



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2019**

PRESENT:

Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr M Rouse

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr D Warman

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr S Friend-Smith

Prior to the start of the meeting Cllr Phillips paid tribute to Cllr John Yates, who's death had been announced earlier in the day. He said that John had made him feel very welcome when he first joined the Council and that he will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

There will be a more formal tribute at the next Full Council meeting, when Rev. M Banyard will be in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Arnold and Every.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 15TH OCTOBER 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th October 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Page RC 086 and RC 087 refer.

Matters Arising – Page 086, item 5 – The Deputy Clerk reported the notice board at the Cemetery had been erected. A laptop had been purchased to enable the 'Friends of Ely Cemetery' to input historical records on to the Council's Cemetery software package.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 21st January 2019, there were no significant variances.

5. RECREATION

To receive an update on High Barns and St John's Road recreation area projects

The Deputy Clerk reported the upgrade to the equipment at High Barns had commenced and the installation of the fitness equipment at St John's Road, will commence on the 7th February. Members agreed as the fitness equipment is the first of its kind for this Council, a press release should be issued once the installation is complete.

6. CEMETERY

6.1 To receive update on extension to storage shed

The Deputy Clerk reported the storage shed extension was now complete apart from some lighting and electric sockets that need to be installed. The storage containers are due to be removed this week.

6.2 To approve cemetery fee increase for 2019/20

Members agreed to increase the cemetery fees by 2.5% for the year 2019/20.

6.3 To receive update on the recycling area

The Deputy Clerk reported that she had applied to ECDC for planning permission to erect a 6ft high fence adjacent to New Barns Avenue and for change of use of the area to burial land.

6.4 To discuss Con E

The Deputy Clerk reported that the rules to Con E were not being adhered to, with regard to the gardening of graves. Members agreed that whilst this is a very sensitive issue, the rules must be enforced and families contacted to be respectfully requested to adhere to the rules of the cemetery.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor asked if there were any further plans for the upgrading of the play areas. The Deputy Clerk advised that Section 106 monies have been allocated for Willow Walk and for the installation of a zip wire at The Park, Cherry Hill. The Deputy Clerk will look at these areas and obtain quotes after the projects for High Barns and St Johns Road are complete.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 18th March @ 6.30pm and Monday 17th June @ 6.30pm. Additional meetings will be arranged as required.