



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON
MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESENT:

Cllr R Hobbs
Cllr N Clarke
Cllr A Arnold

Cllr E Every
Cllr E Griffin-Singh

Cllr W Burton
Cllr B Ashton

Cllr A Arnold
Cllr A Brear

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from The Mayor and Cllr Winchester.

2. REQUEST INTENTION OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM *as per Standing Order 60 b*

No intentions were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages RC 019 and 020 refer.

The annual tour of the play areas has been rearranged to 22nd September 2011 at 4pm.

4. BUDGET UPDATE AND TO SET BUDGET FOR 2012/13

Members noted the budget dated 6th September 2011. The Assistant Clerk reported a replacement blower for the recreation areas was required. Members unanimously agreed to this, at a cost of £200.00.

Cllr Hobbs proposed that the setting of the budget for 2012/13 be deferred to a later date in order for members to give it further consideration.

5. TO CONFIRM NEW SURFACING FOR UNDERNEATH THE SWINGS AT ST JOHNS ROAD RECREATION AREA

The Assistant Clerk confirmed that grass and rubber matting is recommended by Rospa for fall heights of up to 1500mm. A swing's height is measured from when the swing is stationary and is therefore less than 1500mm. Therefore members unanimously agreed the wet pour surfacing should be replaced with grass and rubber matting as soon as possible. Cllr Hobbs advised that if successful, this type of surfacing can then be used in other play areas.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ABBOTTS WAY PLAY AREA

The Assistant Clerk asked members to confirm that they wish to take over this play area without any contribution to the repair works from ECDC. Members unanimously agreed that this is the case and it should be completed without delay.

7. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON HIGH BARNES MULTI USE GAMES AREA

Cllr Hobbs reported that an email is awaited from Sanctuary Hereward in order to arrange a meeting to discuss funding for this project. Once this has taken place a recommendation will be brought to the next meeting of this committee.

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8. TO RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING WATER

The Assistant Clerk updated members on the drinking water at the Cemetery and that Anglian Water had replaced some pipework. She advised some recommendations had been received, which included replacing the water heater. A quotation for an instantaneous water heater had been obtained, which members agreed should be installed at a cost of £202.00. She explained that staff had been provided with bottled water for drinking. Members agreed that as the staff did not drink water from the taps it was not necessary to carry out any further work as when the new workshop is built, the problem will be solved.

9. TO DISCUSS SKATE PARK

Members noted both the letters and report received regarding the skate park. It was agreed that a meeting will be arranged between East Cambridgeshire District Council, Cllr Winchester and the Assistant Clerk to discuss the matter further.

10. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM RECREATION AND CEMETERY SUPERVISOR.

Members noted the report dated 12th September. The Assistant Clerk advised that to gravel over older kerb sets would be a costly and timely process as family members would need to be traced and a faculty would have to be applied for. It was agreed Cllrs Griffin-Singh and Clarke will visit the Supervisor to discuss certain items in more detail.

11. TO DISCUSS STAFFING

The Assistant Clerk advised that the temporary Recreation and Cemetery Technicians contract is due to expire at the end of October. The Recreation and Cemetery Supervisor's report advised that only 3 full time members of staff are needed through the winter. Therefore members agreed the temporary technician's contract will not be renewed and the staffing levels will be looked at again in the spring.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

13. TO AGREE DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Members agreed the following dates:-

Monday 3rd October at 7pm – Budget meeting only. Monday 7th November at 7pm, 30th January 2012 at 7pm, 26th March 2012 at 7pm, Monday 18th June at 7pm.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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