



# MEETING UPDATE

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## Welcome from the Mayor

Welcome to the second edition of the Community Forum newsletter. This has been compiled following our previous Community Forum and is designed to update you on the issues raised but also to provide you with details of events and good news stories. We hope you will find it informative and would really like to have your contributions, particularly, reports on interesting activities and events in your area. Please send

your articles or good news stories to [communityforum@cityofelycouncil.org.uk](mailto:communityforum@cityofelycouncil.org.uk).

The newsletter will also be posted on the City of Ely Council's website.

The next Community Forum is yet to be arranged. We will be in touch and details will be posted on the Council's website when finalised. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Update from Sgt. Jon Hiron, Cambridgeshire Police

### Next Community Forum

- The date of the next Forum has not been set yet. Please look out for the poster. All Forum members will be notified by email, when the date has been set.

I made a conscious decision for the last Forum of not standing in front of you all and talking about crime statistics. Are you really concerned if a crime type has gone up or down by .25%? I would suspect the answer is no. What you want to know is if there is a crime trend, then what are your local police doing about it. Generally, I hope on a daily basis you are not affected by regular crime, ie, criminal damage, burglary or drugs and these are the priorities

that the police focus on. This is why we have introduced 'concerns' as this tells us what it is that you want us to concentrate on, above and beyond our priorities.

Over the past three months, the community concerns have been parking outside of schools and parking in disabled bays in the City Centre. I am glad to report that a large number of drivers for both have received fixed penalty tickets and these concerns will

remain our focus.

Speed enforcement has also been an area of our focus with days of action taking place, utilising the forces in the Traffic Department.

In relation to feedback about the 101 service, this has been passed on to the Police Service Centre.

I have reflected on giving crime figures and I have decided that it is important for me to share with you what crime takes place in Ely

## Update from Sgt. Jon Hiron, continued.



(see attached document.)  
 Parking and speeding becomes a community concern because you can see it occurring in front of you. Unlike crime, unless you are the victim or it is reported in the press, you may not know it is occurring. I feel it is important to be transparent about the crime trend and what we are doing about it.

I want you to hold me to account by asking me

about a particular issue or about a particular crime trend and what we are doing about it. Rest assured, these are crimes that we investigate and treat as a priority.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me and once again, apologies for not being present this evening.

*“Working together for the benefit of Ely”*

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## GENERAL UPDATE

### Ely's Pick and Choose Clean Up

Over 50 people from different community groups including the Scouts, joined together on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016, to give Ely a clean up before the Eel Weekend which starts on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Bags of rubbish were collected but the main problem was with cigarette

butts. How can we persuade people not to discard these in the street? Any ideas?

After two and a half hours, we all met back at the Volunteers' Centre for welcome refreshments supplied by Tesco Ltd.

Information was also

gathered regarding other areas which need a greater level of TLC and an action plan is being drawn up to be dealt with by The City of Ely Council's Environment Committee, working with Ely Perspective.



### City of Ely Council's Website

The City of Ely Council's long awaited new website is now up and running.

All the latest news, meeting notifications, agendas and minutes can be found at:

[www.cityofelycouncil.org.uk](http://www.cityofelycouncil.org.uk).

All Councillor and office contact details can be found along with information on all of the services that the City of Ely Council is responsible for.

*City of Ely Council's new website address:*

[www.cityofelycouncil.org.uk](http://www.cityofelycouncil.org.uk)



### Supporting Our Local Volunteers

A partnership to fund-raise to support volunteers has been formed between the Mayor's Charity and Ely Hereward Rotary Club. The funds raised will go to Voluntary and Community Action for East Cambridgeshire to provide support, sustainability and equipment for the future.

There are a number of events planned including a

talk by David Doggett of Cambridge United on the importance of volunteering and the role it has played in the Club's history and its future. The event takes place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 7pm at St. Peters Church, Ely. Adult ticket £10, Child £5. Tickets can be purchased from VCAEC, Fore Hill. Tel: 01353 666166.

There is also the Coins Trail

in the High Street on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

The Mayor's Ball was a huge success. Many guests represented the community and the generosity of the local businesses in donating raffle and auction prizes resulted in the raising of just over £4,000 which will contribute to the volunteers' fund to be administered by VCAEC.

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## Up and Coming Events

### Summer Band Concerts

The City of Ely Council will be presenting the Summer Band Concerts again this year. On most Sunday afternoons, throughout the summer, you will find a band playing in Jubilee Gardens. The first concert will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Once the

schedule has been finalised, it will be posted on the City of Ely Council's website.

### Town Crier Competition

As part of the Eel Day celebrations, the City of Ely Council's Town Crier Competition will be taking place in Jubilee Gardens on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Many Town Criers from all over the country

will be attending.

### Lighting of the Beacon

The lighting of the Beacon to celebrate HRH Queen Elizabeth II's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, will take place in Market Square from 7.45pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016. Also present will be the Town Crier and the City of Ely Military Band.

## The Annual Parish Council Meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016, the Maltings, 7.30pm.

This is the opportunity to hear what the City of Ely Council has been doing over the last 12 months, our plans for the future and to ask questions.

## The Mayor Making, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016, the Maltings, 7.30pm

At the Annual Council Meeting, the Mayor-Elect, Cllr Ian Lindsay and Deputy Mayor-Elect, Cllr Richard Hobbs, will be sworn in to serve the City of Ely for the coming year.

## Sad News

We are all devastated and shocked by the news of the death of Nigel Clarke. He was a caring and energetic Councillor and a brilliant colleague and friend. He will be so missed by us all. His involvement in volunteering and local projects was endless, whether it was Christmas Lights, CCTV, Ely in Bloom, the allotments, Centre E, Switch On or just being a listening colleague ready with sound, down to earth advice. Even when no longer a Councillor, he worked as tirelessly as before, giving his time, attention and expertise whenever he could. He could turn his hand to anything! Ely will be a sadder place without Nigel's good humour and support. Our thoughts go out to his wife, Carole and son, James. We will miss him.

