



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 6.00 PM ON MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2011

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr B Ashton Cllr R Bradney Cllr A Winchester Cllr J Pearson
Cllr J Yates Cllr R Hobbs Cllr E Griffin-Singh Cllr W Burton
Cllr S Friend-Smith

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies

2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM *as per Standing Order 60 b*

No intentions were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th November were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages RC 009 & 010 refer. Cllr Bradney brought to the attention of members the notes tabled from the Income Generation Working Party, which had been held on 23rd November 2010. These were noted by members.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

The budget update dated 17th January was noted by members. It was noted that the materials heading for Cemetery had gone over budget, however there was still money within the Recreation heading for materials. There were no other significant variances

5. PROVISION OF WATER TAP IN CREMATION SECTION

The Assistant Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Recreation & Cemetery Supervisor regarding the provision of additional water taps. He had advised that it is possible to lay pipes for an additional tap in the Cremation Section which borders New Barns Avenue at a cost of £150.00. Members unanimously agreed to this work. However it would not be practical to lay pipes to the Garden of Remembrance which borders Beech Lane.

6. TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR ROSE GARDEN AND FUNDING

Members had a lengthy discussion regarding the proposal submitted by the Working Party. Whilst they thought that the plans were attractive it may be better started on a much smaller scale, perhaps with the inner circle, a structural feature and a path around the edge. Cllr Bradney said that it may be possible to attract sponsors to pay for various areas within the garden. Members could not decide on whether the roses should be all one colour and variety, or whether it should be a choice for relatives who are purchasing a rose to choose the colour.

The Mayor said that he would like to look at what the real cost to the Council would be before any firm commitment is made. He also added that there may be roses in existing flower beds that need replacing and therefore these could be purchased by families in memoriam.

7. UPDATE ON FUNDING FOR BALL COURT AT NEW BARNES AVENUE.

Cllr Bradney reported that he was still waiting for Sanctuary Hereward to come back to him to arrange a meeting regarding a possible contribution. The Assistant Clerk advised that she is not able to submit an application to Donarbon for funding until a third party contributor has been found. She updated members re the response received from ECDC's planning department regarding planning permission for the Ball Court. The response advised that if the land is operated by the City of Ely Council and the Council would be carrying out one of its functions then the work could be done under Part 12 of the General Permitted Development Order. If the fences are higher than 2 metres then planning permission would be required however structures within the area could be up to 4 metres in height. Members noted this response.

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8. TO DISCUSS REQUEST FOR MEMORIAL

Members approved the request received for a sand blasted image of 'Homer Simpson' on a headstone, to be placed within section Con E. Members agreed unanimously to this request provided that there is no infringement of copyright laws in relation to the Council and that confirmation of this is received in writing from the stonemason.

9. TO DISCUSS STAFFING ISSUES

The Assistant Clerk reported that she had two staffing related matters that needed to be discussed. Due to the confidential nature of these, they are recorded as a confidential item, which forms part of these minutes

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Assistant Clerk brought to the attention of members the Heads of Terms received from the Church Commissioners for the renewal of the lease at New Barns Avenue. Cllr Yates will compare this to the existing lease.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 14th March 2011 at 7.00 pm & Monday 16th May 2011 at 7.00 pm

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