



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 TUESDAY, 2ND MAY 2017

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr M Rouse
Cllr S Friend-Smith
Cllr R Hobbs
1 parishioner

Cllr A Arnold
Cllr M Lansell
Cllr J Yates
Cllr A Whelan (arrived at 7.30 pm)

Cllr S Austen
Cllr D Warman
Cllr J Pearson
Cllr C Whelan

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Every, Moakes and Phillips.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr Friend-Smith declared a personal interest with regards to agenda item 14. She signed the Register of Members Interests Book, page 172 and took no part in the discussion of this item.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD APRIL 2017 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 3rd April 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1572, 1573, 1574, 1575, 1576 and 1577 refer.

There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked all the members of the Council for the support they had given him during his Mayoral year. Cllr Rouse thanked the Mayor for all the work he had put into the Mayor's Ball, which had been a wonderful event. The Mayor thanked Cllr Pearson and everyone that had helped him achieve this.

6. QUESTION TIME

Mrs Holden, a parishioner, on behalf of the East Cambridgeshire Access Group, said they appreciated the interest that the City of Ely Council had taken in their work and the support they had given the Group. She looked forward to this continuing for many more years. The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked the East Cambridgeshire Access Group for all the work they undertake.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a County Councillor, informed members that as there had been two objections to the proposed double yellow lines at Dovehouse Close, this had to be considered formally by councillors. The officer's recommendation to allow this, was approved. The lines will be installed shortly.

Cllr Hobbs, in his capacity as a District Councillor informed members the cinema would be open on the 12 May to the public and the underpass will also be completed then. He confirmed the Council's application for Section 106

7. Reports from County Councillors and District Councillors continued

for the lift project at Sessions House would be considered at ECDC's Commercial Services Committee meeting on the 17th May. He also reported how well the Eel weekend had gone. He felt Ely had been buzzing the whole weekend. The Town Crier Competition had been the best ever and the food market was very good. He requested the Mayor write to the Chief Executive of ECDC and Mrs Harding, ECDC Tourism and Town Centre Manager to express how good the weekend had been and thank them for organising. The Mayor agreed to write to ECDC, Mrs Harding and the Town Crier.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the launch event for Ely Heroes; the performance of the Messiah at Ely Cathedral; met with TLC Inns Ltd; attended the Lord Lieutenant's retirement event at Peterborough; the walk of witness event and reading lesson in Ely Cathedral; the Fenprobe AGM; the Mayor of Peterborough's Quiz night; hosted the Mayor's Ball; undertook presentations to Art Reach 17 winners; attended a meeting of the Ely Refugee Resettlement Group; the Barcham Trees exhibition and led the Eel Day procession and attended the Town Criers' dinner.

9. PLANNING

A report of a Planning Committee meeting held immediately prior to this meeting was received.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received: -

Tree work:- 32 Chapel Street, Ely; 39 Back Hill, Ely; to East of 43-53 Waterside, Ely; Bamford House, Deacons Lane, Ely; 3 Cardinals Way, Ely; Vera James House, Chapel Street, Ely; 28A Northwold, Ely; 18 Lynton Close, Ely Street Naming and Numbering:- 1-6 Seymours Paddock, Stuntney, Ely

Notification of road closures:- Ely Road, either side of Queen Adelaide level crossing (Peterborough line) between 01.00-09.00 hrs on the 11.6.17; A142 Station Road, either side of Ely Station North level crossing between 00.01-08.30 hrs on the 25.6.17; Prickwillow Road, either side of Queen Adelaide level crossing (Norwich line) between 23.30 hrs on 26.6.17 until 07.00 hrs on 27.6.17; Mile End Road, either side of the level crossing between 23.30 hrs on 27.6.17 until 07.00 hrs on 28.6.17

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11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met. However, members noted the superannuation contribution rates set for the next three years. 2017/18 – 33.4%, 2018/19 – 35.1%, 2019/20 – 36.8%. Cllr Hobbs raised the issue of the Mayor's allowance and how this should be administered. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to appoint a Working Group of Cllrs Yates, Friend-Smith and Lansell to review this allowance and make a recommendation to the next Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Lansell presented a report of a meeting held on the 10th April, which was approved. The QGIS map software had now been installed and operator training had now taken place. A new dog bin had been installed on the corner of The Hamlet and Lynn Road in Chettisham. It is also planned to install a new bin in Compton Fields as soon as possible. Cllr Lansell informed members he now felt it was impractical to install more bollards along the High Street. A new City of Ely Flag would be purchased. A successful litter pick had taken place on the 2nd April. Cllr Lansell felt that these should be undertaken more frequently and that the Council should have an anti-litter campaign. He will look at this further and ascertain if there are any funds available to assist in this. Cllr Arnold gave an update on Ely in Bloom.

