



EAST
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 (b)

Minutes of a meeting of the Asset Development Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely on 31st May 2018 at 4:00pm.

P R E S E N T

Councillor Bill Hunt (Chairman)
Councillor Paul Cox
Councillor Lorna Dupré
Councillor Mike Rouse (as Substitute)
Councillor Mathew Shuter
Councillor Lisa Stubbs

I N A T T E N D A N C E

Maggie Camp – Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer
Emma Grima – Director Commercial
John Hill – Chief Executive
Phil Rose – Strategic Land Advisor, East Cambs Trading Company
Adrian Scaites-Stokes – Democratic Services Officer

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

4. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Christine Ambrose Smith and David Ambrose Smith.
Councillor Mike Rouse acted as a Substitute Member for this meeting.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. MINUTES

It was resolved:

That the minutes of the Asset Development Committee meeting held on 23rd April 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

7. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- The Palace Green, Ely toilets had been renovated and been subject to a 'deep clean' plus some re-tiling. The Barton Road toilets were scheduled for maintenance this year.
- The Council had tarmacked a road in Witchford previously and intended to attend to the adjacent footpath this year.

8. **ASSET MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2018/19**

The Committee considered a report, reference T8 previously circulated, updating Members on the Asset Management Planned Maintenance Programme for 2018/19 and the Asset Management Plan for 2018/19.

The Chairman circulated photographs of the Combined Authority's Mayor's new accommodation. The Mayor was keen to have a presence in Ely, with 5 or 6 people, although he would be based at Alconbury. It was good to have him in Ely and not necessarily in the same building as the Council.

Councillor Paul Cox joined the meeting at this point, 4:05pm.

The Director Commercial advised the Committee that only some new carpets and painting had been completed prior to the Mayor moving in. As part of the ongoing service, cleaning services would be provided.

Councillor Bill Hunt considered it a sensible approach, as the Mayor only had a 3-year tenancy and the move had been instigated quickly to unlock a new revenue stream.

Councillor Mike Rouse enquired about the £5K sum allocated for play areas, as he understood that the play areas had been handed over to the parish councils. The Director Commercial explained that the sum was not for anything specific but could be accessed in case there was a requirement to use it. This Council did still own some play areas.

Councillor Bill Hunt stated there was a policy to encourage parish councils to take on play parks by selling to them and the parish councils could then unlock potential grants unavailable to this Council. The Council could re-purchase those areas if they ceased to be used as play areas.

It was resolved:

That the update be noted.

9. **FORWARD AGENDA PLAN**

The Committee considered and noted its Forward Agenda Plan.

10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS**

It was resolved:

That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the items 9 to 11 because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Categories 1, 2 and 3 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

11. **SITE IN SUTTON**

The Committee considered an Exempt report T7, previously circulated, that provided information relating to an asset in Sutton.

The Legal Services Manager advised the Committee as to the background and options relating to the asset in Sutton. The Committee sought clarification on the actual piece of land in question.

It was resolved:

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

12. **LAND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND ASSET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE 2017/18**

The Committee considered an Exempt report T9, previously circulated, that provided an update on land development opportunities and the asset development programme.

The Strategic Land Advisor confirmed that there were no further updates since publication of the report.

Councillor Bill Hunt made comments on a couple of assets within Ely, giving thanks to the consideration shown by some contractors and updating the Committee on one asset.

It was resolved:

That the progress in relation to the Land Development Opportunities and Asset Development Programme be noted.

13. **EXEMPT MINUTES**

It was resolved:

That the exempt minutes of the Asset Development Committee meeting held on 23rd April 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

The meeting concluded at 4:19pm.