

**Minutes of the meeting of the Estates Committee of St Ives Town Council
held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 8pm**

Present:

Chair: Cllr M Burke

Vice Chair: Cllr J Spencer

Councillors: Cllrs A Thompson, M King, S Mokbul, L Valla, R Chapman, P Hussain, J Tiddy

In attendance:

Town Clerk: Mrs Libby White BEM BA(Hons) FSLCC

Facilities Manager: Mr Trevor White

Six members of the public

E28.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

E29.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Spencer and Cllr Burke declared personal interests in agenda item E38.01.

E30.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

During the public participation section of the meeting it was noted that the solar farm at the park and ride will be open for charging from November and that fibre for the Town Hall should be sorted within 28 days.

Residents were in attendance to discuss speeding on Houghton Road and location of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and also about the speeding on the Waits/Ramsey Road where there have been some serious accidents recently. It was noted that SIDs were being discussed later in the meeting and highway safety at the full council meeting the following week.

E31.00 MINUTES

Members were in receipt of the minutes of the Estates Committee meeting held on 24th July 2024.

RESOLVED: that the minutes be accepted and signed by the Chair with the amendment to correct Cllr King's initial to 'M'.

E32.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME

The rolling programme was received by members.

E33.00 FINANCE MATTERS

Members received an update on financial matters with clarification on several questions raised by Councillors.

E34.00 MAINTENANCE UPDATES

E34.01 General Property and Maintenance Update

Members were in receipt of the general property and maintenance update report.

E34.02 Property Maintenance Schedules

Members were in receipt of the property maintenance schedule.

E35.00 FARMERS MARKET

E35.01 Members were in receipt of a report from the Facilities Manager regarding the proposed purchase of Farmers Market gazebos.

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RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Tiddy, to purchase the Gala gazebo with storage bags and Asgard shed with installation by the Grounds Maintenance team, seconded by Cllr Hussain. One against. (Food Act 1984, s.50)

E35.02 Members were in receipt of a report from the Facilities Manager regarding the disposal of Farmers Market tables.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Hussain, seconded by Cllr Mokbul to dispose of the tables ensuring there are no tables which can be salvaged. Unanimous.

E36.00 SPEED INDICATION DEVICES

Members were in receipt of an update from the Facilities Manager regarding the installation of speed indication devices. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Valla, seconded by Cllr Mokbul that the item be deferred to the next Full Council meeting to understand where in the budget the costs could be scrutinised.

E37.00 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

E37.01 Members considered formalising the expectations of the council in respect to grounds maintenance, of which it is responsible.

RESOLVED: That the document be updated and brought back to the committee for approval.

E37.02 Members considered the correspondence received from All Saints Church concerning maintenance of the closed churchyard.

RESOLVED: To clarify the expectations of maintenance of the Churchyard to the church and to add to the new document discussed under E37.01. (Local Government Act 1972, s.215)

E37.03 To approve the purchase of a reversing camera.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Hussain, seconded by Cllr Mokbul to purchase the camera. Facilities Manager to check where the camera will be located. (Local Government Act 1972, s.111)

E37.04 Members considered the request from Cambridgeshire County Council to adopt the new street furniture following redevelopment of the Broadway (copy herewith).

Cllr Hussain left the meeting at 9.52pm.

Cllr Hussain returned to the meeting at 9.56pm.

RESOLVED: Cllr Spencer proposed to refuse the offer, seconded by Cllr Tiddy. One abstention.

Proposed by Cllr Hussain, seconded by Cllr Thompson to defer the last items to the next meeting.

E38.00 OPEN SPACES

E38.01 To confirm the purchase of two Mountain Ash (Rowan) trees to be reimbursed by the Civic Society as part of the coronation donation for Slepe Hall Field.

RESOLVED: Deferred until the next meeting.

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E38.02 To consider the process of letting out Town Council owned spaces for gatherings and events.

RESOLVED: Deferred until the next meeting.

E38.03 To consider quotes for tree surveys.

RESOLVED: Deferred until the next meeting.

E39.00 TOWN HALL

E39.01 To receive a report from the Facilities Manager regarding the proposed purchase of a post box and key cabinet.

RESOLVED: Deferred until the next meeting.

E39.02 To consider Christmas lights on the Town Hall and lights on the Christmas tree in the town square.

RESOLVED: Deferred until the next meeting.

E39.03 To consider the request for Town Council properties to be used in cases of emergency.

RESOLVED: Deferred until the next meeting.

E40.00 CORN EXCHANGE

To receive an update on maintenance works.

RESOLVED: Deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.58pm

Chair:.....

Dated: 25th September 2024

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