



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
RECREATION & CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD
AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2020**

PRESENT:

Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk to the Council

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr D Warman

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr M Downey

NOT PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cllr M Rouse

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 20TH JANUARY 2020 AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th January 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record. Page RC 097 and RC 098 refer.

Matters arising: RC 097, item 5.3 – The Deputy Clerk reported that no further information had been received from ECDC regarding the possible transfer of Darwin Close to the City of Ely Council. RC 097, item 5.4 – The Deputy Clerk reported she had referred the email received for a request for a bike park to ECDC.

4. BUDGET UPDATE

Members noted the budget update, dated 24th February 2020, there were no significant variances.

5. RECREATION

5.1 Willow Walk

The Deputy Clerk reported the first phase for upgrading the play equipment at Willow Walk will commence on the 3rd March 2020.

5.2 PARADISE PLAY AREA

The Deputy Clerk reported ECDC had advised that they were still developing options for the old Paradise pool site and will be in touch in due course.

5.3 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM FORDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Members considered the request from Fordham Parish Council to support seeking a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). Members agreed that the Council would not support this request as the City of Ely Council's open spaces do not experience the problems being encountered by Fordham Parish Council.

5.4 TO CONSIDER REQUEST REGARDING A SPLASH PAD

Members noted the email received from the group of residents who have requested a Splash Pad in the City. Cllr C Whelan advised she will be attending a meeting with the group to hear more about their request. Members agreed that the options suggested in the email were not suitable and that a more ideal location would be Jubilee Gardens.

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6. CEMETERY

6.1 FRIENDS OF ELY CEMETERY

Cllr Arnold updated members on the progress the Friends of Ely Cemetery. The website is now live. Three bug hotels have been installed at the Cemetery and these will be followed by some hedgehog houses shortly.

6.2 Cemetery Open Day

Cllr Arnold reported the Cemetery will hold an open day on the 16th May 2020 in conjunction with the National Association of Cemetery Friends open day.

7. HEALTH AND SAFETY

There were no Health and Safety matters to report.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Deputy Clerk reported that there is a leather-bound Bible at the Cemetery that dates back to 1855 when the Cemetery opened. The Bible is in need of rebinding. She had obtained a quote for this work at a cost of around £150. Members unanimously agreed to proceed with placing an order for this to be done.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 22nd June @ 6.30pm.

Additional meetings will be arranged as required.