



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ASSETS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 30TH MAY 2023 AT 7.00 PM AT SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, ELY.

PRESENT: Mrs S Jay– Deputy Clerk to the Council

Bold font indicates voting member of committee

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr M Banyard

Cllr S Austen

Cllr MA Robinson

Cllr R Moss-Eccardt

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from The Mayor, Cllr C Phillips.

2. To receive declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th March 2023 and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th March 2023 were agreed by members and signed by the Chairman. Pages A55 & A56 refer

There were no matters arising.

4. To note the terms of reference

Members noted the terms of reference for the committee that had been circulated with the agenda.

5. To note budget updates for Cemetery, Recreation, Christmas Lights, Local Needs Housing and the Maltings complex dated 18th May 2023

Members noted the budget updates to the financial year ending 31st March 2023. Cllr Moss-Eccardt requested copies of the budgets set for the current financial year. These will be provided in due course.

6. Recreation Areas

(i) St John's Road play area new equipment – to discuss quotes received and proposal

Members considered the 3 quotes received for a replacement tower, and surfacing for St Johns Road Play area, Ely. Cllr Morgan proposed the quote from Kompan be accepted at a cost of £22144.87, this was seconded by Cllr Austen and unanimously agreed by members.

(ii) To discuss request from Parishioner for gym equipment

The Deputy Clerk updated members regarding an enquiry from a parishioner about extending the provision of outdoor gym equipment in Ely. The equipment at St Johns Road is well used but the parishioner feels it tends to be for an older demographic. Unfortunately, the Council does not have any other land on which to extend the provision, however she had enquired with ECDC to see if they would be open to the possibility of providing exercise stations on some of their land that borders the bypass, aimed at adults with an interest in fitness at all levels. This area would fit in well with people out for a run. This could potentially be funded from CIL. The response from ECDC is that they in principle would support the idea and are open for discussion. Therefore, members agreed the Deputy Clerk will work out how to move the idea forward.

(iii) Skate Park

Cllr Morgan reported that a fire had occurred at the Skate Park last week and the fire brigade had attended. The Deputy Clerk reported this has caused considerable damage and that it has been necessary to fence the area off. A quote is being obtained from the supplier to repair it.

7. Cemetery

(i) To receive an update

Cllr Morgan reported that he had attended one of the cemetery tours provided by the Mayor, which had been very good. The Deputy Clerk reported that plants have been ordered for the Sensory Garden.

8. Christmas Lights

(i) To co-opt members on to the Christmas Lights sub-committee

Cllr Moss-Eccardt proposed Mrs E Every, Mr M Chinery-Colyer & Mr N Jones be co-opted on to the Christmas Lights Sub-Committee, this proposal was seconded by Cllr Morgan and unanimously agreed by members.

9. Local Needs Housing

No updates to report at the current time. Cllr Moss-Eccardt requested a copy of the lease.

10. Sessions House

(i) To receive any updates:-

The following updates were received:-

Tenant

The Diocese has given notice on and will vacate in July. They would still like to store some items at Sessions House. This was agreed by members and the charge would be £25 per week.

Request for plaque

The Deputy Clerk reported that Mr P Holden had requested a plaque to be located in or near the lift remembering his late wife, Vicki and the work she undertook with the East Cambs Access Group, regarding the installation of the lift in Sessions House. Members agreed to a plaque but agreed the wording should be changed to read:-

**The City of Ely Council has provided this lift for
greater access to all in collaboration with
Vicki Holden and the East Cambs Access Group**

Lift

Cllr Moss-Eccardt questioned where the alarm is connected to for the lift, the Deputy Clerk reported it is connected by a telephone line to a service desk. Cllr Moss-Eccardt advised these lines will not be operational in 2 years' time. The Deputy Clerk said the Clerk is aware of this matter.

11. The Maltings Complex -to receive updates on:

(i) Maltings

No updates to report at the current time.

(ii) Maltings Cottage

Currently waiting for insurance report from ECDC re subsidence.

(iii) Maltings Restaurant

No updates to report at the current time.

12. Date of next meeting:

Monday 7th August @ 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm