



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ASSETS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY

PRESENT: Mrs S Jay– Deputy Clerk to the Council

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr R Denness

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr V Ganivet

Cllr M Downey

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1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. To receive declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interests received.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 1st November 2021 matters arising.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 1st November 2021 were agreed by members and signed by the Chairman. Pages A27, A28 & A29 refer.

(i) Response from County Councillor A Whelan regarding the Larkfield Centre

Members noted the response received regarding the Larkfield Centre and agreed to monitor the situation.

4. Recreation & Cemetery –

(i) To receive report from Lead Member

Cllr Phillips advised members that everything is covered under items 5 and 6 on the agenda. However, He reported the Chapels at the cemetery are buildings of interest, but not listed. Whilst it would be difficult to change the Chapel that is used as staff facilities and a workshop, the interior of the Chapel that is used for services is in need of some TLC. Therefore, he requested from members the permission to look at improving the furnishings and the costs involved with this.

Cllr Phillips also reported that the Sensory Garden work is under way and that recently hedging has been planted. The project is expected to take around 12 months to complete.

5. Recreation Areas

(i) To note budget update, dated 3rd December 2021

Members noted the budget update dated the 3rd December 2021, there were no significant variances.

(ii) To receive an update regarding Stuntney Play Area

The Deputy Clerk reported that she and the Estates Manager had met with the Chairman of Stuntney Village Council at the Play Area to discuss their request for a hard standing.

It was agreed the Estates Manager will mark the area out and obtain a quote. The existing ball hoop can be painted and relocated on to the new hard standing. Stuntney Village Council have offered £2904.76 from their Rural Services grant to put towards the cost. Members agreed to approach the CIL committee for any additional funds that may be required.

(iii) To receive an update regarding the Park Play Area

The Deputy Clerk reported that her application to ECDC for £11,000 of Section 106 funding has been approved. An order has been placed for the equipment which is expected to be installed in March 2022.

(iv) To discuss email from a parishioner regarding a request to plant a tree in Willow Walk Play Area

Members noted the request to donate a Crab Apple tree to the play area to attract pollinators. The Deputy Clerk advised that there could be a concern with bees etc in a children's play area, however she had had asked the Estates Manager for his views. Members agreed that once the Estates Manager had responded the matter should be referred to the Climate and Environment Committee as they are responsible for trees.

Members also noted that the application funding for £60,000 from CIL to refurbish the Paradise Play Area had been successful. The Deputy Clerk will arrange quotations in due course, which will include the provision of accessible equipment.

6. Cemetery

(i) To note budget update, dated 3rd December 2021

Members noted the budget update dated the 3rd December 2021, there were no significant variances.

(ii) Update from Friends of Ely Cemetery

Cllr Arnold reported that it is hoped more open days will be arranged in the Spring.

7. Christmas Lights –

(i) To note the budget update, dated 3rd December 2021.

Members noted the budget update dated the 3rd December 2021, there were no significant variances.

(ii) To note minutes of Christmas Lights Sub Committee meeting held on the 9th November 2021

Members noted the minutes of the meetings held on the 9th November 2021. Members all agreed the lights look wonderful.

8. Sessions House

Cllr Morgan requested members have a think on the future use of Sessions House. Cllr Rouse suggested local artefacts could be displayed to tell the story of Ely.

9. Local Needs Housing Scheme issues and note the budget update, dated 3rd December 2021

Members noted the budget update date the 3rd December 2021. There were no significant variances.

10. The Maltings Complex -to receive updates on:

(i) Maltings

The Deputy Clerk reported that 3 quotations had been received for the replacement lighting scheme in the hall. Members agreed to accept the cheapest quotation from HC Electrical at a cost of £24281.00.

(ii) To note budget updates dated 3rd December 2021 for Maltings, restaurant & cottage

Members noted the budget update dated the 3rd December 2021, there were no significant variances.

(iii) Maltings Cottage

To receive update and to discuss email from parishioner.

Members were very disappointed that no response had been received from ECDC, regarding the proposals to convert the cottage into 2 units or the progress of the insurance claim for the underpinning and also the information regarding the garden and the Willow tree. Cllr Morgan will write to the Leader of ECDC to find out why these requests are not being answered.

Members noted the email received regarding a proposal for the use of the Maltings Cottage. Members agreed that a response should be sent advising that the Council has agreed to convert the cottage into 2 residential units and is currently pursuing this idea.

(iv) Maltings Restaurant

Nothing to report.

11. Any other business

There was no any other business.

12. Date of next meeting:

Monday 31st January 2022 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm