



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 22ND MAY 2017**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr M Rouse

Cllr J Pearson
Cllr C Phillips

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr J Yates

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Warman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary & other interests, from Councillors.
No intentions were received.

3. TO ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Mayor proposed Cllr Phillips be re-elected as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Rouse and unanimously agreed. The Mayor also proposed Cllr Yates as Vice-Chairman, which was seconded by Cllr Rouse and unanimously agreed. Cllr Phillips took the Chair.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER 2016 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th November 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages R073, R074 and R075 refer.

Matters arising:- Page R073. Item 6.1 – Cllr Phillips confirmed he had met with the parishioner and had reached an agreement with regards to this matter. The grave had now been turfed.

5. BUDGET UPDATE AND TO SET BUDGET FOR 2017/18

Members noted there was no budget update due to the year-end close down of the accounts.

6. RECREATION

6.1 To receive update on the installation of new equipment at The Park play area

Members noted all the new play equipment had now been installed at The Park play area.

6.2 To consider upgrade of fencing at The Park play area

The Clerk proposed that the upgrading of the fence at The Park be considered as a possible Section 106 application. Members agreed to undertake a site visit to inspect the fencing before a decision is made.

6.3 To discuss e-mail regarding the Skate Park, St John's Road, Ely

Cllr Pearson explained that the youth of Ely are looking for another place for a skate park. She had discussed this with the Mayor and a possible site had been identified at the Pocket Park. The youngsters could apply for funding for this, if they formed a Youth Group. She said she was happy to help them form this group and assist them with obtaining land and the applications for funding. She agreed to put a message on Facebook to try and arrange a meeting to move this forward. The issue of who would be responsible for future maintenance of the site would need to be discussed and agreed.

7. CEMETERY

7.1 To discuss additional storage facilities and receive update from the Mayor

The Mayor informed members he had met on site with Cllr Lindsay and the Estates Manager. He felt that as there was no money budgeted for this project, it may be more feasible to move it forward in stages. It was agreed to meet on site to look at this area and discuss the possible ways forward. This would therefore, result in the need to extend the planning permission for the two storage containers for the Christmas lights.

7.2 To discuss section CON E

Members discussed section CON E and it was agreed the Deputy Clerk and Cllr Phillips would meet again with the local community group to confirm the arrangements for this area. The Deputy Clerk will circulate a copy of the cemetery rules to the Committee members.

8. REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN

Members reviewed the Recreation and Cemetery Business Plan and felt that no changes were necessary. It was however, agreed that the Committee needed to actively look for land for a future burial site. Cllr Yates agreed to collate information and look at the growth of Ely in the next ten years, to form a plan on how to move this forward. Members could also speak to Endurance regarding a possible woodland burial ground within their green belt land.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Pearson raised her concerns regarding the condition of the fencing at the cemetery, along the New Barns Avenue side. It was agreed to look at this at the site meeting to look at the storage facilities.

Cllr Warman had asked Cllr Phillips to raise on her behalf, the need to move forward the forming of 'The Friends of Ely Cemetery'. It was agreed to also look at the Chapel on the above site visit and ascertain how best to move this forward and what work could be undertaken.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 10th July 2017 @ 6.30pm, Monday 2nd October 2017 @ 6.30pm, Monday 4th December @ 6.30 pm and Monday 12th March @ 6.30 pm.

Additional meetings will be arranged if required.