



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 23RD MAY 2016**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr I Lindsay Cllr R Hobbs Cllr C Phillips Cllr J Pearson
Cllr C Whelan Cllr A Whelan

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Every and Warman.

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. TO ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

The Mayor proposed Cllr Phillips as Chairman. This nomination was seconded by Cllr Pearson and unanimously agreed by members. The Mayor proposed Cllr Pearson for Vice Chairman. This nomination was seconded by Cllr Hobbs and unanimously agreed by members. Cllr Phillips then chaired the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th January 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record. Pages RC 066 and 067 refer.

There were no matters arising.

5. TO NOTE THE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members unanimously agreed the Terms of Reference that had been circulated with the agenda.

6. BUDGET UPDATE.

A budget update was unavailable due to the imminent year end closure of the accounts, however the Deputy clerk advised this would be available at the next meeting.

7. RECREATION

7.1 To approve the quote for Willow Walk Play Area – replacement fencing.

Members considered the 3 like for like quotes which had been circulated with the agenda. It was unanimously agreed to approve the quote from Kestral Fencing for £4091.16 and to place an order for the work. This project will be funded from the Section 106 Unwins money held by this Council.

7.2 To approve the quote for a replacement Train at St Johns Road Play Area

The Deputy Clerk advised members that repairs to the existing train were no longer cost effective. Therefore a replacement train had been identified, which is constructed of recycled plastic and will be maintenance free. It will fit on the footprint of the old train. The cost of this will be £1150.00 for the train and a carriage. Members unanimously agreed an order should be placed for this piece of equipment. This project will be funded from the Section 106 Unwins money held by this Council.

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7.3 To discuss the use of the Multi Use Games Area at St Johns Road.

Cllr Pearson updated members on the unauthorised use of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) by a commercial fitness class. She explained the owner had been contacted several times and requested not to hold classes there, but continues to do so. Cllr Hobbs raised his concerns regarding the persistent use of the asphalt in concentrated areas. He said that this type of use is different to that of what the area is intended for, where people are moving around and there is less impact in one place. Cllr Hobbs agreed to inspect the surface and report back to members. A letter will be sent to the provider of the fitness class to attend a meeting with him and Cllr Phillips regarding the use of the MUGA.

8. CEMETERY

8.1 TO DISCUSS SECTION CON E

The Deputy Clerk advised the she is still waiting for a formal response from the Diocese of Ely regarding the changes to this section.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Deputy Clerk reported there were no Health & Safety issues to report.

Cllr Phillips reported that he had been to visit Soham Cemetery Chapel, which is in a good state of repair. The Chapel is open during the day and has a visitors book, which looked to be well used. Members agreed that Cllr Phillips will continue to move forward in looking at ideas for the Cemetery Chapel.

Cllr C Whelan advised the American Play area remains closed. The Deputy Clerk reported that she had contacted the USAF regarding the area and was informed, that it is currently undergoing maintenance, and that there are no plans to close it. However, the Council can express an interest in adopting it should the USAF ever decide to dispose of it. Therefore, members agreed a letter should be sent expressing the Council's interest in taking over the play area in the future, should it be disposed of. However, this will be subject to the satisfactory condition of the equipment at the time.

The Deputy Clerk will arrange a date for the annual tour of the Cemetery.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 18th July @ 6.30pm, Monday 12th September @ 6.30 pm, Monday 5th December @ 6.30pm and Monday 13th March 2017 @ 6.30pm

Additional meetings will be arranged if required.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
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