



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 JUNE 2016

PRESENT:

Mayor, Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr S Friend-Smith
Cllr M Lansell
Cllr P Moakes
2 parishioners

Cllr A Whelan
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr D Warman
Cllr C Whelan
Julie Barrow, ECDC

Cllr A Arnold
Cllr J Pearson
Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr C Phillips

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Pittock, Every and Austen.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 31ST MAY 2016 AND MATERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 31st May 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517 and 1518 refer.

Matters arising – Page 1515, Item 14 – The Mayor informed members comments had been submitted regarding the electoral review of Cambridgeshire.

Page 1515, Item 15 – Cllr Hobbs confirmed the new Working Group had met on the 20th June. This would be an on-going matter. A list of suggested sites is being prepared by ECDC. Once this stage has been completed then the Working Group will be able to move forward.

5. TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON PLANNING FROM JULIE BARROW, SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER, ECDC

Julie Barrow informed members the Planning Department at ECDC had made changes to be more customer friendly and this process of review was still on-going. She explained about the Local Plan for East Cambridgeshire, which sets out all the policies and village visions. All planning applications are considered in accordance with this. She also explained to members what were material planning considerations and what were not. With regards to highway issues, if the County Council consider it to be safe and it provides necessary access to the highway, the Planning Department would very rarely question this. They cannot impose parking restrictions, but must look at the parking provision for each application. The Mayor asked what the current parking provision was and she confirmed that it is two per dwelling or one if in town centre. However, certain circumstances, such as close to transport links could result in there being no need for any.

The Mayor thanked Julie for her informative presentation.

Julie Barrow left the meeting at 7.30 pm.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

7. QUESTION TIME

Cllr Rouse in his capacity as a County Councillor requested support from the City of Ely Council regarding road safety at Branch Bank between the B1382 at Queen Adelaide and the A1101 at Littleport, particularly at Clayway Farm. There had been a number of accidents at this location and he asked if the Chairman could write to Cambs County Council emphasising the need for action to be taken to ensure the reduction in the number of accidents. The Chairman agreed to do this. He also reported that he would be attending a meeting tomorrow, where County Councillors will be making a decision on devolution.

Cllr Hobbs in his capacity as a District Councillor reported ECDC's Full Council would hopefully be approving the new leisure centre tomorrow. At this meeting, following Cambridge County Council's decision that day on devolution, ECDC would also be deciding on this. ECDC are also currently undertaking a survey of the moorings as part of their review of this service.

Cllr Friend-Smith asked if the parking arrangements for the coaches at Lancaster Way had taken into account the needs of the drivers. Cllr Hobbs confirmed coaches can still drop off at the Gallery. There is a facility on Lancaster Way for hot food and drinks. There will be a long term provision at the new Leisure Village for coaches to park.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended a meeting with T Harding, ECDC regarding tourism and the town centre team; attended the local plan seminar; participated in the Ely Ribe Twinning 60th Anniversary; met with E Grima, ECDC regarding Barton Road toilets; attended County Reserves Forum presentation; the Alconbury High School Graduation; Thetford Civic Reception; met with Clearview; judging of children's refugee posters; meeting with D White, ECDC regarding street cleaning; attended Parish Conference meeting on Emergency Planning; meet with Ivar Jensen and partner concerning My Shop is Local; met with the Dean and Chaplain on local and Cathedral plans; the Queen's Birthday tea at Alderton House, Littleport; Mother's Union 140th Anniversary garden party; visited Highfield pop-up café and attended the fasting feast.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Open University ceremony and G's open farm Sunday.

9. PLANNING

Reports of a Planning Committee meeting held on the 31st May 2016 and immediately prior to this meeting were received.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Tree work:- 32 West End, Ely; 19 Cromwell Road, Ely; Ely Beet Sports & Social Club, 83 Lynn Road, Ely; 36 Williams Close, Ely; 2 New Barns Road, Ely

Street Naming and Numbering:- Roslyn Court, Lisle Lane, Ely;

Notification of road closures:- Bridge Road, Ely (29 August); Chettisham Station LC (30-31 July & 6-7 Aug); Chettisham Station Level Crossing (13-14 Aug, 23.00 – 10.00)

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11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Friend-Smith presented a report a meeting held on the 13th June, which was approved. It was agreed to obtain quotes from local suppliers to provide and maintain Ely's floral displays for three years, beginning Summer 2017. The Ely in Bloom competition judging will take place on Friday, 29th July. Members agreed in principle to look at adopting the bus shelters on Cam Drive and at the Princess of Wales hospital, as these do not belong to any authority. The current state of these will be checked, before a decision is made. It was noted that the proposed new dog bin at Engine Yard was not required as there was already a bin in this location, which could be used instead.

