



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2020**

PRESENT:

Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr M Rouse

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr D Warman

Cllr C Whelan

NOT PRESENT:

Cllr M Downey

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th September 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. Page RC 095 and RC 096 refer.

Matters arising: The Mayor asked if there had been any progress regarding the Prickwillow Village Hall Committee and them obtaining funding for the play area equipment. The Deputy Clerk advised that Cllr Bellow had given ideas to the Chairman of the Committee of who they could approach for funding advice.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 13th January 2020, there were no significant variances.

5. RECREATION

5.1 Willow Walk

The Deputy Clerk updated members that an order for the first phase of the upgrade had been placed with Kompan at a cost of £19621.57 plus VAT. An order for the second phase of equipment will be placed with Wicksteed at a cost of £14853.85 plus VAT once an installation date from Kompan had been ascertained.

5.2 PARADISE PLAY AREA

The Deputy Clerk advised members that the Paradise Play area is in need of refurbishment. This will require a large amount of investment which cannot be committed to until the future of the old swimming pool site is known. It was agreed the Deputy Clerk would contact ECDC to ascertain what their plans may be and how they could impinge on the play area.

5.3 DARWIN CLOSE

Members noted the email received from ECDC's legal department regarding the possible transfer of the play area at Darwin Close from the developer, as per the Section 106 agreement. The equipment in the play area is in need of maintenance and it was agreed that before a decision can be made a RoSPA report will need to be supplied. The level of commuted sum is still to be determined.

5.4 EMAIL FROM PARISHIONER

Members noted the email received regarding the request for a bike park. Members agreed that unfortunately the City of Ely Council does not have any land to accommodate such a facility, however agreed the request should be passed to ECDC for consideration within the North of Ely development.

6. CEMETERY

6.1 TO AGREE THE CEMETERY FEE INCREASE FRO 2020/21

Members unanimously agreed to increase the cemetery fees by 3% for 2020/21.

6.2 Friends of Ely Cemetery

Cllrs Phillips and Arnold updated members on the progress of the Friends of Ely Cemetery Group. The Group will meet again on Wednesday. The Deputy Clerk will circulate the most recent newsletter received from the National Federation of Cemetery Friends to members of the Recreation & Cemetery Committee. The next Friends of Ely Cemetery meeting will be on 22nd January 2020

6.3 TO DISCUSS THE COUNCIL'S PASSING OF A CLIMATE CHANGE MOTION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE CEMETERY

Members discussed the above motion and agreed that there could be an improvement on planting to encourage pollinators and to possibly have small 'bug hotels'. It was agreed that no decision would be made until discussions had taken place with the Estates Manager.

7. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Members noted the Zurich inspection report dated 4th December 2019 – there were no faults reported.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business to discuss.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 2nd March @ 6.30pm & Monday 22nd June @ 6.30pm.

Additional meetings will be arranged as required.