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**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM**  
**ON MONDAY 15<sup>H</sup> AUGUST 2016**

**PRESENT;**

Cllr A Arnold Cllr I Lindsay Cllr C Phillips Cllr M Lansell Cllr R Hobbs

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Friend-Smith.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – to receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary & other interests from Councillors.**

There were no declarations received.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016 & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016, were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV17 and 18 refer.

There were no matters arising.

**4. BUDGET UPDATE**

Members noted the budget update, dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016. There were no significant variances. It was noted that the Contingency budget of £2000 does not appear on the update but Councillors were assured that this budget is available as and when required.

**5 HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES**

There were no relevant health and safety issues to discuss at this time. However, once a ‘walkabout’ of the City has been completed, potential health and safety issues may be apparent.

**6. BUSINESS PLAN**

Members present were provided with a copy of the Environment Committee’s Business Plan. Cllr Lindsay advised that once procedures for Section 106 and CIL monies are in place, it with help to progress with the aims of the Business Plan.

**7. TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR ELY IN BLOOM CONTRACT 2017-2020**

Three quotes had been sought and it was agreed that the only quote provided by Simply Gardening of Ely should be accepted for the Ely in Bloom contract for 2017-2020. This will be proposed for approval at the next Full Council meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016.

**8. ELY IN BLOOM**

Judging for the Ely in Bloom competition took place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The presentation evening will be held at the Maltings on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7.00pm. Cllr Arnold has sourced permission from East Cambs District Council to place three wooden tubs on the corner of Forehill and Broad Street. It was agreed that the tubs and plants would be purchased and should cost no more than £200 approximately.

Cllr Lindsay reported that Ely Rotary are interested in taking over the responsibility for the garden area previously maintained by Helping Hands. It is hoped that the lime tree in this space will be pollarded but no decision has been made yet.

The new lotus vases that have been placed outside the front of Sessions House have been vandalised. Fortunately, the Estates Manager has been able to repair the damage and secure them once again.

#### **9. BUS SHELTERS - UPDATE**

It had been suggested that the City of Ely Council should adopt the bus shelters on Cam Drive and at the Princess of Wales Hospital as they did not appear to belong to any authority. At the last meeting, the members agreed this in principle, but wanted to know the current state of repair before a decision was made. An inspection was carried out by the Estates Manager, who reported that the shelters on Cam Drive appear to have been refurbished and that the shelter at the Princess of Wales Hospital is going to be refurbished by them. In view of this update, it was decided that no further action was necessary and the shelters would not be adopted by the City of Ely Council at the present time.

#### **10.A.O.B.**

Cllr Arnold reported that she was helping residents in Prickwillow with issues concerning a dog waste bin. She also reported that bollards have been installed on the green in Prickwillow to stop vehicles from driving/parking on the grass.

#### **11. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting has been scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.00pm.