTHOLT LANE, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2015**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr E Every
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr D Warman

Deputy Mayor, Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr J Pearson
Cllr P Moakes
Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr C Phillips
Cllr S Friend-Smith
Cllr M Lansell
Cllr S Austen

2 parishioners

3 representatives' from Cross Keys Homes *Melissa Reynolds, ECDC*

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr C Whelan and Cllr A Whelan.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest, as per Standing Order 83b.

Councillors, Moakes, Friend-Smith, Pearson, Every and Hobbs declared an interest in item 11(i) Personnel, Finance and Governance – item 7 – numbers 24, 7, 27, 16 respectively and signed forms 116, 117, 118, 119 & 120 respectively of the Register of Members Interest Book.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH AUGUST AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 27th July were agreed and signed as a true record after the item numbers were amended to run consecutively from 22 to 23. Pages 1449, 1450, 1451, 1452, 1453 and 1454 refer.

There were no matters arising.

5. UPDATE FROM MELISSA REYNOLDS, SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER – NORTH ELY, ECDC ON THE NORTH OF ELY AND NORTH ELY EXTRA CARE SCHEME

Ms Reynolds updated members on the current position with the North of Ely Development and that there had been some legal issues that were being resolved. She advised there had been a delay with Anglian Water and therefore the access for contractors would be via a temporary access route from Cam Drive with time restrictions when the school opens in January 2016.

Cross Keys Homes presentation by Darren Heffer, Saunders Boston Architect and Nick Wright, Assistant Director of Development Cross Key Homes. Mr Heffer informed members the Extra Care scheme would be situated off Lynn Road and beyond the hospital site. There would be a large landscaped space and a play area within. The provision will be for affordable accommodation for the over 55's, consisting of 85 flats with the tenure being a mixture of rent and shared ownership. Facilities will include GP treatment rooms, meeting spaces, restaurant, cafe, therapy suite and hairdressers and secure landscaped gardens. The entire building will be wheelchair accessible. Ample car parking will be available for residents and separate parking for staff. The facilities will be open to the wider community and therefore encourage young and older generations to interact.

Key dates include public consultation late October/November, a formal planning application November/December with construction commencing Spring 2016, completing in 2018. He explained a decision on the HCA funding is awaited shortly.

The Mayor thanked Mr Heffer for the presentation and asked if Mr Wright could give a brief explanation of who Cross Keys Homes are. He explained they were originally Peterborough City Council Housing Department, but subsequently became a Charitable Housing Association. They plan to build 400 homes per year and they operate throughout Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire.

Cllr Hobbs advised he had seen a similar scheme in Soham and welcomed the proposal for Ely.

Cllr Moakes asked if the HCA funding is likely to be granted. Mr Wright advised there had been significant consultation with HCA and this had received positive soundings. The scheme is also supported by the Department of Health but ultimately it will be a ministerial decision.

Cllr Friend-Smith welcomed the interaction with different generations. She asked if there was a plan b in the event that very little or no funding is received. Mr Wright responded, that they do indeed have a plan b but could not comment what this involves.

Mr Heffer advised there is a similar scheme at Doddington and one at Peterborough, which members may like to visit to obtain further information on how things are run.

The Mayor thanked Mr Heffer and Mr Wright for coming to the meeting.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed those present, that it was no longer necessary to discuss council services in Committee at the end of the meeting as these matters will be discussed at the Assets and Acquisitions Committee meeting.

7. QUESTION TIME

Cllr Rouse in his capacity as a County Councillor advised members, that subject to their Full Council approval, the Chief Executive, Gillian Beasley from Peterborough Unitary Authority will job share for 1 year and take on the role of Chief Executive at Cambridgeshire County Council. This will give the Council the opportunity to consider a way forward. He also reported that the cost of the Archives move to Ely from Cambridge had escalated to £6.5m. He said there will be a special meeting to discuss this and look at the alternatives. He had attended a meeting at Suntny at which residents had voiced their concerns regarding broadband speeds. He said the County Council is working with BT to improve the situation. He reported the Ely Bypass will be delivered by October 2017.

Cllr Hobbs in his capacity as District Councillor reported Mooring Officers were now working along the Riverside. There are no longer any long term moorers and in the last 2 weeks only 2 tickets have been issued.

Cllr Austen in her capacity as a District Councillor reported that the Care and Repair service will stay in house at ECDC.

Mrs Holden said thank you for being supplied with more information for the meeting.

She reported the lampposts were now being put in Yorke Way but there had not been any consultation or advanced warning with residents and she felt that there is not a need for one of them. The Mayor reported nobody has received advanced warning and that there had not been any consultation with residents.

Cllr Arnold advised the public can make comments on the County Council's website.

