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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, ELY AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 2018**

PRESENT: Mrs T Coulson - Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr M Rouse

Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr J Yates

1 parishioner

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr P Moakes

Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr E Every

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Austen, Cllr Pearson and Cllr Warman.

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 22ND OCTOBER 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 22nd October 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages 1700, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704 and 1705 refer.

Matters arising:- Page 1703, item 19 – Cllr Hobbs tabled copies of new flyers for the Cloud 9 bus service.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed members that HRH the Prince of Wales would be visiting Ely on Tuesday, 27th November. He will be attending the Cathedral and the Stained Glass Museum. The Community Forum will be on the 22nd November at 7.00 pm at the Maltings with a theme of Community Safety. He wished to place on record, on behalf of all the Council members, thanks to Mr Delahaye, Estates Manager and all the Estates Team for all their hard work with regard to the beacon and the work for the service on the evening of Remembrance Sunday. He thanked Allen's Skip Hire, who gave their services for free and helped install the beacon onto St Mary's Green. Cllr Hobbs said it was good to have the beacon in a permanent place. The Mayor also thanked Mr Holden for the lovely floral display around the base of the beacon.

6. QUESTION TIME

A parishioner thanked the Council for the responses to the two table and chairs applications, considered at the last Full Council meeting. As always, the Council requested these areas be enclosed with barriers and the 'A' boards should be within this area. The parishioner confirmed that the East Cambs Access Group had completed Cambs County Council's complaints procedure with regard to 'A' boards. The parishioner confirmed they were going to undertake a walkaround the City Centre with Cllr Every and the Tourism and Town Centre Manager to see if there were any obstructions from 'A' boards. They also congratulated the Council on how splendid the beacon looked.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Members noted the report from County Cllr Anna Bailey, which had been tabled for members. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Members noted the verbal report from Cllr Elisabeth Every, in her capacity as both a County and District Councillor. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Hobbs, in his capacity as a District Councillor, informed members of the improvements that have now been completed at the Country Park. There are now more benches and a small infants/toddler area close to the seating. The accessibility is currently being looked at, following an issue raised by a resident.

8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT

The Mayor had attended the VCAEC AGM; Talking Freely Drop-in Café; his Mayor's Civic Service, where he presented the annual grant cheques to organisations; the opening of the A142 By-pass; judging of the Lions Club painting competition; the Ely College Remembrance Service; judged the best guy at Ely Fireworks; Remembrance Sunday Piper at Dawn 6.00 am; Service in Ely Cathedral 10.30 am; Royal British Legion wreath laying at the Market Place 12.00 pm and lighting of the City beacon 7.00 pm; presented cheque for Breast Cancer Campaign with Debbie Hitchings; met with the Dean of Ely and Cllr Every; attended Mayor and Mayoress of Cambridge's reception at the Guildhall; and attended the annual Viva Theatre Awards at Soham.

The Mayor informed members he had received the Town Crier's Annual report, which will be circulated to all members. As usual the Town Crier and the Keeper of the Bell have represented the City, attending many functions in and around the District.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the Suffragette Flag Raising Event at Huntingdon and the Service of Remembrance by the Road Victims Trust at Cambridge.

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:- Paradise House, 26 New Barns Road, Ely; 24 Mulberry Way, Ely; Edward Jones Ltd, 17 Forehill, Ely; 7 Springhead Lane, Ely; 20 New Barns Road, Ely; Douglas Court, Ely

Notification of road closures:- Downham Road, Ely – 6.2.19 to 8.2.19; Silver Street, Ely – 4.2.19 to 5.2.19; Ely Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide, Ely – 8.12.18 to 9.12.18, 22.12.18 to 23.12.18 and 12.1.19, Back Lane, Ely – 15.1.19 to 17.1.19

Street Naming & Numbering:- new commercial properties, 109A and 109B Lancaster Way Business Park, Ely
Thank you letters from Highfield Academy, Babylon Arts and 1094 (Ely) Squadron regarding grants received from this Council

