



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN EAST CAMBS DISTRICT
COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GRANGE, NUTHOLT LANE, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON
MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2014**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr E Every
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr B Ashton
Cllr S Pittock
Cllr R Hobbs

Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Yates
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr E Griffin-Singh

Cllr C Phillips
Cllr N Clarke
Cllr A Whelan
Cllr J Pearson

2 parishioners

District Cllr S Friend-Smith

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr 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 27TH OCTOBER AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 27th October were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to an amendment to page 1383, item 10, first paragraph. It was amended from 'The Clarke' to The Clerk

Pages 1378,1379,1380, 1381,1382, and 1383 refer.

There were no matters arising.

5. PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC NUISANCES BY NICK BALL, NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT OFFICER, ECDC

Mr Ball gave a presentation on the Anti Social Behaviour Act. He explained the main changes to the Act and how Parish Council's can become actively involved in the agenda. The Act has enhanced the existing powers and replaced ASBO and CrASbo with Injunction CBO. It has also streamlined the existing tools. New powers of the Community Trigger and Community Remedy have been applied. The Community Trigger gives victims and communities the right to request a case review and bring agencies together to find a solution. The community remedy includes:- a Community Protection Notice (CPN) which can stop persons aged 16 or over, business or organisations committing anti-social behaviour and a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which is designed to stop anti-social behaviour occurring in public spaces. In addition to these tools, the police or councils have closure powers, which can be brought into force within 48 hours. Mr Ball requested Councillors report any anti -social behaviour issues that they become aware of to the District Council

Cllr Hobbs asked Mr Ball to clarify if the Act supersedes any Licensing Act. Mr Ball believed that it does supersede some elements, but will arrange for a more informed response.

The Mayor thanked Nick Ball for coming and informing the Council on this matter.

Nick Ball left the meeting at 7.50 pm

6. QUESTION TIME

The Mayor informed those present, that part of item 13 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 Rouse, in his capacity as a County Councillor, informed members the County Council were faced year on year with budget cuts. With this in mind they were looking at collaboration with other Councils and that any reform should include the whole of Cambridgeshire for a Unitary Authority not just Cambridge City and South Cambs, as it was thought this area was not large enough. Highways cuts include reducing grass cutting to twice per year, or three if on a dangerous bend. Parish Councils can contribute to additional cuts if they are required. The winter gritting budget for this year will not be affected, as money had been moved around. The water tables are currently high and dredging of the rivers in this area had not been done for 50 years. Unless the need for this can be cost effective, it is not viable. Balfour Beatty's street lighting replacement program will be going ahead and is due to reach East Cambridgeshire in 2015. There will be the possibility of switching off lights during the night and also removing some that are owned by the County Council. He requested that the City of Ely Council's Environment committee discuss the issue of removing lights if they are known to be in the wrong place.

Cllr Hobbs in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members that the new sports village had moved forward and a proposal for an 8 lane swimming pool will go back to ECDC's Finance and Policy Committee in January. The mix of what is to be provided will then go out for consultation in February.

District Cllr S Friend-Smith asked Cllr Rouse in his capacity as a County Councillor if there had been any decision on where the County Archives would be relocated to, and if it would be in Ely. Cllr Rouse explained a building had not yet been purchased and this would be announced as soon as it is known. She also advised that she had received suggestions of having a light on the Steeple Row bin store as people did not like emptying their bins at night. Cllr Yates agreed to have a look at this matter and how it might be achieved.

Mrs Holden asked if the Access Report recommendations were an extract or the original. The Assistant Clerk advised it was an extract. Mrs Holden requested to view the original report, which was agreed by the Mayor. Mrs Holden also explained that disabled parking at the Maltings, is not a requirement by law, as there is no public parking available. She advised it would be best to provide a dropping off point for disabled persons.

7. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended:- Welney Centre- Feeding the swans, opened Local Artists' exhibition at Babylon Gallery, in her capacity as Governor for St John's School had attended Governor Finance training, Ely Sixth Form open evening and had met with Ta Bouche, re the Maltings. She had also attended the Isle of Ely Festival Committee meeting, a business mentoring launch at Ely Cathedral, Ely Consort Remembrance Concert at Ely Cathedral, Remembrance Evensong, Remembrance Exhibition and Theatre event, the Remembrance day memorial service, learning skills sector meeting at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Chamber of Commerce, Ely Chamber of Commerce meeting, Centre 33 AGM, preview of the Gift and Food Fair at Ely Cathedral, opened the refurbished 'Hereward', all day City Centre Forum event in Ely, Viva Awards in Soham, brokerage meeting regarding business links, meeting with the Manager of Waitrose (City Centre Forum), the funeral of past mayor Denys Clarke, the Isle of Ely Festival Core Committee, King's School: Queens and King's Scholar ceremony, Evensong at the Cathedral. King's School Feast to celebrate new Queen's and King's Scholars and the Methodist Christmas Tree Festival. The Deputy Mayor had attended the Diamond 44 community event and the Festive 5K race.

8. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 13th October 2014 and immediately prior to this meeting were received from Cllr Yates.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Letter regarding restructuring of management and departments of ECDC

Notification of tree work:- 15 Deacons Lane, Ely; 37 Sycamore Lane, Ely; 101 Cambridge Road, Ely; 23 Broad Street, Ely; 9 Douglas Court, Ely; Paradise Recreational Ground, Deacons Lane, Ely; 18 Williams Close, Ely; 52 Prickwillow Road, Ely

Notification of Scope house to house collection dates – 30.3.-19.4.15 & 4.4.-24.4.16

Letter from ECDC regarding Polling District, Polling Places and Polling Stations Review

Response sent to ECDC regarding proposed prohibition of waiting at any time – West End, Ely

Notification of full road closure at Shippea Hill Level Crossing on the 7-8 Feb 2015 between 22.00 – 09.00 hrs

Thank you letters for grants from:- Ely Cathedral Education Trust; Ely Soham and District Community Transport Ltd; Centre 33; Vitalise; Magpas; Fenprobe TN; City of Ely & District Horticultural Society; Cambridge & Ely Child Contact Centres; EARTH; Ely Table Tennis Club and Dementia Carers Support Service

Notification of agreed pay award. This was noted by members.

Notification of Section 106 contribution – 57 Lynn Road, Ely to be returned

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10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as committee had not met.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as committee had no met. Cllr Arnold informed members that the planter situated on the Market Place had been relocated to the top of Fore Hill.

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

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Hobbs presented a report of the meeting held on 17th November 2014, which was approved. He informed members that the lights were all up and everything was in place for the switch on evening.

He also advised that notice has been received from ECDC to remove the lights from their current storage by the 31st December. Temporary storage had been obtained. Cllr Hobbs requested permission from the Council for him to

look in to the possibility of putting a container at the recycling land, adjacent to the Cemetery and also the possibility of storing ECDC's market stalls at this location. Members unanimously agreed to this proposal and Cllr Hobbs will report back at the next Full Council meeting regarding the feasibility of this. The Mayor advised there

will be an official thank you to the all the people that volunteer for the Council on 20th January 2015 at the Maltings.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 10th November 2014, which was approved. The alterations to the Magistrates Court are progressing and it is anticipated the Council offices will move in January 2015. Members noted the three like for like quotations received for the resurfacing of the Magistrates Court Car Park. The cheapest quote was from Grays Surfacing, at a cost of £11970.00 plus VAT.

Cllr Rouse proposed that members accept this quotation, this was seconded by Cllr Clarke. Members then voted on this proposal, to which 9 members voted in favour and 3 members abstained. This was therefore approved

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Cllr Hobbs presented reports of meetings held on 30th September 2014 and 10th November 2014, which were approved. He advised there will be an official visit from Ribe in May 2015 to celebrate the 60th year of twinning and also a dinner to which all members will be invited to attend.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – Not met. Cllr Griffin-Singh reported a CIO had now been formed and the County Council were working on the lease for the centre.

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.

City Centre Forum – The Mayor reported the Cathedral's Food and Gift Fayre had been successful with visitors also shopping in the City Centre shops.

12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Perspective Group – minutes of a meeting held on the 16 September were noted
Stuntney Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 10 September were noted.

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Due to the confidential nature of this item, this was discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.
Meeting regarding Steeple Row with Cllr Yates, Ely Cathedral and City of Ely Perspective

13. TO NOTE THE ACTIONS REQUIRED FROM THE ACCESS AUDIT FOR THE CEMETERY AND THE ACCESS AUDIT AND FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE MALTINGS

Members noted the recommendation from the Access Audit for the Cemetery and the Access Audit and Fire Risk Assessments for the Maltings. It was agreed these should be referred to the appropriate Committees for them to make recommendations.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THE ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Members agreed that Cllrs Yates and Clark will make comments on behalf of the Council regarding the electoral review of Cambridgeshire.

The parishioners left the meeting at 8.30 pm.

15. COUNCIL SERVICES

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.

16. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

ECDC	377.00	paid by direct debit
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Talk Talk	15.31	paid by direct debit
Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	338.67	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	25.35	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	81.03	paid by direct debit
ESPO	69.25	paid by direct debit
ESPO	170.31	paid by direct debit
ESPO	35.91	paid by direct debit
Securitas Security Services (UK)	550.00	109709
PHS Group	1726.80	109711
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	6.60	109712
DEB Electrical Ltd	516.16	109713
ESPO	458.78	109742
N Clarke	52.80	109714
Ltb digital	60.00	109715
R Delahaye	3.25	109716
Cooleraid Ltd	4.74	109717
G & J Peck Ltd	27.15	109730
M Chinery-Colyer	33.37	109719
Argos Business Solutions Ltd	149.40	109718

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Labour Tech Recruitment Ltd	105.00	109720
Somersham Town Band	150.00	109721
Mrs A Arnold	66.58	109722
CCTV Volunteer	12.00	109723
ADeC	453.60	109724
Warren Access	2832.76	109725
ECDC	1129.00	109697
Neil Cutforth & Associates	1078.50	109728
Clearview Traffic Group Ltd	6489.60	109729
JezO's Magic	1600.00	109732
Cambs County Council	648.93	109736
City Cycle Centre	8.77	109734
Ely Tyre Services	62.39	109735
CamAlarms Ltd	479.35	109733
Mr A Arnold	59.20	109737
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	72.00	paid by direct debit
K Ellis	1030.00	109738
BI Catering Equipment Services	259.13	109739
Armourstore Self Storage Ltd	229.68	109740
G & J Peck Ltd	8.36	109741
Barclaycard	856.98	paid by direct debit
Jewson	36.53	109743
BI Catering Equipment Services	422.98	109744
Allens Skip Hire	120.00	109745
Seen Clean	1881.60	109746
G & J Peck	29.68	109747
G & J Peck	8.99	109747
MP Stephenson & sons	240.00	109748
Breckland Industrial	3103.20	109726

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 27th October 2014

Salaries and wages	£8934.07
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£2189.86
Pension fund payments	£3189.53

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st October 2014 .