



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
AT 6.30 PM ON MONDAY 31ST MARCH 2014**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr E Griffin-Singh
Cllr B Ashton

Cllr N Clarke
Cllr R Hobbs

Cllr J Pearson

Cllr E Every

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM *as per Standing Order 83 b*

No intentions were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th February 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages RC 047, 048 & 049 refer.

Page RC 047, Item 4 - The Assistant Clerk advised members that the Picus Tomograph Assessment had been carried out. The results had revealed that one tree was not showing any signs of weakening. The other tree had limited fungal decay, but it is difficult to predict the safe, useful life expectancy of it and given the position of the tree, a further inspection should be carried out at a later date.

Page RC 048, Item 6.1 - The 2 seasonal staff have been appointed and will start work on 1st April 2014.

Item 7.1 Cllr Hobbs advised that the drainage for the new development adjacent to the Football Club will not now affect them and suggested that their request to make a Section 106 application be reconsidered. This will be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for consideration as a possible Section 106 priority.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 24th March 2014. There were no significant variances.

5. GENERAL

There were no general items to discuss.

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6. CEMETERY

6.1 TO DISCUSS FUTURE BURIAL LAND PROVISION

Cllr Clarke reported that a recent meeting had taken place between representatives of City of Ely Council, East Cambs District Council, The Police and the local Muslim community leaders regarding future burial land provision within the City. He advised, that whilst it is hoped burial land will become available within the North of Ely development, at present, there is a possibility of creating approximately 25 further spaces alongside section Con E, which will provide extra space in the interim. However, the Council will not be able to consider future provision for the Muslim Community, until future burial land is obtained.

The Assistant Clerk advised that Cllr Clarke represents this Council on a Working Group, which will discuss the open space provision within the North of Ely development. A meeting regarding this will take place in May. Members agreed a tour of the Cemetery should be arranged, for 6.30pm one evening. The Assistant Clerk will circulate dates to all members of the Council regarding this.

7. RECREATION

7.1 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE A QUOTE FOR ZIP WIRE FOR ST JOHNS ROAD PLAY AREA

The three quotes received for a Zip Wire for St Johns Play area were considered by members, and it was unanimously agreed to accept the Wicksteed quote at a cost of £8527.36, as this has a 25 year guarantee and is of a timber and steel construction. The Assistant Clerk advised that the Section 106 application for this project has been submitted to ECDC.

7.2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE A QUOTE FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE FENCE AT HIGH BARNES PLAY AREA.

The Assistant Clerk reported that although three quotes had been requested, only one has been received. This is from Les Yardy fencing at a cost of £5760.00. Members agreed this quote should be accepted providing the cost is pro rata with previous similar fencing work that the Council has had done in other play areas. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the Section 106 application had been submitted for this project.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Clarke reported that the Christmas Lights Committee had requested the provision of storage for the Christmas Lights at the Cemetery. One of the options would be to provide an additional storage shed, however the cost of this would be excessive. The other option would be to site a storage container near to the recycling area, however members felt that this was not appropriate and suggested the Christmas Lights committee seek storage elsewhere such as a commercial storage unit.

Cllr Every asked if the Cemetery staff had received appraisals. The Assistant Clerk will check this.

Cllr Hobbs reported that the St Johns Road Recreation and Play area looks very good. He requested the staff should be congratulated on their excellent work in maintaining it.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, 9th June at 6.30pm

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