Changes to Bus Service:- Service 39 regarding timing

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE – The Mayor presented a report of a meeting held on the 5th November, which was approved. The first draft of the proposed budget for 2019/20 was considered, with this being considered again at the next meeting on the 3rd December. Members discussed the discussion paper from Cllr Phillips, regarding Governance Issues. The Mayor proposed that members accept the recommendation that the process for the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be changed. The proposal was that members will receive a form from the Clerk in December, which will allow each councillor to make a declaration as to whether they wish to stand for the election of Mayor or Deputy Mayor. Once these are received, a further form will be given to those wishing to stand to allow them to obtain a proposer and seconder, for them to be considered for election. All nominations will then be considered at the February Full Council meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Moakes and unanimously approved. It was also agreed that with regards to the Committees the Working Group would need to meet again to discuss how these should be moved forward. The Mayor will provide his comments for them to consider these in their discussions. The Working Group will need to provide final recommendations by September 2019. Members agreed the acceptance of the quote from Zurich for a new three year agreement, with the extension option. Members formally approved the request by Cllr Every for the Council to support the redevelopment of the Ely and District Museum. She requested that the final balance of £65,000, as part of the 2.1 million bid to the HLF be underwritten by the Council, until the end of the project, ie 31st August 2021. As the Committee was not quorate during the discussion of this, Cllrs Hobbs and Arnold agreed to email all councillors the next day with a copy of the report, to request confirmation as to whether they would support this. As a majority was received from the responses, support was officially given to Ely Museum. Cllr Every gave members an update on this. She had put the same request to ECDC and they had agreed to consider whether to provide an additional £65,000 from CIL. If this is successful the City of Ely Council will not have to underwrite this amount.

(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 12th November, which was approved. Members noted that Risk Assessments for the Christmas Lights and Switch On had been reviewed. BBC Radio Cambridgeshire would now be promoting the event and all acts were now booked.

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

(vi) ELY/RIBE – No report as Group had not met. They had held a successful quiz night at Sessions House.

(vii) YOUTH FORUM – Cllr Christine Whelan presented notes of a meeting held on the 29th October, which were approved. The update from the East Cambs Youth Consultation Panel was noted. Cllr C Whelan proposed the £450 in the Youth Forum budget be given as a grant to the 'Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School' project. This was seconded by Cllr Moakes and unanimously agreed. Members agreed the 'Riding and Skating Ely' Group needed support to move forward their project of a new skatepark in Ely. The site has been agreed in principle by ECDC.

(viii) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE – Cllr Hobbs presented a report of a meeting held on the 13th November, which was approved. The Committee's budget for 2019/20 was noted. They hoped to include £10,000 for a new heading, Town Centre Initiative and an additional £15,000 to allow for the employment of a Town Centre Ranger. A request had been received from the Royal British Legion regarding the Council taking responsibility for the Remembrance Sunday Parade, with effect from next year. It had been agreed this would be something the Tourism and Town Centre Manager could assist with. She will make contact with them. The Clerk agreed to look at how the other Committee minutes can record actions/recommendations.

12. WORKING PARTIES/STEERING GROUPS REPORTS

Sessions House Working Group - Cllr Lindsay tabled notes of a meeting of the Working Group, held on the 19th November, which members noted. He confirmed the faults with the lift, which had been identified by the Zurich engineer, had now been rectified. The new furnishings will hopefully be in place in the New Year. Costings will be obtained for the removal of the redundant electrical equipment within Sessions House. It is anticipated the next stage of work, which will be the refurbishment of the court room, will be funded from the Council's budget and CIL funds.

13. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Prickwillow Village Council – Cllr Every informed members she had attended the last meeting of the Prickwillow Village Council. At this meeting they had raised concerns regarding the condition of the war memorial in Prickwillow and asked if this was the responsibility of the City of Ely Council, as it needs urgent renovation. It was agreed to investigate who owns the war memorial and to discuss this at the next Environment Committee.

14. TO DISCUSS THE OWNERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY HUB WITHIN ELY NORTH

Cllr Hobbs had raised this item due to the need to consider if this Council should take ownership of the community hub within Ely North. The Mayor, Cllr Every and himself had already had informal discussions with the developer and ECDC as to whether this was an option. The Clerk raised her concerns regarding the implications of the costs of this to the Council and that members needed to be fully informed before the Council takes the next steps with regard to taking ownership of this hub. Cllr Hobbs requested that they continue to talk to them and ascertain whether this would be a feasible option and the costs involved with this. This was seconded by Cllr A Whelan and unanimously agreed.

15. DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS

Cllr Every requested that members consider purchasing a defibrillator for the Sessions House. This could be inside or outside of the building. It would also be a good idea to have on the Council's website where defibrillators are located within the City. It was agreed this would be discussed by the Sessions House Working Group, with the cost and funding opportunities being researched. The Clerk suggested that these should also be considered at the Maltings and Oliver Cromwell's House. The Mayor also agreed to talk to the St John's Ambulance to ascertain their opinion on where a suitable location for these would be.

16. TO COMMENT ON A STREET TRADING APPLICATION AT CAMBRIDGE ROAD LAY-BY, ELY

The City of Ely Council would not support this application. Members felt very strongly that this was not an appropriate place to have this kind of hot food van, as it is one of the gateways into the City. Ely is well catered for with regard to food outlets and also with the new Leisure Centre. It would not support the creation of an evening trade in a lay-by on the outskirts of the City. There were also concerns regarding the amount of waste that could be generated in this area, if this application was permitted, which could be detrimental to this entrance into the City.

17. FINANCE

Members approved the following payments:-

Direct debit payments

Lex Autolease	243.27	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	269.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	1412.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	459.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	888.00	Paid by direct debit
ECDC	1520.00	Paid by direct debit
Barclays	263.51	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	28.32	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	151.03	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	1070.72	Paid by direct debit
Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd	186.03	Paid by direct debit
EE	95.71	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	399.11	Paid by direct debit
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	569.40	Paid by direct debit
Lex Autolease	695.29	Paid by direct debit
Cybertill Ltd	106.44	Paid by direct debit
Worldpay	137.46	Paid by direct debit

17. FINANCE CONTINUED

Worldpay	155.08	Paid by direct debit
OZ-UK Steel Buildings	11940.00	Paid by BACS
Soundstage One	2392.80	Paid by BACS
Festive Decoration & Lighting Ltd	650.10	Paid by BACS
Fens Falconry	270.03	Paid by BACS

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

Ely & Soham Electrical Services	144.30	112088
Anglian Water	28.74	112089
Mr D M Tong	210.00	112090
Alder Manufacturing Ltd	121.79	112091
Mrs T Harding	84.98	112092
1094 (Ely) Squadron	840.00	112093 - Section 137
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	500.00	112094 - Section 137
Cambridgeshire Search & Rescue	300.00	112095 - Section 137
Eddies	750.00	112096 - Section 137
Ely Museum	2000.00	112097 - Section 145
EARTH	860.00	112098 - Section 137
VCAEC	750.00	112099 - Section 137
Relate Cambridge	500.00	112300 - Section 137
Highfield Ely Academy	840.00	112101 - Section 137
The Lighthouse	500.00	112102 - Section 137
All In Sound	500.00	112104 - Section 137
Babylon Gallery	650.00	112105 - Section 145
Stuntney Village Council	250.00	112106 - Section 137
Ely Choral Society	500.00	112107 - Section 137
Pos+Ability	500.00	112108 - Section 137
The Heligoland 39 Project	200.00	112109 -Section 137
East Cambs Neighbourhood Watch	250.00	112110 - Section 137
Eden Farm Hulleys	370.17	112111
Lunchbox	69.45	112112
St Marys Church Ely	62.90	112113
LGRC Associates Ltd	735.00	112114
Thompson Media Partners	120.00	112115
Mrs E Gardener	291.60	112117
S Blake	979.00	112118
Maltings Partnership	11592.00	112119
BFS Group Ltd	564.20	112220
Page Fine Jewellery Ltd	210.00	112221
Radio Facilities Ltd	271.20	112122
Bottisham Asbestos Services	300.00	112123
Cambridge Radio Ltd	240.00	112116
Shefs	1665.00	112124

The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting

D A Parnell	150.00	112125
CamAlarms ltd	373.92	112126
Businessclean (Cambridge) Ltd	1012.80	112127
City Cycle Centre	76.57	112157
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	8.48	112128
Warrens Access	2469.24	112129
Jewson Ltd	235.44	112130

