



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
AT 6.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2015**

PRESENT:

Cllr J Pearson

Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr D Warman (*arrived 6.50 pm*)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from The Mayor and Cllr Lindsay.

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 23rd June 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages RC 062 and 063 refer.

Page RC 063, Item 7.2 - The Deputy Clerk reported the new play equipment for Stuntney will be installed on the 11th November 2015. Item 8.1 - The upgrade to the pathways and roadway at the Cemetery has been completed.

Item 9.1 - The Estates staff have been issued with mobile phones.

4. BUDGET UPDATE AND TO SET BUDGET FOR 2016/17

Members noted the budget update, dated 19th October 2015. There were no significant variances apart from the headings of Site Maintenance, Materials/Tools – Cemetery and Vehicle, which will exceed the budget set for 2015/16. However these overspends will be compensated for within other headings. Members approved the proposed budget for 2016/17. It was also agreed that a tree audit should be carried out within the current financial year and the cost of £1400.00, shared with the Environment Committee.

5. RECREATION

5.1 TO DISCUSS REQUEST FROM LITTLE THETFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Members considered the request from Little Thetford Parish Council to carry out repairs to their play area. It was agreed the Estates staff do not currently have the time to be able to do this. However, the Deputy Clerk will suggest to Little Thetford Parish Council they could contact the Community Pay Back team who may be able to help.

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6. CEMETERY

6.1 TO NOTE ACTIONS FROM ACCESS AUDIT

The access report recommendations were noted by members.

6.2 REFURBISHMENT OF THE CEMETERY CHAPEL

Cllr Phillips felt the Cemetery Chapel could be used for more than just funeral services. He suggested that if some minor decoration is carried out, it could be used for visitors to the cemetery, who may like to remember loved ones. A Book of Remembrance could also be introduced and left open for the public to view. The Deputy Clerk advised that whilst there are staff on site, they would not always be in the location of the Chapel and be able to manage visitors. It was agreed this role could possibly be covered by volunteers, if a 'Friends of Ely Cemetery' group was formed.

It was agreed that in order to move this idea forward the matter will be raised at the next Full Council meeting and Councillors will be invited to form a working group. The Deputy Clerk advised the Estates Manager should be a member of this group.

6.3 TO DISCUSS SECTION CON E

Cllr Phillips reported he had met with 2 members of a local community group to discuss the possibility of an area within the existing cemetery being reserved for different faith burials. Members agreed that this matter should be investigated with other Authorities, to see how it can be accommodated. Cllr Phillips agreed to look into this and report back at the next meeting.

7. GENERAL

7.1 FOR INFORMATION ONLY

To note Zurich Inspection reports – Members noted that no defaults had been reported.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday 25th November 2015 @ 6.45pm, Monday 15th February 2016 @ 6.45 pm,
Monday 11th April @ 6.45pm. Additional meetings will be arranged if required.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
25th November 2015