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**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.15PM  
ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

**PRESENT;**

Cllr M Rouse, the Mayor, Cllr M Lansell, Cllr E Every, Cllr I Lindsay, Cllr A Arnold, Cllr Peter Moakes, Cllr John Yates, Mrs M Pickering.

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations received.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018 & MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages ENV 37 and 38 refer.

Matters Arising – Page 37, item 3, Matters Arising – Cllr Mansell reported that ECDC does have a policy for the removal of abandoned bikes on its website. This existing policy would be applied to discarded dockless bikes also.

**4. ACTION PLAN**

Cllr Lindsay has now received a copy of the Ely inspection list compiled by Ely Perspective. The list is a compilation of work/repairs that needs to be carried out on items of street furniture in the city centre. The relevant authority that is responsible for assets on the list will be made aware of the issues. Cllr Every will be made aware of the issues concerning County Council and items for East Cambs District Council will be forwarded to Spencer Clark. The City of Ely Council will implement its own plan for assets belonging to the City of Ely Council. It was agreed that regular meetings should be arranged with East Cambs District Council in order to develop a strategy for street furniture maintenance.

The need for having litter bins combined with ash trays in the city centre was discussed. Cllr Lindsay hoped that this was something East Cambs District Council would take on.

With regards to the on-going issue of the de-cluttering of the city centre, Cllr Every updated members with the latest information about the Access Group's campaign to have A-boards removed from pavements. The Chief Executive of Cambs County Council has written to the Access Group, outlining their policy. Although the County Council agree that access for all is important, it has to consider the commercial needs of businesses. Cllr Every met with an officer from the County Council to carry out an inspection of the city centre. At this time, the only sign that was a potential hazard, was outside of Wild Wood Restaurant. It is the opinion of the County Council that wares placed on the pavement at Thing Me Bobs in Market Street, are not a problem.

Cllr Lindsay asked whether members would like to undertake another 'signs and lines' audit. A new group of City of Ely councillors would have to be formed. After some discussion, Cllr Rouse recommended that the Committee should concentrate on one specific area and was concerned that this would be taking on too much at once.

The bus shelters at Station Road and on Cam Drive were discussed at great length. As a result of attending meetings to discuss the route of the No. 9 Stagecoach bus, Cllr Every was advised that the bus shelters on Cam

Drive should be removed and replaced with two new bus shelters. It was not deemed necessary to replace all four. This Council will continue to liaise with Spencer Clark.

It has also been confirmed, that there will not be enough room for a bus shelter at the site of the new bus stop on Angel Drove.

The quote from K & M Lighting Services for replacement LED bulbs of this Council's street lights was accepted at a cost of £1,641.44 plus VAT. The work has been ordered and should be carried out over the next couple of weeks.

Members agreed to continue to liaise with volunteer groups to encourage litter picking and also agreed that a City of Ely Council litter pick would be arranged for Spring 2019.

## **5. BUDGET UPDATE**

Members noted the budget update, dated 4th October 2018. There were no significant variances. Members recommended the following budget for 2019/2020.

MHI Scheme	£20,000
Lighting – Energy/Repairs	£1,700
Bus Shelters & Memorial Facil.	£5,000
Furniture	£5,000
Ely in Bloom	£16,000
Materials	£1,000

## **6. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES**

There were no health and safety issues to report.

## **7. ELY IN BLOOM**

Please see Cllr Arnold's notes, attached.

## **8. TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Every updated the members on the progress of last year's minor highways bids. A feasibility study is being carried out for the work at Prickwillow. The raised table planned for Forehill has been deemed a possible danger for cyclists so it has been recommended by Highways officers, that speed cushions should be installed instead, as cyclists will be able to avoid these. With reference to the Cam Drive bid for this year, Highways officers will recommend appropriate locations for flashing signs and 30mph signs.

## **9. SPEED CAMERA UPDATE**

A sub-group met on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018 to discuss the use of mobile speed cameras. If the minor highway bid is successful, this Council have three new mobile speed cameras that can be moved around the city on a regular basis. The particular areas of concern are Witchford Road, Cam Drive and Lisle Lane. The Speedwatch Co-ordinator, Mr David Godsmark will advise on the best locations.

## **10. A.O.B**

Cllr Arnold has been approached by Cambridgeshire County Council, requesting a contribution of £3,878.00 for the repair of footpath number 24, which runs under the railway bridge. It was unanimously agreed that this is a Highways/Sustrans issue.

The Committee received a request from a resident in Barton Road to pave an area of verge outside of their house as it can get very muddy, which means that they have to cross the road in order to avoid the mud. Unfortunately, members agreed that this is not an issue for the City of Ely Council, as they are not the land owner.

Cllr Hobbs has received a request for a stretch of double yellow lines on Cambridge Road to stop cars being parked near to the corner of a resident's driveway. Members felt that they were not able to support this request at the present time, but hoped that the issue could be highlighted as and when the next audit of 'signs and lines' is carried out.

Cllr Yates reported that the path in Cherry Hill Park is in a terrible state of repair. The issue will be reported to the land owner.

## **11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting has been set for 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019.