



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
AT 6.30 PM ON MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2013**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr E Griffin-Singh Cllr E Every Cllr N Clarke Cllr C Phillips
Cllr A Arnold Cllr R Hobbs Cllr B Ashton

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 24th June 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages RC 041 & 042 refer.

Matters arising:-

Page RC 041, Item 6.1 - The Assistant Clerk advised members that she had contacted the USAF and had been advised that they have no intentions of transferring the Kilkenny Avenue Play area as they intend to keep it for use by the American families living in the accommodation adjacent to the play area.

The Assistant Clerk advised that she had contacted the Valuation Office regarding the possibility of the Chapel being exempt from Business rates. She had been advised this is not a possibility unless the Chapel is used as a place of worship by a congregation on a regular basis in compliance with the Places of Worship Registration Act 1855.

Page RC 042, Item 7.1 - The new pathway to Con E is currently being constructed and will be finished shortly.

Page RC 042, Item 8.1 – The order for the Skate Park Ramps has been placed and installation is expected in November 2013.

Page RC 042, Item 9 – The wet pour repairs to St Johns and Columbine Road Play areas have been completed.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update dated 2nd September 2013. There were no significant variances.

5. General

There were no general items for discussion.

6. CEMETERY

6.1 TO APPROVE PATHWAY TO GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Members considered the request from a resident to install a pathway to the Garden of Remembrance. It was agreed this was not a priority at present and the matter will be looked at when the budget for 2014/15 is discussed. The resident will be advised of this decision.

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6.2 TO NOTE EMAIL RECEIVED FROM CHURCH COMMISSIONERS

Member noted the email received from the Church Commissioners regarding burial ground. Members agreed to invite officers from East Cambridgeshire District Council to attend the next meeting of this committee, in order to discuss the proposal for recreation and burial areas, within the north of Ely development.

7. RECREATION

7.1 HIGH BARNS PLAYING FIELD

The Assistant Clerk advised members that a matter had been raised regarding High Barns and that this had been referred to the Council's Insurers.

7.2 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON PETANQUE PITCH

Cllr Hobbs advised members he will raise this matter with District Council again and report back to the next meeting of this committee.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Assistant Clerk reported that Zurich had carried out its annual inspection of equipment and that no major faults have been reported.

The Assistant Clerk advised that a resident from Prickwillow had requested a toddler slide to be installed within the play area. Members agreed that before a decision was reached as to whether the provision of this can be justified, research should be carried out into the demographics of Prickwillow.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 14th October 2014 at 6.30pm, Monday 25th November at 6.30pm and Monday, 3rd March 2014 at 6.30pm.

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