17. FINANCE CONTINUED

Coffee Plus	294.00	112131
Allens Skip Hire Ltd	40.00	112132
Ely Choral Society	100.00	112133
ECDC	917.48	112134
Mr Hannaford	200.00	112135
Ely Cathedral	50.00	112136
ESPO	184.75	112137
K & M Lighting Services Ltd	1978.30	112138
Verve Digital Ltd	120.00	112139
Trade UK	111.37	112140
Ensign Solutions Ltd	41.40	112141
Cooleraid Ltd	33.18	112142
CCTV Volunteer	5.40	112143
Eden Farm Hulley's	168.96	112144
Cambridge City Council	70.00	112145
G & J Peck Ltd	15.97	112146
Social Media Brands Experts Ltd	360.00	112147
JezO's Events Ltd	3702.00	112148
Heelis & Lodge	1050.00	112149
Total Gas & Power	43.55	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	117.18	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	3193.83	Paid by direct debit
GreenCity Solutions Ltd	210.42	Paid by direct debit
British Telecommunications	60.67	Paid by direct debit
Total Gas & Power	10.11	112165
Deeping Direct Deliveries	144.00	112150
ECDC	420.00	112152
Trade UK	93.12	112140
Gordon Harrison	1518.32	112152
Warren Access	1263.60	112153
Corporate Tiger Ltd	55.95	112155
Trade UK	129.99	112140
British Telecommunications	160.07	Paid by direct debit
ASM Talent Ltd	2100.00	112156
ATS Heritage	300.00	112160
Fuel Genie	233.46	Paid by direct debit

Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 22nd October 2018

Salaries and wages	£25356.28
Inland Revenue (tax & NI)	£7213.55
Pension fund payments	£12899.36

Members noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending 31st October 2018.

Cllr Anna Bailey, Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Ely South

City of Ely Council 19th November 2018 - Cambridgeshire County Council Update

Ely Bypass

The bypass was officially opened on 31st October 2018, with traffic being allowed onto the road from 4.30pm; this includes the new permanent 50mph speed limit covering both Stuntney junctions on the A142, as requested by Stuntney Village Council. Work on the walkway is continuing and should be complete this month. The improvement in traffic flow was immediately apparent in Ely where the area around the Station was transformed and the queues from Stuntney were also immediately relieved.



The underpass at Ely railway station is now closed for a period of up to 12 weeks while the works to improve cycle and pedestrian access are carried out. For information, the A1123 (Wicken to Stretham road) reopened on 6th November.

Stuntney Causeway

In January 2019 the Stuntney Causeway road will be completely rebuilt, referred to as “deep reconstruction”, as part of a number of similar treatments to roads carried out in the East Cambs and Fenland areas. Other roads (such as the A1123 from Wicken to Stretham) have been closed 24/7 whilst these works take place. However, due to the volume of traffic on Stuntney Causeway I have been pushing for this work to be undertaken under traffic management where possible, rather than total 24/7 closure. Options are being investigated and it is hoped that, due to the increased width of this road, it may be possible to carry out much of the work under traffic management rather than total closure, although it may still be necessary for certain elements of the work to be done under closure but limited to off peak times. More information will be shared by the County Council as plans are firmed up.

Stuntney Cycle/Footpath

As previously reported, the County Council has worked up a scheme to improve and extend the existing cycle/footpath from Stuntney to Ely. The scheme has now been submitted to the bidding process for funds in 2019/20 and I am continuing to push the case for this.

A10 Roundabouts

Significant work has been undertaken to understand the changes required to the A10 roundabouts around Ely. The major focus is on the A142/A10 “BP” roundabout and the A142 Witchford Road “Lancaster Way” roundabout, but the A10 “Cambridge Road” roundabout is also always included in all work. The A10 dualling project also must be taken into consideration. The key issue is that of traffic flow at the BP and Lancaster Way roundabouts. A significant report has now been received

with interim and full solutions identified, but further work is still required to get to a preferred solution that will be robust at coping with all the increased growth in the area for the future (Lancaster Way Business Park and Local Plan allocations including North Ely and Witchford). I am involved in these discussions on an ongoing basis as the local Member for the area.

