



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 23RD JULY 2018**

PRESENT:

Mrs T Coulson – Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr M Rouse
Cllr S Friend-Smith

Cllr C Phillips
Cllr E Every

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr I Lindsay

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Warman and Cllr Arnold.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 22ND MAY 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd May 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Page RC 082 and RC 083 refer.

There were no matters arising.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 30th June 2018. There were no significant variances.

5. RECREATION

5.1 To consider quotations for outdoor fitness equipment

Members considered the three quotes obtained for this equipment. Cllr Phillips proposed the quote from Hags SMP, at a cost of £24275 be accepted. This was the second cheapest quote, but did have a much larger tarmac base and an additional piece of equipment, than the cheapest quote of £20,085.

This was seconded by Cllr Rouse and unanimously approved. The Deputy Clerk will apply for Section 106 funding, once this recommendation has been approved at Full Council.

5.2 To consider quotations for High Barns play area

Members considered the three quotes obtained for the new equipment at High Barns play area. Cllr Rouse proposed the quote from Wicksteed, at a cost of £24,999 be accepted. This is the same make of equipment, as is already in this play area and is only £18 more than the cheapest quote. This was seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously approved. The Deputy Clerk will apply for Section 106 funding, once this recommendation has been approved at Full Council.

6. CEMETERY

6.1 To receive an update on the meeting of the 'Friends of Ely Cemetery'

Cllr Phillips informed members the inaugural meeting of the 'Friends of Ely Cemetery' had taken place on the 17th July. The notes of which were tabled. He thanked Mrs Pickering and Mr Delahaye for their attendance and contribution to this meeting. Thirteen members of the public had attended, which was a very good turnout for the first meeting. They were given a tour of the cemetery and then everyone sat down and discussed how the 'Friends' would work. Cllr Phillips said they were a good group with positive ideas. All those that attended have now been emailed a skills/interest survey audit, which will ascertain people's strengths and what they are interested in undertaking to support the cemetery. He said it was a very positive start but will need to keep the momentum going. Cllr Rouse suggested the Council could release details of those buried in the cemetery to highlight the history that is contained within here. This would in return hopefully generate more interest in the cemetery.

6.2 To receive an update on extension to storage

The Clerk reported the Deputy Clerk had obtained confirmation that planning permission was not required, as it could be erected under permitted development rights. A certificate of lawfulness had been obtained from ECDC for this. The Deputy Clerk had completed a Section 106 application for the funding and was awaiting a decision on this.

7. FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Members noted the Zurich Inspection reports for the play areas, dated 22nd June 2018. There were no major faults reported.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Whelan asked the Clerk what the process was for negotiating new play area sites. The Clerk confirmed that the Council had never had to do this, as the Council's sites had been taken over from East Cambs District Council or a developer. Cllr Whelan was concerned that now the USAF play area at the POW Hospital, had been removed there were no play facilities in this area. The Clerk informed her there would be play provision within the new housing developments in the North, near here and this Council had requested it be consulted on the design for these. Cllr Rouse requested the Deputy Clerk obtain a timescale for the phasing of the new Country Park. The Deputy Clerk will contact Sally Bonnett at ECDC to obtain this and to reiterate this Council's request to be involved in the new play area designs.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 15th October @ 6.30pm, Monday 21st January 2019 @ 6.30pm, Monday 18th March @ 6.30pm and Monday 17th June @ 6.30pm. Additional meetings will be arranged as required.