



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ASSETS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2022 AT 7.00 PM AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY

PRESENT: Mrs S Jay– Deputy Clerk to the Council

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr Denness

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr V Ganivet

Cllr I Lindsay

The Mayor, Cllr S Austen

Bold font indicates voting member of committee

6 Parishioners

Mrs A Arnold, Mrs E Harvey & Mr S Arnold

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mrs Arnold presented a donation to the Maltings from the late Cllr Arnie Arnold's collection following his funeral, which was held in aid of the Maltings and East Anglian Air Ambulance. Mrs Arnold said that it is for Miss Lola Howell and her team at the Maltings to decide how the money is spent. Miss Howell thanked Mrs Arnold for the donation. Mrs Arnold thanked the Council for the support that she had received from members and staff.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from **Cllr M Rouse**.

Cllr Morgan advised that Item 10(ii) To consider report regarding the use of the Maltings Green will be taken in committee at the end of the meeting.

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 21st March 2022 and matters arising.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 21st March 2022 were agreed by members and signed by the Chairman. Pages A35, A36, & A37 refer.

Matters Arising: From the meeting held on 31st January 2022, members noted the response to the email regarding a response received from ECDC concerning the play equipment at the Hopkins Homes site in Ely. The response advised that the play area is finished and that ECDC's Parks and Open Space Manager advised that the equipment was acceptable.

4. Recreation & Cemetery –

(i) To receive report from Lead Member

Cllr Phillips reported the regular meetings with the Deputy Clerk and the Estates Manager continue with everything that is discussed being set in motion. The Chapel floor can be cleaned and repaired in house. He had received an email from a clergyman praising the staff but he had recommended that the service books are in need of replacement and will advise of what these should be. He had received an email from the Sensory Garden designer which described the planting plan, it reads: - 'flowering cherries in the sensory beds, roses, herbs, lavender, grasses and bee plants like globe thistles and sedums. Also, some lambs ear for the velvety texture. Also, some shrubs for scent and winter interest. I thought pink roses as the Escallonia hedge is pink and white so avoided yellow roses.' A meeting will be held shortly with the designer to discuss the planting.

The Deputy Clerk has taken the Bible from the Chapel to be rebound and this is expected to be returned in June. The cost for this is £110. The covering will be goat grain which is harder wearing and will stand the test of time.

Fifteen new trees have been planted in the Cemetery, representing the 15 Councillor seats that have been in existence since 1974. Cllr Phillips suggested that a small notice be installed which describes why they are there and what they are for. Members agreed to this idea.

5. Recreation Areas

(i) To note budget update, dated 25th April 2022

Members noted the budget update dated the 25th April 2022, there were no significant variances.

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

The Deputy Clerk reported the installation of the new equipment had been completed.

(iii) To receive an update on the Paradise Play Area

The Deputy Clerk reported that the equipment will be installed in July.

(iv) To receive an update on Stuntney Play Area

The Deputy Clerk reported the hard standing area was due to be laid shortly.

6. Cemetery

(i) To note budget update, dated 25th April 2022

Members noted the budget update dated the 25th April 2022, there were no significant variances.

(ii) Friends of Ely Cemetery

Cllr Phillips advised he would contact the members and arrange a meeting in due course.

7. Christmas Lights –

(i) To note the budget update, dated 25th April 2022

Members noted the budget update dated the 25th April 2022, there were no significant variances.

The Deputy Clerk reported she had met with the Estates Manager and Mr M Chinery-Colyer to discuss the lighting plan for this year. She also advised that she is in the process of ordering the tree and has booked the hoists. The refreshments for volunteers will be provided, this year by the Maltings team.

8. Sessions House

To consider request to display trophies in Sessions House

Members discussed the request from the Ely Allotments & Gardens Association to display 45 trophies in Sessions House. Members agreed that the Deputy Clerk, Cllr Denness and a representative from the Association will look at where these could be displayed. Members also agreed that ideas for how Sessions House could be incorporated into the Tourist Trail for Ely will be referred to the Tourism and Town Centre Committee.

9. Local Needs Housing

(i) To consider request to move fence

Members agreed to the request to move a fence to create a larger back garden at 27 Ramsey Road as per the drawings submitted. This request is subject to a planning application being applied for to ECDC and approved.

(ii) To note budget update date 25th April 2022

Members noted the budget update dated the 25th April 2022. There were no significant variances.

The Deputy Clerk reported that after consulting the Tree officer at ECDC, it has been necessary to place an order to remove a tree on Ramsey Road.

10. The Maltings Complex -to receive updates on:

(i) Maltings – To discuss windows

The Deputy Clerk advised members that although the plan had been to replace some of the window-panes in the Foyer and Kempen Room, the frames have now rapidly deteriorated and are in need of complete replacement, the cost for this will be in the region of £16000. 20% of the final quote is eligible to be paid from CIL monies and a request for this will be submitted. Members agreed to request the remainder from the Councils general reserves budget. The Deputy Clerk will arrange quotations.

Cllr Morgan proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, regarding agenda item 10 (ii)), that this be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 be exercised. This was seconded by Cllr Austen and unanimously agreed by members to go into Committee at the end of the meeting. Members of the public were kindly asked to leave the meeting.

10. (ii) To consider report regarding the use of the Maltings Green

(iii) To note budget updates dated 25th April 2022 for Maltings, restaurant & cottage

Members noted the budget update dated the 25th April 2022, there were no significant variances.

(iv) Maltings Cottage

Cllr Morgan reported a meeting with ECDC will be held next week to discuss the cottage.

(v) Maltings Restaurant – request to extend the lease.

Members agreed to the tenant's request to extend the lease by a further 10 years. It is due to expire in 2024. ECDC will be approached regarding this request.

11. Any other business

There was no any other business.

12. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

