



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, 20TH NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson, Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr J Pearson

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr S Austen

2 parishioners

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr J Yates

Cllr E Every

Cllr D Warman

Cllr P Moakes

Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr M Lansell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr C Whelan and Cllr Phillips.

2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Mayor declared a prejudicial pecuniary interest in item 16 and left the meeting whilst this was discussed. He signed page 197 of the Register of Members Interest Book.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD OCTOBER 2017 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 23rd October 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record with the correction to Cllr Lansell's name on page 1618. Pages 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1620, 1621 & 1622 refer. There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he would be taking item 17 in Committee at the end of the meeting. He thanked all those for their support on Remembrance Sunday and all those that had gone to the lunch. He confirmed that the Recreation and Cemetery Committee meeting on the 4th December would be rearranged.

6. QUESTION TIME

Mrs Holden, a parishioner, informed members that Ely had been featured on a TV crime show last Friday evening, which showed someone urinating in the street near the Cathedral. She urged the Council to consider keeping the Barton Road toilets open, because of this sort of action. She also suggested they should consider reopening those that had already been closed. The Mayor said that this Council had fought hard to keep the Barton Road toilets open.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

An update was tabled from Cllr Bailey, regarding the information she had provided at the last meeting. This was in relation to postponement of some level crossing closures.

Cllr Every, in her capacity as a District Councillor, informed members that she had attended a meeting regarding the level crossings at Queen Adelaide with Network Rail, Lucy Frazer MP, ECDC, Cambs County Council, The Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and the Mayor of the City of Ely. Network Rail explained where they were and what their next steps would be. Everyone is against the closure of these rail crossings. Network Rail could not just close without having any other solutions. It will take until 2018-2019 to get everything in place and for all the studies to be undertaken. So, this is some time off yet. She also informed members there would be a paper going to the next Environment Committee at County, to discuss how they shape what people want in this area. This will be fed back to key people in the area. She felt it was reassuring that the Council was trying to work towards a solution. The Mayor will also be joining the Bypass Group and will be attending the next meeting, when there will be a discussion on the allotments.

Cllr Rouse, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members that Planning was now his main responsibility. The first stage of the Endurance scheme on Cam Drive is now moving forward. A planning application for a new care home in this area, will also be submitted shortly. He had spoken to the Street Naming and Numbering Department at ECDC regarding the names for the new estate near the Isle of Ely School. The Clerk had also had a discussion with them and had confirmed to them that orchard fruits would be a suitable theme for this development. The fish theme will be used in one of the other developments.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the launch of Ely & District Table Tennis Club, held at Witchford Village College; the first night feeding at Welney Swan Centre; welcomed the Ribe Kammerkor Choir; attended concert in Lady Chapel by the Kammerkor Choir and joint concert by Ely Choral Society and Kammerkor Choir. He had unveiled the Remembrance Wall and attended a service at Witchford Village College. He had attended a meeting with Network Rail; the Armistice Service on the Market Place; Remembrance Service and Parade; the opening of the new car park in the Dock; visited JDR Cables in Littleport and unveiled the new village sign at Queen Adelaide. He had also judged the guy competition at Ely Fireworks.

The Deputy Mayor had acted as quizmaster for the Friends of Ely Library and had attended the Viva Awards.

9. PLANNING

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

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The following information only items were received:-

Notification of tree work:- outside Antiques Centre, opposite 52B Waterside, Ely; outside 62 Fitzgerald Close, Ely; 19 Back Hill, Ely; Sewage Treatment Works, Cresswells Lane, Ely; Ely Cemetery, Beech Lane, Ely; 14 Lynn Road, Ely; 24 Back Hill, Ely; 13 Cromwell Road, Ely

Notification of street naming and numbering:- conversion of one property in to two, 8 & 10 Bohemond Street, Ely

