



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2019**

PRESENT:

Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr M Rouse

Cllr D Warman

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr S Friend-Smith

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Every.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 21ST JANUARY 2019 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st January 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Page RC 088 and RC 089 refer.

Matters Arising – Page 088, item 5 – Cllr Phillips reported he had responded to the complaint received regarding the outdoor gym equipment and would be following this up shortly with regard to the concerns regarding anti-social behaviour.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 15th March 2019, there were no significant variances.

5. RECREATION

5.1 Willow Walk

The Deputy Clerk reported she would arrange for quotations for the upgrade of the play equipment at Willow Walk play area. Once the committee have agreed the equipment that will be installed, laminated plans will be displayed in the play area inviting comments from visitors. This project will be funded from remaining Section 106 monies, that have already been allocated by ECDC.

6. CEMETERY

6.1 To receive an update on the recycling area

The Deputy Clerk reported that she had submitted a planning application for change of use to burial land and to erect a 6ft fence. She reported whilst the application is still being consulted on, she had noticed a comment had been submitted by the Historic Environment Team advising the site lies in an area of high archaeological potential and should be subject to a programme of archaeological investigation. Also, that no demolition or development will take place until an archaeological written scheme investigation has been submitted to and approved of by the local planning authority.

The Deputy Clerk advised that these investigations could be expensive and therefore it will likely be necessary to request further funding from the CIL Committee.

7. TO REVIEW BUSINESS PLAN

Members agreed the action plan needs updating with the Committee's short, medium and long term goals. These being:-

- Short Term – to secure the change of use permission to the recycling area and associated fencing and continue working with the Friends of Ely Cemetery. Upgrade the equipment to Willow Walk play area.
- Medium Term – Have and input into the requirements for a play area with Palace Green Homes, on the USAF site near the hospital. Incorporate cemetery into tourist trail with reference to interesting graves. Allow for woodland burial area to the south side of the Cemetery grounds adjacent to area Con C.
- Long Term – Refurbishment of chapel.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Deputy Clerk reported she had received a request from a fitness instructor to use an area of grass adjacent to the Scout Hall on St Johns Road. Members unanimously agreed not to give permission as as previous requests had been refused and the Council does not want to set a precedent.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 17th June @ 6.30pm 16th September @ 6.30pm, 25th November @ 6.30pm. Additional meetings will be arranged as required.