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

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

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Had not met

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

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

The Mayor informed members the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and himself had attended a pre-contract start meeting for the lift project. The work will commence on the 30th May and hopefully be completed by the end of August.

Cllr Whelan arrived and joined the meeting at 7.30 pm.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

City of Ely Allotments Association – minutes of a meeting held on the 22nd March 2017 were noted. Cllr Hobbs informed members he would no longer be the Council’s representative and would be replaced by Cllr Warman. A discussion was had regarding the Association being an official key holder for the building, to allow them access for their meetings, which they hold at Sessions House. It was agreed that this should be discussed formally at the next Personnel, Finance and Governance meeting. *Whilst this matter was being discussed the parishioner left the meeting at 7.40 pm and returned at 7.45 pm, when the discussion had completed.*

The Clerk gave members an update on the proposed new fencing at Back Hill.

14. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC’S SPECIAL CONSULTATION WITH PARISH COUNCILS REGARDING SUGGESTED SITES FOR INCLUSION IN THE LOCAL PLAN

Members discussed all three sites relevant to Ely in great detail. It was agreed that the Mayor would submit comments on behalf of the Council.

15. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON PROPOSED 2017 REVISION OF THE LOCAL VALIDATION GUIDANCE LIST AND LOCAL VALIDATION CHECK LIST FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL’S OWN DEVELOPMENT AND FOR WASTE DEVELOPMENT

Members noted documents with regard to this matter and agreed no comments would be submitted.

16. FINANCE

Direct debit payments

Barclays	158.99	paid by direct debit
Vodafone	68.01	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	243.27	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	415.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	261.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	1166.00	paid by direct debit
ECDC	863.00	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	31.24	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	165.72	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	2299.50	paid by direct debit
ESPO	434.80	paid by direct debit
ESPO	107.35	paid by direct debit
ESPO	342.10	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	1094.35	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	523.51	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	66.29	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	28.66	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	26.16	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	322.66	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	126.77	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	122.44	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	154.28	paid by direct debit
Worldpay (UK) Ltd	132.26	paid by direct debit
Anglian Water	71.68	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	515.53	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	275.93	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	657.16	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	306.24	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	104.40	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	216.55	paid by direct debit

16. Finance continued

The following invoices had been paid prior to the Full Council, due to due date of payment with the approval of the Chairman

Bidvest Foodservice	515.53	111109
Information Commissioner	35.00	111110
RGP Security Services Ltd	62.40	111111
Allied Mechanical Services Ltd	1376.30	111112
M Rogerson Ltd	951.60	111113
RGP Security Services Ltd	78.00	111114

These invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

CCTV Volunteer	10.80	111116
City Cycle Centre	6.84	111117
Elysian Associates	300.00	111118
Millennium Pest Control Ltd	66.00	111119
ESPO	88.11	111120
Local World	30.00	111121
Paul Myerson HVAC Maintenance	672.00	111122
ECDC	1863.68	111123
Corkers Crisps Ltd	52.99	111124
Cooleraid Ltd	4.74	111125
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	56.27	111126
TG Services	100.00	111127
Total Gas & Power	11.90	111128
Nisbets	210.98	111129
Glasdon UK Ltd	385.74	111130
Caterfix Ltd	96.00	111131
Ely Museum	20.00	111132
Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	5580.00	111133
M K Slezacek	70.00	111134
Zurich Management Services Ltd	114.00	111135
Gordon Harrison	57.90	111136
Wider Plan Ltd	256.11	111137
Alreet Ltd	244.80	111138
Trade UK	65.97	111139
G & J Peck Ltd	36.98	111140
Arco Ltd	48.84	111141
PRIDE in Ely CIO	500.00	111142
Mr M Slezacek	980.00	111115
CMAT Ely College	655.30	111143
Newmarket Hampers	420.00	111144
Arthur Ibbett Ltd	4100.00	111145
Mr M Slezacek	485.00	111134
Nisbets	61.14	111129
RGP Security Ltd	171.60	111146
Trade UK	42.22	111139
G & J Peck Ltd	4.51	111140
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	111147
The Red Lion	530.00	111148
Purcell Miller Tritton	1311.49	111149

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 3rd April 2017

Salaries and wages	£15146.45
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£5267.88
Pension fund payments	£7681.72

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st March 2017