Budget

There were a number of welcome announcements in the Government's budget statement. Following on from the announcement by the Sec of State for Health & Social Care Matt Hancock in early October, of £240m additional adult social care funding for winter pressures this year, the Chancellor announced in his budget statement that this will be repeated in winter 2019/20. This means an additional £2.3m in 2018/19 and £2.3m in 2019/20 for Cambridgeshire County Council. Also in the budget was a further £410m nationally for social care generally, and we await the detail of what that means in terms of allocation for Cambridgeshire. The Government has already confirmed that use of the £410m funding will be completely flexible and it will certainly help to support pressures in the children's and learning disability budgets in Cambridgeshire.

The budget also included £420m nationally for potholes, £500m additional funding nationally for the Housing and Infrastructure Fund and support for High Streets, with both an infrastructure fund and help for small businesses with a rateable value of £51k or less who will receive 1/3 off their business rates bills.

We have not yet received confirmation of what will happen about the negative Revenue Support Grant situation Cambridgeshire County Council faces, as reported to the Village Council in earlier updates.

Commercial Investment

The County Council's Commercial and Investment Committee agreed a commercial investment strategy some time ago and the Council has now made its first investment with the purchase of a student accommodation block in Cambridge (Brunswick House on Newmarket Road) at a cost of £38m, which will deliver £1.9m of ongoing revenue funding to invest in frontline services.

Fostering Campaign

The Council is looking to increase the number of "in house" foster carers across the county and is carrying out a significant campaign billed as "Team Cambridgeshire" to encourage interested people to come forward. Fostering provides the stability and family support that a child or young person needs when they are unable to live at home with their parents, which can be for a wide variety of reasons. Some looked after children return to their birth families, or other family members, while others remain with foster carers until they are ready to live independently. Some children move on to adoption or residential care. Children may need foster care for a range of different reasons, but in most cases they have experienced neglect or abuse and are at risk of significant harm.

We know that children in foster care have much better outcomes than alternative provision and if you know of anyone that may be interested please do encourage them to get in touch with the County Council: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/fostering-and-adoption>

Anna Bailey, Cambridgeshire County Councillor for Ely South

City of Ely Council– Cambridgeshire County Council Update – 19 November

Cambridgeshire County Council

Cllr Lis Every, Cambridgeshire County Councillor – Ely North

The Children and Young People received a comprehensive report and update on the Children's Centres. Here in East Cambridgeshire, these are now being delivered from Child and Family Centres and Zones in Littleport, Ely and Soham. Although there were some vacancies, these have now been filled. The services remain and have been enhanced, particularly outreach. The service has reported that they are now feeling settled and are looking at developing the local vision for how and where services are delivered in the future to best suit the needs of the area. New projects include partnership work with the District Council and third sector partners to better support families accessing local foodbanks, also piloting the use of Instagram to communicate with families.

A review has taken place on the Innovative and Cultivate Fund. Recommendations are to increase the Cultivate grant threshold from £10,000 to £19,000; more prescriptive guidance offered to Cultivate applicants to improve the ease and success rate for those applying; the development of a selection of 'off the peg' project models which have proved successful elsewhere, eg Timebank, and extension of estimated return on investment period to up to 3 years. We watch with interest the bid recently submitted by Littleport Parish Council (a target area) to support the funding for a youth worker and outreach programme which is aimed at preventative work with the local young people.

A paper on homelessness is advocating how the County can complement the work of the District Councils. For us it will focus on collaboration in supporting the innovative work the District has done on preventing homelessness; working closely with private landlords to sustain a good quality and level of private sector rented accommodation; specialist support for vulnerable clients who are at greatest risk of becoming homeless; supporting tenants to manage through significant welfare reform changes.

One of the initiatives as the Community Champion is working on the social prescribing agenda, with a pilot at St George's Surgery at Littleport.

Urgent action has been received from Highways to improve the pavement outside Roslyn Court. This was causing real problems for the residents of the Court and Bell Holt. A temporary surface will be laid within 10 days with a permanent solution by the end of the calendar year.

East Cambridgeshire District Council – Ely East

The Community Safety Partnership is focussing on keeping the City safe. There are now planned collaborative meetings which include all the agencies including the Police. We are looking at a cohesive strategy plan which will incorporate all the initiatives involved in community safety, including CCTV, Pub and Shop Watch. This is also the subject of the Mayor's Community Forum on 27 November.

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