



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL  
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD  
AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2016**

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**PRESENT:**

Cllr C Phillips                      Cllr Hobbs                                      Cllr D Warman                                      Cllr C Whelan                                      Cllr E Every

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from The Mayor, Cllr Lindsay and Cllr Pearson

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

No intentions were received.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record after 2 minor corrections were made. RC 073 refers.

There were no matters arising.

**4. BUDGET UPDATE AND TO SET BUDGET FOR 2017/18**

Members noted the budget update dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016. There were no significant variances. With regard to setting the budget for 2017/18, members agreed that further information was needed and therefore decided to defer this to the next Personnel, Finance and Governance meeting.

The Deputy Clerk reported that additional storage is required at the Cemetery and this could be achieved by extending the existing storage unit. This would cost in the region of £15,000. The Deputy Clerk advised this could be funded from CIL money. Members agreed more information was required regarding the Council's storage needs as a whole, in order to see if the proposed extension would be adequate. Cllr Hobbs agreed to look at the plans for this with the Estates Manager.

**5. RECREATION**

**5.1 To approve play area quotation.**

The Deputy Clerk reported that she had received 4 quotations for upgrading the Park Play area. Members discussed the drawings received. It was unanimously agreed to accept the lowest quotation received from Hags SMP at a cost of £25,000. This will be funded through section 106 monies, which have been applied for.

**6. CEMETERY**

Cllr Phillips updated members on section Con E, and reported that permission had been received from the Diocese of Ely for removing the 'legal effects of consecration' from this area.

**6.1 To discuss a letter from a Parishioner.**

Members discussed the letter from a Parishioner regarding a grave in section Con E. Whilst members were very sympathetic to the comments made in the letter, it was agreed that it will be necessary to turf the area in front of the headstone. The Deputy Clerk will write and inform the Parishioner of the Committee's decision. However, they will be invited to meet with Cllr Phillips, if they would like to discuss this decision further.

**6.2 To discuss staffing.**

Cllr Phillips proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under this item, it should be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 be exercised. This was seconded by Cllr Hobbs and it was agreed to go into Committee. Due to the confidential nature of this item, this was discussed in Committee at the end of the meeting.

RC 074

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Chairman  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

7. TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PROJECTS FROM TESCO'S BAGS OF HELP GRANTS SCHEME  
It was agreed by members, this item would no longer be listed on the agenda.
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS  
There was no any other business to discuss.
9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 @ 6.30pm and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 6.30pm.  
Additional meetings will be arranged if required.