



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 10TH JULY 2017**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr R Hobbs Cllr M Rouse Cllr C Whelan Cllr C Phillips Cllr D Warman

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lindsay and Yates.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary & other interests, from Councillors.

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 22ND MAY 217 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd May 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages RC076 and RC077 refer.

Matters arising:-

Page RC076. Item 6.3 – Cllr Phillips confirmed Cllr Pearson had met with the skateboarding group and that the process had begun with ECDC to locate a site within the Country Park for this project and to also start fund raising. Cllr Phillips had agreed to be the Council's representative on the group. The skateboarding group had reported that, in their opinion St Johns Road skatepark was not in a good state of repair. Cllr Phillips will arrange to meet the group on site with the Estates Manager, to listen to their concerns.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget dated 4th July 2017. There were no significant variances.

5. RECREATION

5.1 To consider replacing junior swings and Burma bridge at Stuntney play area.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the junior swings and Burma bridge at Stuntney play area are in need of upgrading. Members agreed that quotations should be obtained for this and Section 106 funding applied for, to pay for it.

5.2 To receive update on site visit to the Park Play area, regarding fencing.

Cllr Phillips updated members on the site visit to the Park play area, to look at the fencing. Members agreed that it needed repairing/painting and that quotes to do this work should be obtained.

5.3 To discuss request for new skate park.

Members agreed this had been discussed under matters arising.

6. CEMETERY

Cllr Phillips reported to members that over the weekend all of the Chapel windows had been vandalised and the damage to the leaded windows was considerable. The matter had been reported to the police who had unfortunately decided not to visit the cemetery to view the damage. The Mayor was disappointed at this reaction and would like to take the matter further and see a greater police presence in and around the Cemetery.

6.1 To discuss section Con E and report from the Estates Manager

Members noted the report from the Estates Manager regarding double depth graves. It was agreed that 25 more spaces could be created by relocating a water pipe adjacent to Section Con E.

The Deputy Clerk advised the Estates Manager had requested that the rules include 'no responsibility can be taken by the Council for memorials that do not have permission and are not a permanent fixture'. Members agreed the rules should be amended to include this.

6.2 To note Zurich inspection reports for Cemetery Equipment and Prickwillow Play area.

Members noted the inspection reports dated 23rd June 2017 and that no major faults had been reported.

6.3 To receive update on site visit re additional storage.

The Mayor reported that he and Cllr Phillips had met with the Estates Manager re the additional storage that is required at the Cemetery. The Mayor proposed that the site adjacent to the existing shed be cleared before April 2018, after which the storage needs of the Council will be evaluated and a work programme compiled for the next 2 to 3 years. Members agreed the Council does not have the finance available to do the work at the moment.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Deputy Clerk proposed that in light of the recent vandalism at the cemetery, a cctv package be purchased. Members agreed unanimously to this suggestion and agreed a budget of up to £400.00 to purchase this.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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.