



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ASSETS & ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH JUNE 2018 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk to the Council

The Mayor – Cllr M Rouse

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr E Every

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr P Moakes

Cllr J Yates

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Austen.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th February 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record. Page AA21 refers.

There were no matters arising.

4. MALTINGS

The Mayor reported at the Full Council meeting held the previous evening, it had been agreed to approve a cleaning contract and new flooring for the bar area.

Members noted the budget update dated 5th June 2018. Cllr Every questioned why the budget figures were so low, given the total income was high. The Deputy Clerk advised members that when the budget was set in October, all income had not been received. She advised members should speak to the Clerk regarding these figures which had been agreed by the Council, when all budgets were finalised. It was agreed Cllr Whelan will speak to the Clerk regarding this.

5. SESSIONS HOUSE

Cllr Lindsay advised the lift should be operational within the next 2 days. The Sessions House Working Party will meet to discuss the next phase and possible uses, such as for tours, events etc, which may need a Performing Rights licence. Cllr Phillips advised the court room should be restored with historical accuracy. Cllr Lindsay advised there may be a need to replace the furniture in the new Chamber, at a later date but the Council need to see how meetings will work with the existing furniture. The Deputy Clerk advised the furniture may be adequate at the moment, but should the membership of the Council increase, different and a more compact style may be required, that could be folded and removed. This will enable the room to be used for other purposes, where more space is required.

6. MALTINGS COTTAGE

The Deputy Clerk had contacted Estate Agents, but unfortunately none were able to offer their services for marketing the cottage, due to the investment required and the length of the lease.

Cllr Every reported that the Tourism and Town Centre Manager had all the costings of converting the building to holiday accommodation. The Mayor will arrange a meeting with the Tourism and Town Centre Manager, and representatives from East Cambridgeshire District Council to see if this can be achieved and how it will fit in with Tourism. Members agreed to put a hold on seeking a new tenant until the Council has considered its options with the cottage.

7. TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE & OLIVER CROMWELL HOUSE

Members agreed at the Full Council meeting held the previous evening, that this will now be a committee serviced by the Tourism & Town Centre Manager.

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

There were no issues to report.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Arnold reported she had received a request to place Swift bird boxes at the Malting and a banner to publicise Swift week. It was agreed she will meet with the parishioner who had requested this, to discuss the matter further.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 17th September 2018.