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

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(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Arnold presented a report of a meeting held on the 6th June, which was approved. Three quotes had been obtained for the stage for the switch on night, with the cheapest at £3040 being accepted. Star Radio will be supporting the event. The Estates Manager will be looking at how much it would cost to erect and additional storage shed at the cemetery for the Christmas lights. Cllr Pittock had advised the Perspective Group wished to run a best-dressed window competition at Christmas, with the winner being presented with a trophy, provided by them. Members had no objections to this and Cllr Pittock will advise on the plans for this at the next meeting.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met. However, members had received a report of the three quotes obtained for the new website for the Maltings. Cllr Whelan asked why it was not proposed to run this new website alongside the Council’s existing website. Cllr Lansell agreed that this was an option. It was unanimously agreed to delegate powers to Cllrs Whelan and Lansell to look at this, alongside the three quotes received and make a decision on the best way forward. This would enable the process to start before the next Full Council meeting, as it is quite urgent for the Maltings to have a proper website. The Clerk had tabled a report from Cllr Every, giving an update on the Maltings venue. A personnel issue regarding the Maltings was discussed in committee at the end of the meeting.

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

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

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

The Mayor informed members the Sessions House Working Group was currently obtaining quotes for the lifts and the planning application was being prepared by Purcell Miller Tritton.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

There were no reports.

14. FLY THE RED ENSIGN FOR MERCHANT NAVY DAY – 3 SEPTEMBER 2016

Members discussed the request to fly the Red Ensign of the Merchant Navy flag on the 3 September. They felt as the Council relied on a volunteer to change and raise any flags on the Council’s flagpole, it would be inappropriate to agree to requests for additional flags to be flown. Members agreed to adopted a policy that only the Union flag, St George’s flag and the Council’s flag will be flown, so the Red Ensign will not be flown, with the exception of Cllr Hobbs.

15. NWES AND FLY A FLAG FOR THE COMMONWEALTH – 13 MARCH 2017

As members had already discussed a similar request under item 14 the same decision will stand, so the Commonwealth flag will not be flown on the 13 March 2017.

16. ANGLIA LEVEL CROSSING REDUCTION STRATEGY

It was agreed that members would respond as individuals if they had any concerns regarding this strategy. There would be a further round of consultation on these proposals.

17. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON STREET TRADING CONSENT APPLICATION FOR AN ESTABLISHED STATIC AND MOBILE ICE CREAM VAN BY 30 JUNE

Members unanimously agreed to support this application.

18. STATUTORY RESOLUTION UNDER REGULATION B1(5)

The Mayor proposed to pass a resolution from the 1st July 2016, that Rebecca Harper be specified as a pensionable employee under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as amended). This was seconded by Cllr Arnold and unanimously approved.

19. FINANCE

Members approved the following for payment:

ECDC	1044.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	252.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	387.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	891.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	895.00	paid by direct debit
Southern Electric	2645.85	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	243.27	paid by direct debit
ESPO	331.40	paid by direct debit
ESPO	275.71	paid by direct debit
ESPO	1266.85	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	120.60	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	34.14	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	402.34	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	370.11	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	341.32	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
ESPO	163.16	paid by direct debit
ESPO	224.86	paid by direct debit
ESPO	70.33	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	1327.44	paid by direct debit
BFS Group Ltd	448.68	110616
RGP Security Services Ltd	60.00	110619
Simon Bradley	200.00	110620
Clearview Communications Ltd	10856.40	110669
DMH Solutions Ltd	132.00	110624
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	18.70	110625
Cooleraid Ltd	30.96	110626
CamAlarms Ltd	174.00	110627
Labour-Tech Recruitment Ltd	97.93	110628
Penny Chase	400.00	110629
CCTV Volunteer	16.20	110630
CCTV Volunteer	12.80	110631
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	11.90	110632
Middle Fen & Mere Internal DB	83.16	110633
Ely Tyre Service	546.00	110634
Wississippi Jazzmen	200.00	110635
Konica Minolta Bus Sols (UK) Ltd	550.07	110636 & 110673
Deeping Direct Deliveries	144.00	110637
EDF Energy	216.00	110638
Argos Business Sols Ltd	9.78	110639
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd	28.20	110640
Aztek Services Ltd	577.20	110641
Chatteris Town Band	200.00	110642
Ensign Solutions Ltd	180.00	110643
ESPO	27.90	110644
Cambridge City Council	245.00	110645
Stand Up Comedy Nights	450.00	110646
Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund	260.00	110647
G & J Peck Ltd	73.97	110648
Ken Ellis	80.00	110649

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CD Clowe Electrical Services	99.14	110650
Greene King Brewing & Retailing Ltd	315.85	paid by direct debit
Barclays	111.48	paid by direct debit
Worldplay	84.43	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postali Ltd	72.00	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	26.88	paid by direct debit
Wider Plan Ltd	253.20	110651
NVCS Ltd	117.00	110652
Blushed Studios	300.00	110653
HM Revenue & Customs	547.65	110654
Purcell Miller Tritton LLP	3678.37	110655
Trade UK	136.46	110656
Alreet Ltd	143.70	110663
RGP Security Services Ltd	202.80	110662
Nisbets	791.97	110661
Anglian Water	20.74	110665
Anglian Water	67.88	110666
ESPO	1605.60	110659
Lockhart Catering Equipment	250.42	110658
Cambridge City Council	45.00	110657
Labour-tech Recruitment Ltd	195.00	110628
Michael Murray Signs Ltd	33.00	110664
Newmarket Hampers	57.60	110667

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 31st May 2016

Salaries and wages	£12303.73
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£4047.79
Pension fund payments	£4875.59

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliations for the 30th April 2016 and the 31st May 2016.

The two parishioners left the meeting at 8.20 pm.

