



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, 31ST JULY 2017

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr A Arnold
Cllr A Whelan
Cllr C Phillips
Cllr J Yates
2 parishioners

Cllr M Rouse
Cllr S Austen
Cllr C Whelan
Cllr E Every

Cllr D Warman
Cllr P Moakes
Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr M Lansell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Friend-Smith and Pearson.

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 3RD JULY 2017 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 3rd July 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1596 & 1597 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced he had been unable to attend the ECDC seminar on the North of Ely, but other City Councillors had been able to attend. Cllr Moakes gave a brief summary of what had been discussed. It was agreed the developers should be requested to present at a Full Council meeting. The Clerk will arrange this.

6. QUESTION TIME

Mrs Haynes, a parishioner, said the East Cambridgeshire Access Group's presentation on 'street clutter' on the 5th July had been well attended. Traders have agreed to take ownership of the problem and find a solution within the next three months. She thanked all those that had supported them on the day.

Mrs Holden asked if the Council had attended a site visit at Fairfax Court regarding the proposed disabled bays and if they had anything to report. The Mayor said the original meeting had been postponed and was in the process of being rearranged. He confirmed that nothing would happen until this had been undertaken.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Every, in her capacity as a County Councillor, informed members that she had been appointed onto the People and Communities and Children's and Young Peoples Committees. There is currently a consultation on children's centres and she urged members to look at this and respond. She is also on the Charity Board of Corporate Parenting. She had attended and observed the last meeting of the Total Transport Committee. The Mayor and herself with two other District Councillors had formed a working group to look at transport in Ely. They are also looking at the bus services and are putting forward proposals for rescheduling of the current services. The Mayor reported, as a District Councillor that the roof on the sports centre will be completed tomorrow.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor attended the stone laying ceremony at the McCarthy & Stone development; the potato growing competition at St Mary's School; the Chairman of Fenland District Council's Reception; met with ADeC; met with Mr Hill, ECDC; celebrated 25 years of St John's School; attended the Isle of Ely Festival at Ely Cathedral; the Old Comrades Service on Cross Green; the dedication of Nigel Clarke's bench; Thor Labs summer party; the riders of the Royal British Legion regarding Private John Cook at Ely Cemetery and presented certificates to the students of the Porta Language School.

The Deputy Mayor had given a tour of Sessions House to a group of French students.

9. PLANNING

A report of the Planning Committee meeting, immediately prior to this meeting, were received.

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received: -

Notification of Tree work:- 23 Columbine Road, Ely; 22 Pilgrims Way, Ely; Paradise Recreation Ground, Deacons Lane, Ely; 9 Cambridge Road, Ely; 9 Juniper Drive, Ely; 23 The Vineyards, Ely

Notification of street naming and numbering:- Algrazz, 22 Ely Road, Queen Adelaide, Ely; 48, 48A & 48B Waterside, Ely; 205 Lancaster Way Business Park, Ely

Notification of changes to local bus services – service 9 and service new 15

Notification of road closures:- Chettisham LC, Lynn Road, Ely – 22.00 hrs 25.9.17 to 06.00 hrs 26.9.17 and 22.00 hrs 10.12.17 to 08.00 hrs 11.12.17. Queen Adelaide LC, Ely Road, Queen Adelaide, Ely – 23.30 hrs 18.9.17 to 06.00 hrs 19.9.17; Ely Station LC, Station Road, Ely – 00.30 – 08.30 hrs 10.9.17

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be on the 14th August.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met. Cllr Arnold reported the judging for Ely in Bloom had now been undertaken and the presentations at the Maltings will be on the 16th August. The Mayor said that the standard had been very high and he congratulated all those that had contributed to the colour in the City. Cllr Arnold thanked all those that had helped and undertook the judging.

(iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – Cllr Phillips presented a report of a meeting held on the 10th July 2017, which was approved. Cllr Phillips gave an update on the vandalism of the chapel windows. Although the Council has been given an opportunity to input on what actions should be taken, it will ultimately be the Police's decision. It was agreed the Mayor would write to the Police to recognise the actions of the PCSO to get on the case so quickly. He also reported that he had attended a meeting with the skateboarding group regarding a new skate park in Ely. They were full of ideas and very keen to get things done. It is hoped to take this forward in the months ahead. It was agreed to upgrade the junior swings and Burma Bridge at Stuntney play area. Section 106 funding will be applied for this. Quotes will be obtained to repair and paint the fencing at the Park play area. The site adjacent to the existing shed will be cleared before April 2018, after which the storage needs of the Council will be evaluated and a work programme compiled for the next two to three years.