Notification of road closures:- Chettisham level crossing, Lynn Road, Ely – 22.00 hrs 25.11.17 to 05.00 hrs 11.12.17 and 22.00 hrs 10.1.18 to 05.30 hrs 11.1.18; Queen Adelaide level crossing, Ely Road – 00.30-09.00 hrs 28.1.18; A142 Ely and Stuntney – overnight 20.00 – 06.00 Monday to Friday 19.3.18 to 29.3.18; B1382 Prickwillow – daylight hours 3.4.18 to 13.4.17; Ely Station level crossing on Station Road – 00.50 to 07.50 hrs 19.11.17

Thank you letters in relation to grants received from this Council:- Parkinson's Ely Support Group; VCAEC; Deafblind UK; Prickwillow Engine Trust; Revitalise; National Youth Arts Trust

Consultation document question regarding tax referendum principles for parish councils
Cambridgeshire Annual Public Health Report 2017

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 6th November, which was approved. A first draft of the budget had been considered. The final budget will be set at the next meeting on the 22nd January 2018.
- (ii) ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met.
- (iii) RECREATION & CEMETERY – No report as Committee had not met.
- (iv) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – Cllr Arnold presented a report of a meeting held on the 7th November, which was approved. All stalls have now been allocated for the Switch On night. The risk assessments have been reviewed and there were no health and safety issues. An application for the street trading consent had been submitted. The tree will be erected and dressed on the 24th November. There will be a best dressed window competition and a shoppers competition.
- (v) ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS – The Chairman presented a report of a meeting held on the 14th November. The Mayor advised there would be a meeting with an independent accountant to discuss the possible applicants to lease the Maltings Cottage.
- (vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as Group had not met.
- (vii) YOUTH FORUM – Notes of a meeting held on the 2nd November were approved. Members noted the update from the East Cambs Youth Consultation Panel and the funding application for projects.

One parishioner left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

Cllr Arnold requested the Mayor contact the County Council regarding the lack of response from Balfour Beatty regarding permission for the hanging baskets on the light columns in the Market Place. Cllr Lindsay confirmed he would be arranging a meeting with Balfour Beatty to discuss other lighting issues and would also include this issue as well.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Cllr Warman informed members that at the last City of Ely Allotments Association meeting they had asked if the Estates Team had any materials that could be used to block the gap under the allotment fence at High Barns, to stop the foxes from gaining entry. The Clerk will ask the Estate Manager.

14. REPORT FROM CLLR EVERY REGARDING HER ROLE AS AN AREA CHAMPION FOR CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr Every informed members the Area Champion is a new role that has been created as part of the newly formed Communities and Partnership Committee at Cambs County Council. There is a Local Council Development Plan in Cambridgeshire and the purpose of this is to encourage all Councils to work together.

The remaining parishioner left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

She had met with all ECDC officers and asked how she could help support and manage the new services from Cambs County Council. She had spoken to all County Councillors about the role. She will also be meeting with ECDC Councillors over the next three months. The role also includes promoting and contributing to the development of volunteers; being an ambassador for community based provision and encouraging others to become ambassadors. Her target is to work with the District Councils and find a Champion in every Parish Council. She is not working with Parish Councils yet, just the District Councils. One of the priorities is the lack of youth involvement and she needed to connect with them and find out what they want. Connecting partnerships and providing additional capacity may help support our more vulnerable residents. It was agreed that Cllr Every and Cllr Yates would obtain the demographics of the parish and then report back to a Full Council meeting, to discuss what to do with the information.

The Mayor thanked her for her informative report and looked forward to further updates.

15. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ECDC CONSULTATION ON THE LATEST VERSION OF THE EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PLAN, KNOWN AS THE PROPOSED SUBMISSION LOCAL PLAN

Members agreed to note this consultation and only make comments as individuals.

