



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2018**

PRESENT: Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr R Hobbs Cllr M Rouse Cllr D Warman Cllr C Whelan Cllr J Yates Cllr A Arnold

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER 2017 AND MATTERS ARISING
Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd October 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record. Page RC079 refers.

Matters arising - Item 6.1, the Mayor reported the fencing that had been replaced at the Cemetery, looks very good.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 6th February 2018. There were no significant variances.

5. RECREATION

5.1 TO CONSIDER REPLACEMENT OF NOTICE BOARD AT ST JOHNS ROAD

The Deputy Clerk reported the Perspex in the notice board at St Johns play area, is repeatedly being vandalised and the frame had been damaged in the recent strong winds and is now unrepairable. Members agreed not to replace this at present. They also agreed to enquire if the notice board at the Lantern School is used by them and if not, this will be removed.

5.2 TO CONSIDER SECTION 106 PROJECTS

The Deputy Clerk reported confirmation had been received from Emma Grima at ECDC, that Section 106 funds are available to upgrade the following play areas: Willow Walk, High Barns, The Park and St Johns. All these, apart from St Johns will have improved equipment. St Johns will have outdoor gym equipment. The Mayor advised some funding from GLL (operator of the 'Hive') may be available for this and he will approach them to find out. The Deputy Clerk will proceed in obtaining quotations and if received in time, report these to the next committee meeting on 12th March.

6. CEMETERY

6.1 TO REVIEW CEMETERY FEES FOR 2018/19

Members noted the fee comparison table compiled by the Deputy Clerk. After consideration Cllr Rouse proposed an increase of 7% be applied to the cemetery fees, for the year 2018/19. This was seconded by Cllr Yates and unanimously agreed by members. The Deputy Clerk advised the increase would bring this Councils fees more in line with those of other authorities.

6.2 TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL STORAGE

The Deputy Clerk reported that in addition to the Section 106 funding mentioned under item 5.2, there is sufficient money available to fund additional storage at Ely Cemetery. This will cost in the region of £40,000. The Mayor advised this matter is a priority for the Council and should be discussed at the next member's seminar, to be held shortly. However, it was agreed the Deputy Clerk should proceed in obtaining quotations.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor reported the city centre is looking scruffy and the Council needs to ensure that it continues to maintain its own equipment and areas it is responsible for, to a high standard and keep on top of everything. He also advised a meeting had been held with ECDC regarding the temporary closure of the Paradise play area, whilst the demolition of the old swimming pool takes place. At this meeting it was also discussed that there may be an opportunity to relocate the play park to a more suitable area on this site.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 12th March @ 6.30 pm.

Additional meetings will be arranged if required.