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

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

(vi) ELY/RIBE – Not met.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – Notes of a meeting held on the 17th July were noted. It was agreed two representatives from the City of Ely Council would attend the next meeting of the East Cambs Youth Consultation Panel. Cllr Every, Sgt Priestley and Mr Ouzman from the Consultation Panel were co-opted onto the Forum.

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

Sessions House Working Party – Cllr Lindsay gave an update on the building work. He also informed members of the decision to remove the planned small office upstairs. The wall of this has been removed to open up the whole area. This can then be used for functions etc, which will give greater flexibility of the Council Chamber.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 10th July were noted. Cllr Arnold requested the Council assist with the provision of a cycleway/pedestrian pathway from Queen Adelaide to Prickwillow. Members agreed this should be discussed at the next Environment Committee to ascertain how the Council can help procure this for these residents.

Ely Museum – Cllr Every informed members the Museum had managed to raise nearly all the £240,000 funds required to be able to display the Great Gold Torc. She said they were proud to have staff that allowed them to attract such an important artefact.

14. TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MRS ANASTASIYA HOLLOWAY AS A 10 HOUR PER WEEK FACILITIES ASSISTANT AT THE MALTINGS AND TO PASS A RESOLUTION THAT SHE BE SPECIFIED AS A PENSIONABLE EMPLOYEE UNDER REGULATION B1(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS 1986 (AS AMENDED)

The Clerk presented a report which was discussed. Cllr Every proposed the appointment of Mrs Anastasiya Holloway as a 10 hour per week Facilities Assistant at the Maltings and to pass a resolution that she 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 agreed. The Mayor also proposed the recommendation within the report, that a small Working Group be formed to look at the roles of each staff member at the Maltings and their salary scales be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Every and unanimously agreed. It was agreed to appoint the Mayor, Cllr Every, the Clerk and Cllr Yates to form this Working Group.

15. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments

Vodafone	68.01	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	862.00	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	2851.45	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	111.68	paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	26.78	paid by direct debit
ESPO	59.47	paid by direct debit
ESPO	124.54	paid by direct debit
Barclays	117.35	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	807.76	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	227.83	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	71.28	paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	106.92	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	28.56	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	127.40	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	330.46	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	125.83	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	26.16	paid by direct debit
Worldpay (UK) Ltd	317.25	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	191.24	paid by direct debit
LEX Autolease	243.27	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	26.16	paid by direct debit

Finance continued.....

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

RGP Security Services Ltd	202.80	111255
Shefs	1992.00	111256
Bidfood	785.77	111258
Paul Day's Sports	49.99	111259

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

Balfour Beatty	490.32	111297
City Cycle Centre	23.82	111296
Breckland Brass Band	200.00	111295
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	157.17	111294
Allen's Skip Hire Ltd	438.00	111293
Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	138.08	111292
Cooleraid Ltd	49.56	111291
Elliotts	58.20	111290
Waterbeach Brass	200.00	111289
CCTV Volunteer	5.40	111288
Purcell Miller Tritton	1819.38	111287
ECDC	1494.04	111270
Millennium Pest Control Ltd	66.00	111286
Aztek Services Ltd	187.20	111285
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	82.96	111284
Jewson Ltd	274.29	111283
Blue Shed Studios	100.00	111282
CSD Brass	200.00	111281
Deeping Direct Deliveries	115.20	111280
S Bradley	450.00	111279
Kestrel Fencing	2733.38	111278
Nisbets	100.76	111277
G & J Peck Ltd	21.96	111276
Trade UK	408.96	111275
Gordon Harrison	130.70	111274
Ely Museum	20.00	111273
Wider Plan Ltd	256.11	111271
Total Gas & Power	23.57	111272
ECDC	180.00	111270
Nisbets	57.50	111269
Argos Business Solutions Ltd	68.57	111267
Anglian Water	77.91	111266
Anglian Water	51.15	111266
Barclays	183.51	paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	104.40	paid by direct debit
Francotyp Postalisa Ltd	81.00	paid by direct debit
C D Hood Ltd	30268.99	111265
Purcell Miller Tritton LLP	1774.14	111264
Nisbets	8.64	111268
ESPO	333.97	111263
Cooleraid Ltd	30.00	111262
NALC	17.00	111261
Greene King Brewing & Retailing Ltd	536.05	paid by direct debit
Barclaycard	247.13	paid by direct debit
Cllr R Hobbs	98.90	111260
G & J Peck Ltd	61.95	111276

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

Salaries and wages	£16756.12 – pd by BACS a cheque No 111257
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£3813.25
Pension fund payments	£7905.46

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