16. TO MAKE COMMENTS ON CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROPOSALS TO MAKE AN ORDER UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984. AMENDED, TO IMPLEMENT DISABLED PARKING PLACES IN THE VICINITY OF 1-16 FAIRFAX COURT, ELY (6 BAYS) AND 16 BERNARD STREET, ELY (1 BAY)

As the Chairman had declared a pecuniary interest in the order for 16 Bernard Street and he had left the room, the Deputy Chairman chaired the meeting for this item. Members unanimously agreed to support both of these proposals.

The Mayor proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, regarding agenda item 15, that this be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 be exercised. This was seconded by Cllr Rouse and agreed to go into Committee at the end of the meeting.

17. TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE CITY

Due to the confidential nature of this item it will be discussed in committee at the end of the meeting

18. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments

Francotyp Postalia Ltd	150.00	paid by direct debit
EE Ltd	97.10	paid by direct debit
Barclays	135.04	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
British Telecommunications	104.40	paid by direct debit
FuelGenie	390.01	paid by direct debit
LEX Autolease	243.27	paid by direct debit
Green King Brewing & Retail Ltd	842.26	paid by direct debit
Shire Leasing Plc	242.70	paid by direct debit
Worldpay (UK) Ltd	103.61	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

Glass Made Art	1214.00	paid by BACS
Fresh Artiste Management Ltd	2100.00	paid by BACS
HEY Bendalls	3180.00	paid by BACS
Anglian Water	295.94	111442
ECDC	20.00	111443
Newmarket Hampers	1585.20	111444
Infiniti Graphics LLP	80.00	111445
Twenty Pence 2000 Ltd	134.10	111446

16. Finance continued*The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting*

G & J Peck Ltd	542.40	111447
Cambs County Council	3891.29	111448
Nisbets	300.97	111449
Jewson Ltd	59.04	111450
City Cycle Centre	122.26	111451
M Rogerson Ltd	750.00	111452
Warren Access	2397.00	111454
Ely Museum	20.00	111453
Premier Decorations Ltd	216.00	111455
Mrs A Arnold	86.32	111456
Mr M Chinery-Colyer	37.00	111457
BFS Group Ltd	231.27	111458
Ensign Solutions Ltd	110.40	111459
Allens Skip Hire Ltd	120.00	111460
The CCTV Training Academy	325.00	111461
Ely Choral Society	250.00	111462
Cooleraid Ltd	4.74	111463
Festive Lights	389.75	111464
Argos Business Solutions Ltd	17.63	111465
Kestrel Fencing	2468.76	111466
Radio Facilities Ltd	271.20	111467
R Manning	405.00	111468
Cambs County Council	2493.91	111469
Simpson's Nurseries Ltd	30.00	111470
Ely Central Heating	796.48	111471
Clearview Communications Ltd	8373.60	111472
Clearview Communications Ltd	13770.00	111473
ESPO	55.69	111474
Trade UK	84.94	111475
Glasswells	486.00	111476
Coffee Plus	443.91	111477
Miss L Howell	51.24	111478
Mrs EM Marin Garcia	20.04	111479
Deeping Direct Deliveries	144.00	111480
British Telecommunications	204.54	paid by direct debit
Bacon Lightning Protection Ltd	144.00	111481
Premier Decorations Ltd	878.40	111455
Millrose Telecommunications	132.00	111482
Ely Museum	7579.00	111483
Barclaycard	1975.56	paid by direct debit
Miss S Waddlelow	24.58	111484
1st Call (Hire & Sales) Ltd	55.55	111485
N & C Glass Ltd	6.11	111486
ESPO	153.04	111487
Jewson Ltd	129.19	111488
British Telecommunications	106.08	paid by direct debit
Trade UK	416.67	111475
RGP Security Services Ltd	85.80	111489
JezO's Events Ltd	4309.20	111490
S Bradley	200.00	111492

16. Finance continued		
Warren Access	1179.00	111454
R Hobbs	193.80	111493
Aztek Services Ltd	111.30	111491

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 23rd October 2017

Salaries and wages	£16761.34
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£4161.97
Pension fund payments	£7488.46

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