



City of Ely Council
72 Market Street
Ely



History

- The Council has been in existence since local government was re-organised in 1974.
- It was at that time Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II granted Ely it's City Status.

The Parish

The Parish Comprises of

- The City of Ely
- Prickwillow
- Stuntney
- Queen Adelaide
- Chettisham
- Shippea Hill

The Council

- 15 Councillors.
- Elections held every four years
- Full Council meetings 4 weekly on Monday evenings.
- Meetings of sub-committees held at regular intervals.

Formal Council Committees

- Planning A & B
- Administration
- Recreation & Cemetery
- Street Furniture

Planning A & B

- Fortnightly meetings.
- Recommendations on all planning applications to ECDC.
- Informal meetings to advise and inform developers of major schemes.
- Worked with local MP's, County Council and District Council on plans to resolve A142 congestion issues.
- Provided representation on Masterplan preparation.

Administration

- Budget preparation and monitoring.
- Maintaining Council policies.
- Grants to voluntary groups.
- Communication.
- Local Needs Housing Scheme – 54 equity share homes at Larkfield and Ramsey Road.

Recreation & Cemetery

- 4 full time staff.
- Maintenance of play areas, multi games areas, football pitches, youth areas and skate park
- 13 acre cemetery and chapel.
- Since 1855 there have been 16092 interments.

Street Furniture

- Maintenance of a series of bus shelters and un-adopted street lights.
- Carried out a recent audit of dog bins, waste bins, grit bins and benches throughout the City to better inform service providers.

Budget

Precept (Band D @ £1453.23/annum) £299,000

Income from services £ 98,000

Total income £397,000

Gross expenditure £397,000

Balanced budget

Reserves £230,000

“Hybrid” Committees

(Additional volunteer representation)

- Christmas Lights.
- Ely in Bloom.
- CCTV in partnership with the Police, ECDC and Soham Town Council.

Council Sponsored Organisations

- Ely Allotment Association.
- Ribe Twinning Association.
- Ely Youth Council.
- Ely Perspective and it's sub-committees.
- Prickwillow and Stuntney Village Councils.

Future Aspirations

- If it says “Ely” on the box.....
- Play areas within new developments
- Working with ECDC to complete the Western Access Way
- Negotiation with ECDC to take responsibility for Ely’s Riverside, the Maltings Cottage, associated public open space and the Maltings itself.

- Extend Local Needs Housing Scheme
- Take over other open space serving the City and progressively over time Markets, Car Parks, Public Lavatories etc etc