



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEEETING HELD AT 7.00PM
ON MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 2017

PRESENT;

Cllr Lindsay, Mayor Cllr M Lansell Cllr R Hobbs Cllr S Friend-Smith Cllr A Arnold (joined the meeting at 7.05pm)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr J Yates.

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 26TH OCTOBER 2016 & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 26th October 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV21 and 22 refer.

There were no matters arising.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 17th January 2017. There were no significant variances. A discussion about expected expenses to the year end took place and as a result of this, it was decided that two dog waste bins will be ordered.

5 HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

Cllr Arnold reported that the metal brace attached to the wooden flower tub at the bottom of Forehill has broken and is a potential hazard. The Estates Team will be asked to see if they can fix this.

6. ELY IN BLOOM

Cllr Arnold had very little to report due to the time of year. Cllr Arnold and Cllr Friend-Smith will arrange to inspect the three lampposts, for which we have had requests to install hanging baskets on. It was agreed that they would need to be checked for appropriateness and practicality.

7. INTERACTIVE ASSET MAP

A quote for the setting up, training and maintenance of an interactive asset map has been received from a local IT consultant. The total cost would be £1,110.00. This price includes support for twelve months. It was agreed that the map would be a useful tool and that the installation and training should go ahead.

8. MEMORIAL BENCH FOR NIGEL CLARKE

Many people have donated towards the purchase of a memorial bench for the late Nigel Clarke. It was agreed that a bench, in keeping with the area, would be placed on the green at Barton Square. The land is not owned by the County or District Council or by King's School, but as they maintain the area, they are happy for the bench to be placed here. The exact location has yet to be decided.

9.A.O.B.

Cllr Lindsay gave an update on the issues with the street lighting in Ely. A letter was sent to the press, inviting members of the public to contact him about their concerns. A meeting was arranged with representatives from Cambs County Council and District Councillors. It was agreed that the problems with the lighting on Back Hill would be looked at first. The proposition is to install brighter lamps in the existing lighting columns but this has not been agreed yet.

Cllr Lindsay suggested that City Councillors should visit the areas that residents are concerned about to make an assessment and then once again, meet with the County Council.

The litter picking equipment has been booked for 2nd April 2017. Ely Time Bank want to take part. Areas of the City which need attention, need to be identified. Cllr Lindsay and Cllr Mansell will co-ordinate this with Cllr Every.

10. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting has been scheduled for 10th April 2017 at 7.00pm.