



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.15 PM ON
MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2011**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr B Ashton Cllr A Winchester Cllr J Pearson Cllr S Friend-Smith
Cllr J Yates Cllr R Hobbs Cllr E Griffin-Singh Cllr W Burton

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Bradney.

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 17th January 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages RC 011, 012 & 013 refer.

There were no matters arising.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget dated 7th March 2011. There were no significant variances.

5. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Members noted the following orders that have been placed.

- (i) New tractor at a cost of £4800 and a new mower at a cost of £2800 both from Pecks as per minutes 18th October 2010.
- (ii) High Barnes Play area, new equipment and surfacing ordered from Fenland Leisure Products at a cost of £14378.88.

6. ROSE GARDEN

The Assistant Clerk reported that an alternative to creating a purpose built rose garden would be to have an area within an existing border in section F. This could be made available for memorial roses to be purchased with a lease of 5 or 10 years. Families would be able to choose the colour of the rose and the fee charged will include a commemorative plaque and maintenance for the period of the lease. Members were fully supportive of this idea and agreed it should be implemented. They also unanimously agreed that the other ideas for generating income should also be implemented, these being Memorial Benches, Memorial Plaques and a Book of Remembrance within the Chapel. Other services such as headstone cleaning, grave planting etc will be introduced in due course. All these services will be advertised within the 'Services in Memoriam Leaflet'.

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7. TO DISCUSS HIGH BARNS PLAYING FIELD AND POSSIBLE MULTI USE GAMES AREA

The Assistant Clerk advised members that the Recreation and Cemetery Supervisor had requested to exchange the cutting of St Johns Road recreation area grass with High Barns recreation area, which is currently sublet informally to East Cambridgeshire District Council and the grass is cut by them. Members understood the logic behind this idea, however decided that High Barns Recreation Area should be under the responsibility of the City of Ely Council and therefore a letter will be sent to the District Council to advise that the informal agreement will be terminated as of the 31st March 2011.

Members discussed the provision of a Multi Use Games Area and the potential funding available for this. Members agreed for Cllr Hobbs to take responsibility of this in order to achieve the positioning of the area, the type of court that is required and the final cost.

Cllr Hobbs commented that St John's recreation area grass is looking good and he hopes that this standard continues.

8. TO DISCUSS ROUNDABOUT AT ST JOHN'S ROAD PLAY AREA

The Assistant Clerk advised that the roundabout at St John's Road Play area was difficult to turn. She advised that several years ago the Council had received quotes for replacing the centre piece however this was as expensive as replacing the roundabout. Members agreed to replace this roundabout and the Assistant Clerk will obtain 3 quotes and again compare this to the cost of repairing the existing roundabout.

Cllr Hobbs commented that maintenance of the play areas needs to be improved as many are in need of repainting. The Assistant Clerk will speak to the Recreation and Cemetery Supervisor and request he draws up a program of planned maintenance work.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Overall had requested the Assistant Clerk raise a matter on her behalf regarding the new Cemetery workshop and office accommodation. The Assistant Clerk informed members that additional comments from the Disabled Access Group had been submitted to the District Council and that these comments must be considered by this Council. Members noted this request and advised that the information will be passed to Cllr Yates.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 16th May 2011 at 7.00 pm

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