



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, 5TH JUNE 2017

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr S Friend-Smith
Cllr A Whelan
Cllr C Phillips
2 parishioners

Cllr M Rouse
Cllr J Pearson
Cllr C Whelan
Cllr E Every

Cllr D Warman
Cllr P Moakes
Cllr I Lindsay

Before the meeting commenced the Mayor held a one minute's silence in honour of those that had lost their lives or had been injured in the recent terrorist attack in London. He informed members he has also letters of condolence to both the Mayor of Manchester and the Mayor of London,

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Arnold, Austen, Lansall and Yates.

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 2ND MAY 2017 AND MATTERS ARISING AND MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH MAY 2017 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 2nd May 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1578, 1579, 1580 and 1581 refer. There were no matters arising.

Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on the 15th May 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to the deletion of Cllr Pearson, from the present list. Pages 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585 and 1586 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

6. QUESTION TIME

Mrs Haynes, a parishioner, reminded members of the invitation from the East Cambridgeshire Access Group to their presentation on 'street clutter' on the 5th July. She hoped that everyone would be able to attend.

Mrs Holden, a parishioner, raised concerns regarding the Barton Road development. Fencing had been put up along the site, which was on the development land, however, the concrete feet that the fencing goes into are on the public footpath. These are preventing wheelchair users riding along this pathway, as they are causing an obstruction. The Clerk will contact ECDC to arrange for this to be moved.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Every, in her capacity as a County Councillor informed members she was a member of the Children and Young People Committee and the new Communities & Partnerships Committee. She had already had a meeting, in Ely regarding transport, with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Head of Transport from CCC.

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members he had attended the unveiling of the new Prickwillow village sign. The Prickwillow Village Council had been very grateful for the support they had received from both the City of Ely Council and ECDC, and in particular the support given by Cllr Arnold.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor apologised for forgetting to type up his list of engagements, but would ensure these were included at the next meeting. The Deputy Mayor had attended the performance of the Jungle Book at Highfield School.

9. PLANNING

A report of Planning Committee meetings held on the 2nd May and immediately prior to this meeting were received. The Mayor informed members plan 17/00604/FUM, Market Place, Ely had been deferred until the next meeting on the 19th June, when ECDC Planning Officers would be coming to speak to members about this application.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received: -

Tree work:- 37 Prickwillow Road, Ely; 28 Larkfield Road, Ely; 36A St John's Road, Ely; 2 The Vineyards, Ely; 4 Cardinals Terrace, Broad Street, Ely; 6 Mulberry Way, Ely; 102 Broad Street, Ely; 35 Forehill, Ely; 11 Cambridge Road, Ely; 24 Back Hill, Ely

Notification that Centre E, Ely has been nominated to listed as an Asset of Community Value

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – Due to the minutes not being tabled, it was agreed the Clerk would email these to all members the following day for approval. Items from these minutes were discussed as follows:- The Mayor proposed the Mayoral Allowance Policy be approved and adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Moakes and unanimously agreed. The Mayor signed the Policy. The CAPALC membership had been recommended that this should not be renewed. The Mayor proposed this recommendation be accepted, which was seconded by Cllr Phillips. A vote taken with 9 approving this recommendation and 2 abstaining. It was therefore, agreed not to renew this subscription. The Clerk updated members on the situation regarding the leases for the shared equity scheme. It had been recommended to Full Council to accept the amended wording for the Section 106 agreement and the inclusion of a mortgage protection clause for each lease, as and when each property is sold. Cllr A Whelan proposed the addition of a mortgage protection clause in principle, subject to agreeing the wording. This was seconded by Cllr C Whelan and unanimously approved.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – Cllr Phillips presented a report of a meeting held on the 22nd May, which were approved. The new play equipment has now been installed in The Park. Cllr Pearson had agreed to meet with local youths, to discuss the possibility of them forming a Youth Group to obtain funding for a new skate park, possibly at Pocket Park. The issue of who would be responsible for future maintenance of the site would need to be discussed and agreed. Members had reviewed the Recreation and Cemetery Business Plan and felt that no changes were necessary. It was however, agreed that the Committee needed to actively look for land for a future burial site. Members will also speak to Endurance regarding a possible woodland burial ground within their green belt land. The Clerk informed members a quote of £3600 plus VAT had been received from Haine Tree Services Ltd for the identified work to be undertaken, within the 12-24 month period of the tree survey, that they undertook for the Council, Members felt that due to the cost of this, two further quotes should be obtained.

(iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 6th June.

(v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 12th June.

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Members noted the notes of a meeting held on the 23rd May. The Mayor informed members this was going from strength to strength. On the 23th June a presentation had been arranged for Win and Gareth Hughes, who had been the previous Chairman and Secretary for many years. This is to show the Association's appreciation for all their hard work over the years.

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

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

The Clerk informed members worked had now started on the lift project.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – minutes of meetings held on the 15th March and 8th May were noted.