Cllr Arnold reported she had compiled the response to Rights of Way consultation.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended The Chamber of Commerce 'Storm in a Teacup', Stuntney Village Council Committee, Ely Chamber of Commerce, Heritage Weekend – Tour in Sessions House, Vera James 25th Anniversary Bazaar, RAFA Service at Mary's Church, Celebration of the Queen's long reign at Ely Cathedral, Opening of Breath Easy branch in Ely, Chamber of Commerce Learning and Skills Council, Highfield's School presentation and Ely Library's Reading Challenge presentation

The Deputy Mayor had attended the opening of the Horticultural Society's, Grand Autumn Show, Ramsey Civic Service and reception and Bury St Edmund's Queen's Accession Parade.

9. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 10th August 2015 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Notification of tree work:- 45 Cambridge Road, Ely; 17 Osier Close, Ely; Hill House, 1 Back Hill, Ely; The Old Palace, The Gallery, Ely; 10 Cromwell Road, Ely; 34 Parade Lane, Ely

Letter from Citizens Advice Rural Cambs –Members approved the request for a grant of £2700.00.

Letter from Network Rail

Notification of street numbering:- 1 to 11 Ely Leisure Village, Downham Road, Ely; 61A Fieldside, Ely
LCR

The Clerk

Clerks and Councils Direct

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 7th September, which was approved subject to it being noted that Cllr Arnold left the meeting at 8pm.

Cllr Moakes proposed the change to the planning meetings being alternate A and B committees; this was seconded by Cllr Pearson. Members then voted in favour of the change with 1 against and 1 abstention. Cllr Hobbs explained he was disappointed the committees had not been reduced to 7 members with substitutes, as he thought it would give consistency.

The Mayor advised members of the grant process and criteria. Cllr Phillips proposed the recommendations be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Lansell. The Mayor then requested those members who had not declared an interest to vote, there was one abstention and the remainder voted in favour of accepting the recommendation.

Members approved the Personal Evacuation Procedure.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on the 14th September, which was approved. The Balfour Beatty maintenance contract had been agreed for a further three years at a cost of £22.39 per lighting unit. The Deputy Clerk advised costs for a tree audit had been obtained, one for a basic survey at £600 and the other for a more detailed report at £1400, both plus VAT. Members agreed the cost of this could be split between Recreation and Cemetery budget and the Environment budget. This will be discussed at the next Recreation and Cemetery committee meeting. It was noted that the County Council will reduce lighting at night within the Parish, members agreed this should be trialled and the consequences monitored. To celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday the colours for planting for Ely in Bloom will be scarlet, gold and purple

(iii) RECREATION AND CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Arnold presented a report of a meeting held on the 25th August which was approved. The annual anchor point testing will be carried out on the 6th October.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 12th October.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Cllr Lindsay presented a report of a meeting held on 7th September, which was noted. There is a visit planned to Ribe in 2016.

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

12. 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 Lindsay 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.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – Members noted the report of the meeting held on the 6th July.

14. TRAFFIC ISSUES WITHIN PARISH

Notes of a meeting held on the 27th August were noted. The Mayor advised that there are three areas being considered for the Minor Highways Improvement Scheme, these being Lynn Road, Dovehouse Close and Cambridge Road. Improvements to Cambridge Road cannot be considered until 16/17 when the road has been resurfaced, which is programmed for next year. Councillor Rouse advised Lynn Road is being considered for improvements, at the next County Council's Joint Transport Committee meeting and he will seek clarification of what is intended for this and report back at the next meeting. The Mayor stressed the importance of consulting with the community regarding improvements. Cllr Hobbs said the parking issues on Dovehouse Close, need to be addressed as a matter of urgency, as recently the Fire Brigade could not get through due to cars being parked either side of the road.

15. ECDC PUBLIC CONVENIENCES REVIEW CONSULTATION

It was agreed members would make their own comments at this stage and once ECDC have appraised the consultation, the Council will respond, as it is important that this council is involved in any decision with Ely toilets.

16. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

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| Internet Marketing Company | 24.00 | paid by direct debit |
| ECDC | 887.00 | paid by direct debit |
| ECDC | 250.00 | paid by direct debit |
| ECDC | 384.00 | paid by direct debit |
| Armourstore Self Storage Ltd | 207.60 | paid by direct debit |
| FuelGenie | 200.54 | paid by direct debit |
| British Telecommunications | 120.60 | paid by direct debit |
| British Telecommunications | 32.45 | paid by direct debit |
| Southern Electric | 15.58 | paid by direct debit |
| Lex Autolease | 243.27 | paid by direct debit |
| Barclays | 28.66 | paid by direct debit |
| Hancox Electrical Contractors | 54.82 | 110134 |
| PHS Group | 79.20 | 110135 |
| Wider Plan Ltd | 112.53 | 110136 |
| Paul Myerson HVAC Maintenance | 672.00 | 110137 |
| Isle Interactive Ltd | 90.00 | 110138 |
| Infiniti Graphics | 25.00 | 110139 |
| Haine Tree Services | 216.00 | 110140 |
| RBS Ltd | 212.40 | 110142 |
| Nisbets | 748.65 | 110143 |
| Local World Ltd | 72.00 | 110144 |
| Konica Minolta Bus Solutions Ltd | 673.73 | 110145 |
| Arco Ltd | 111.26 | 110146 |
| Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd | 36.04 | 110147 |
| Somersham Town Band | 200.00 | 110148 |
| Chatteris Town Band | 200.00 | 110149 |
| AmeyCespa (East) Ltd | 25.30 | 110150 |
| Cooleraid Ltd | 4.74 | 110151 |

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| Wicken Coronation Brass Band | 200.00 | 110206 |
| Wississippi Jazzman | 200.00 | 110152 |
| Chatteris Town Band | 200.00 | 110149 |
| Anglia Fire Assessments | 450.00 | 110153 |
| Securitas Security Services UK Ltd | 600.00 | 110154 |
| Allen's Skip Hire Ltd | 120.00 | 110155 |
| Mr K Ellis | 3392.00 | 110156 |
| Southern Electric | 2214.45 | 110157 |
| PHS Group | 1821.42 | 110179 |
| Warren Access | 443.88 | 110159 |
| Sovereign Design Play Systems | 2048.56 | 110160 |
| G & J Peck Ltd | 74.91 | 110161 |
| ESPO | 79.73 | 110162 |
| Labour-tech Recruitment Ltd | 131.25 | 110163 |
| Trade UK | 369.98 | 110164 |
| Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal | 44.00 | 110177 |
| Page's | 175.00 | 110165 |
| Sunflowers Catering | 332.00 | 110166 |
| Sunflowers Catering | 97.50 | 110167 |
| Sunflowers Catering | 780.00 | 110167 |
| Andrew Tiley | 63.00 | 110168 |
| Nisbets | 107.14 | 110169 |
| ESPO | 32.88 | 110178 |
| Gordon Harrision | 355.07 | 110170 |
| PKF Littlejohn | 1560.00 | 110171 |
| CAB | 2700.00 | 110205 |
| Ltb digital | 40.00 | 110172 |
| Bidvest | 1931.76 | 110173 |
| Bidvest | 219.05 | 110173 |
| Bidvest | 212.34 | 110173 |
| Bidvest | 114.68 | 110173 |
| Elysian Associates | 1140.00 | 110174 |
| Barclaycard | 176.94 | paid by direct debit |
| Cheffins | 152.78 | 110175 |
| G & J Peck | 8.74 | 110214 |
| Infiniti Graphics | 12.50 | 110176 |
| Cash for Maltings float | 240.00 | 110141 |
| Ely Museum | 2000.00 | 110179 |
| The Royal British Legion | 500.00 | 110181 |
| Magpas | 500.00 | 110182 |
| Relate Cambridge | 250.00 | 110183 |
| City of Ely Netball Club | 100.00 | 110184 |
| Parkinson's UK Ely Support Group | 350.00 | 110185 |
| Fenprobe Talking News | 350.00 | 110186 |
| Ely Runners | 400.00 | 110187 |
| Prickwillow Village Council | 120.00 | 110188 |
| Ely Waits | 200.00 | 110189 |
| City of Ely Cricket Club | 100.00 | 110190 |
| Cambridge & Ely Child Contact Centres | 400.00 | 110191 |
| Revitalise | 250.00 | 110192 |

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| East Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch Associate | 240.00 | 110193 |
| East Cambs Arts Festival Society | 250.00 | 110194 |
| City of Ely & District Horticultural Society | 500.00 | 110195 |
| Little Miracles Charity | 350.00 | 110196 |
| Fenland Poet Laureate Awards | 100.00 | 110197 |
| Isle of Ely NCT | 100.00 | 110198 |
| Ely 3 rd Scout Group | 400.00 | 110199 |
| Pos+bility | 500.00 | 110200 |
| Ely Folk Festival | 200.00 | 110201 |
| Prickwillow Engine Trust | 265.00 | 110202 |
| Youth Ely Hub | 400.00 | 110203 |
| Stuntney Village Council | 250.00 | 110204 |
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Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 24th August 2015

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| Salaries and wages | £11881.97 |
| Inland Revenue (tax & NI) | £2878.64 |
| Pension fund payments | £4677.74 |

Members noted approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st August 2015