



**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 27TH JULY 2015**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr E Every
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr S Friend-Smith
Cllr D Warman
3 parishioners
Mr N Ball, ECDC

Deputy Mayor, Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr J Pearson
Cllr C Whelan
Cllr P Moakes

Inspector M Nichols, Ely Police

Cllr C Phillips
Cllr A Whelan
Cllr M Lansell
Cllr S Austen (arrived 7.08 pm)

Ms R Avery, PCC's office

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Rouse and Hobbs.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr Pearson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in items 16 and 19, as per Standing Order 83b and took no part in the discussion of these items.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 29TH JUNE AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 29th June were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to three minor amendments. Pages 1436, 1437, 1438, 1439, 1440, 1441 and 1442 refer.

Matters arising: Page 1439, item 14 – Cllr C Whelan questioned the accuracy of the last sentence of the first paragraph of this item. It was agreed it should be amended to read ‘that this parish council is not political’.

Page 1436, item 4 – Cllr Lindsay informed members the survey of the ‘A’ Boards had now been undertaken and the results were being reviewed.

Page 1439, item 19 – The Clerk tabled responses from Balfour Beatty on the Council’s responses to the first phase of the streetlighting proposals for Ely. Members were concerned regarding the comments made about the heritage lamp columns and requested the Clerk clarify with them, that it was the Council’s understanding that these would have like for like replacements.

Page 1438, item 10 (iii) – The Clerk informed members the approved mobile phone contracts at £7.50 per month, per phone, for the Estates staff, had not been available when ordered. Therefore, a new contract at £14.17 per month, per phone had been sourced. Members unanimously agreed to this contract.

5. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed those present, that item 20 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.

6. PRESENTATION BY MR NICK BALL, NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT OFFICER, ECDC AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ELY POLICE STATION REGARDING NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr Ball, Neighbourhood Support Officer, Commercial Services, ECDC explained about the role and aims of the Neighbourhood Support Services provided by ECDC. He gave councillors an insight into how to be proactively involved in the anti-social behaviour agenda. He also explained about the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 and the new powers that have been introduced. He requested councillors provide ideas where partnership solutions can be put in place and big projects for the City. He also requested ideas of work that the Community Pay Back Team could undertake

Inspector Nichols gave a presentation on policing and the Police's new approach and the changes to local policing. Safeguarding is at the heart of everything they now do. She explained the police's priorities for 2015-16 and their new operating model. She also gave a breakdown of crime figures for the past year, which had fallen and information regarding anti-social behaviour in Ely.

Miss R Avery, Outreach and Engagement Officer for the Police Crime Commissioner explained her job role and the work of the Police Crime Commissioner.

The Mayor thanked all three for attending.

Mr Ball, Inspector Nichols and Miss Avery left the meeting at 8.10 pm.

7. QUESTION TIME

Mrs Holden asked as it is against the law, as well as detrimental to community life, would the Council commit not to arrange, let out or organise services or events, in future, to which the public are invited, in inaccessible areas for which they are responsible?

The Mayor responded that the Council makes arrangements to ensure the Council's meetings are accessible. With the Sessions House there are limitations due to the heritage of the building, but a Working Party is currently looking at these issues. With regard to outside organisations using the building, accessibility is their responsibility, as they are made aware of the access issues at the time of booking.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended Ely St John's School full Governors' meeting; the Police Commissioner's Young People Awards, the Chamber of Commerce Independents' Day market; opened the Nisa store; Isle Festival Young People short story event in the Sessions House; Aquafest; Riding for the Disabled Awards; VCAE fund raising lunch; Stuntney Village Committee meeting; ADeC Band Competition at the Maltings; judged Stuntney in Bloom; City Centre Forum Working Party meeting; seminar on HR at Poets House; conference on sexual exploitation; meeting with National Apprentice Association on local issues; High Sheriff's St George's Summer Reception at Buckden. She also attended Ely Folk Festival; Soham and Ely Police Cadets ceremony at Ely Cathedral; Age Concern AGM; met with the Dean; opened M & S Simply Food at Littleport (jointly with the Chair of Littleport Parish Council); St Mary's Junior School's production of 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat'; EACH tea, coffee and cake event; Ely St John's School thank you to staff event; met with Jane Darlington regarding community funding; Ely St John's School Year 6 Leavers' Assembly; Skills planning at ESpace, Littleport; fund raising for Breast Cancer and met with Skills Agency.

The Deputy Mayor had attended a Summer Reception at RAF Lakenheath.

9. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 13th July 2015 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Notification of tree work:- 7 Bohemond Street, Ely; 53 Columbine Road, Ely; 10 Barton Square, Ely; 32 Annesdale, Ely; 75 Deacons Lane, Ely; Bamford House, Deacons Lane, Ely; 23 Yorke Way, Ely; St Peter's Church, Broad Street, Ely; 22 Willow Walk, Ely; 2 Church Lane, Ely; 24 The Vineyards, Ely

Notification of Street Naming and Numbering:- 25A & 25B Kingdon Avenue, Ely; Woolpack Chambers, 16A Market Street, Ely; 3 & 5 Newnham Street, Ely

Clerks & Councils Direct

The Clerk

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 6th July, which was approved. Members agreed to consider the grant application from Ely Museum at the grants meeting. Members unanimously agreed the members of the City Centre Forum be moved to 'Representatives to other organisations' and be able to attend the City Centre Forum seminars as the Council's representatives. This was due to the change in how the City Centre Forum now met. Cllr Moakes proposed members accept the recommendations to appoint councillors as Council representatives on outside organisations. This was seconded by Cllr Whelan and unanimously agreed. Ely Museum – Cllr Lindsay; Paradise Sports Centre – Cllr Lindsay; High & New Barns Steering Group – Cllrs Pearson and Arnold; Trinity Dole – Cllr Phillips; Allotment Association – Cllr Hobbs; Ely/Ribe – Cllr Lindsay. Members approved the change in job title for the part-time Recreation and Cemetery Technician to part-time Estates Technician. Two new cleaners would be sought for the Maltings and the cleaner at Sessions House would be put on the same rate of pay as these. Advertising would also be undertaken for duty managers and bar staff at the Maltings.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Arnold reported the judging of the Ely in Bloom competitions had been undertaken that day.

(iii) RECREATION AND CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met. The annual cemetery tour had been undertaken on the 20th July. Members who had attended felt the cemetery looked very good.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met.

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

(vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as had not met.

(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.

Sessions House Phase II Working Party – Cllr Lindsay presented notes of meetings of this Working Party, which were noted. The Clerk would identify if there was a budget heading which the professional costs for pursuing an application for a lift could be vired from.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 6th July were noted.

City of Ely Allotments Association – minutes of a meeting held on the 12th May were noted.

14. TRAFFIC ISSUES WITHIN PARISH

The Mayor informed members the Traffic & Transport Working Party would be meeting on the 30th July and they will be looking at possible bids for the Local Highway Improvement Funding Scheme.

15. ECDC DOG HOME BOARDING LICENSING CONDITIONS CONSULTATION

It was agreed members would make individual comments on this consultation, by the 3rd August.

16. ECDC GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES CONSULTATION

Members agreed to support this review.

17. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE

It was agreed Cllrs Lansell, Phillips, Lindsay and the Mayor would look at this consultation and make comments on behalf of the Council, by the 31st August.

18. CONSULTATION OF FURTHER STREETLIGHTING ENERGY SAVINGS

Members strongly opposed the switching off of streetlights between midnight and 6 am and also the dimming of streetlights. They felt it would lead to a rise in crime and reduce personal safety. The Mayor and Cllr Austen will ascertain ECDC councillor responses to these proposals.

19. ECDC STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY – 5 YEAR REVIEW CONSULTATION

It was agreed the Clerk and Events Manager would look at this consultation and make comments on behalf of the Council, by the 27th August.

3 parishioners left the meeting at 9.10 pm.

20. 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 Lindsay and unanimously agreed. *Due to the confidential nature of this item, this was discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.*

21. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

Internet Marketing Company	24.00	paid by direct debit
Barclays	27.92	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	641.57	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	326.64	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	397.26	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	179.73	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	161.84	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	35.27	paid by direct debit
ESPO	71.24	paid by direct debit
ESPO	122.09	paid by direct debit
ESPO	97.60	paid by direct debit
ESPO	105.09	paid by direct debit
ESPO	253.64	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
Wider Plan Ltd	112.54	110058
RGS Security Services Ltd	196.00	110059
Anthony Love Seating Installations Ltd	1509.55	110060
Johnson Cleaners Ltd	71.00	110061
Southern Electric	186.64	110062
Anglian Water	73.59	110063
Harston Parish Council	185.00	110067
Jewson Ltd	38.16	110068
ECDC	6437.96	110069
ECDC	320.00	110070

Finance continued		
Stannah Lift Services Ltd	235.93	110071
Argos Business Solutions Ltd	11.24	110072
Cooleraid Ltd	28.44	110073
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	25.30	110074
Witham Oil & Paint (Soham) Ltd	202.37	110075
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	124.80	110076
City Cycle Centre	29.16	110077
Churches Fire Security Ltd	1031.41	110078
Breckland Brass Band	200.00	110079
CSD Brass	200.00	110080
Ben Baxter	264.00	110081
Labour-tech Recruitment Ltd	210.00	110082
Gordon Harrison	239.80	110083
Anglian Water	1335.40	110084
CamAlarms Ltd	902.40	110085
ESPO	181.82	110086
G & J Peck Ltd	275.86	110087
Trade UK	25.16	110088
Cooleraid Ltd	40.08	110089
Ben Baxter	48.00	110090
Allens Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	110091
The Play Inspection Co Ltd	1860.00	110092
Wider Plan Ltd	112.53	110093
G & J Peck Ltd	18.13	110094
Labour-tech Recruitment Ltd	126.00	110095
British Gas	5101.91	110064
British Gas	4817.22	110065
British Gas	2322.90	110066
Southern Electric	67.18	paid by direct debit

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 29th June 2015

Salaries and wages	£12817.83
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£3509.90
Pension fund payments	£4984.29

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th June 2015