Ely Museum Executive Review Group – notes of a meeting held on the 8th May were noted. Cllr Every reported the Museum had now formed a Redevelopment Steering Group. This had a very productive meeting with their landlords, ECDC. It was agreed to invite a representative from the Museum to give a short presentation, twice a year to the Full Council, due to the funding the Council now provides.

Ely Trinity Dole – Cllr Phillips informed members he had attended a meeting of this charity on the 1st June. Over the next two months the charity will be extending their work and he will be able to report on this at a future meeting.

Needham’s Foundation – Cllr Friend-Smith reported the Needham’s Foundation had a meeting today. They had been able to give an extra £1000 to all Ely schools, on top of their annual grant, which they had all been very grateful for.

City of Ely Allotment Association - Cllr Warman informed members she had attended her first meeting as the Council’s representative. They had raised the issue of updating the agreement they have with the Council, as this is very out of date. The Clerk will liaise with them regarding this. The Mayor informed members the Association would be organising a tour of the allotments for councillors in September. He hoped as many as possible would attend.

14. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

Cllr Lindsay proposed members approve the Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statement and the signing of the balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2017 and to also note the Internal Audit Check for 2016/2017. This was seconded by Cllr Moakes and unanimously approved. The Mayor signed the appropriate boxes.

15. EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL’S (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2017

Members discussed this consultation and unanimously supported the proposals with this. In conjunction with this the Mayor had tabled a Section 59 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: Certificate of consultation for the making of a Public Space Protection Order with regards to the Angel Drove car park. Members also agreed to fully support this Order.

16. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments

Barclays	153.58	paid by direct debit
Vodafone	68.01	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	243.27	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	72.00	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	28.26	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	145.07	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	2274.73	paid by direct debit
ESPO	314.69	paid by direct debit
ESPO	156.40	paid by direct debit
ESPO	1406.76	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	1656.92	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	1102.60	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retailing	2026.26	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	28.66	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	104.40	paid by direct debit

16. Finance continued

Worldpay (UK) Ltd	114.81	paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease Ltd	243.27	paid by direct debit

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

M K Slezacek	460.00	111151
C A Hebbard	500.00	111152
Newmarket Hampers	432.00	111153
RGP Security Services Ltd	156.00	111156
Bidvest Foodservice	1157.00	111154
Wider Plan Ltd	256.11	111155
Strictly Tables & Chairs	700.20	paid by BACS
M K Slezacek	1427.00	111157

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

Cooleraid Ltd	9.48	111158
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	47.04	111159
Arco Ltd	212.95	111160
Trade UK	29.98	111161
One Stop Promotions Ltd	153.00	111162
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	31.68	111163
Jewson Ltd	201.22	111164
Aztek Services Ltd	688.80	111165
ICCM	90.00	111166
Corkers Crisps Ltd	23.33	111167
Ely Tool Hire Ltd	42.00	111168
Ely Museum	7579.00	111169
City Cycle Centre	30.89	111170
Deeping Direct Deliveries	230.40	111171
Infiniti Graphics LLP	60.00	111172
Mr S O'Dare	70.00	111173
Mrs A Hayter-Smith	410.40	111174
Saffron Ice Cream Company	579.60	111175
Mr Simms Ely	74.40	111176
March Brass 2000	200.00	111177
P Tucker	111.00	111178
Glasswells	1092.00	111179
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd	342.00	111180
Soham Comrades Band	200.00	111182
CCTV Volunteer	5.40	111183
Littleport Band	200.00	111184
ESPO	250.95	111185
Fen Farm Supplies	314.48	111186
VCAEC	125.00	111187
Cambridge Risk Management Ltd	330.00	111188
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	1091.34	111190
ECDC	8350.45	111191
PS Plumbing Services	275.00	111192
Newmarket Hampers	1560.00	111193
Purcell Miller Tritton	2190.30	111194
NVCS Ltd	491.19	111201
Heelis & Lodge	350.00	111195
RGP Security Services Ltd	78.00	111196

16. Finance continued

Total Gas & Power Ltd	11.50	111197
Securitas Security Services Ltd	48.00	111198
Wississippi Jazzmen	200.00	111213
M Rogerson Ltd	336.00	111199
Middle Fen & Mere Internal Drainage Board	83.16	111200
Francotyp Postalia Ltd	100.00	paid by direct debit
Leak Busters Plumbing Solutions	40.00	111202
Fuel Genie	311.95	paid by direct debit
Anglia Fire Assessments	534.00	111203
K Ellis	2182.50	111205
G & J Peck Ltd	6.87	111204
Cambridge Mobility	79.20	111206
Andrew Firebrace Partnership	900.00	111207
F I Whipp	200.00	111208
RGP Security Services Ltd	78.00	111196
Newmarket Hampers	1560.00	111193
1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	35.54	111209
ESPO	60.66	111185
Cooleraid Ltd	4.74	111158
S Bradley	200.00	111181
ECDC	23.00	111210
Newmarket Hampers	144.00	111212
ECDC	1.00	111191

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 2nd May 2017

Salaries and wages	£16776.64
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£4040.24
Pension fund payments	£7916.63

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 30th April 2017