



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ASSETS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MARCH 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 C Phillips Cllr I Lindsay Cllr V Ganivet Cllr C Whelan Cllr R Pitt

The Mayor - Cllr R Morgan

Not present: Cllr D Edge

1. Apologies for absence

No Apologies had been received.

2. To receive declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 30th January 2023 and matters arising.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 30th January 2023 were agreed by members and signed by the Chairman. Pages A53 & A54 refer

There were no matters arising.

4. Update on decarbonisation

Cllr Lindsay reported he will be attending a meeting of ‘East Cambs Can’, where there will be talk on transport. Cllr Ganivet reported that Cllr Wade is compiling a new, more detailed application for CIL, to fund surveys etc. The Deputy Clerk reported that a quote had been received for an all-electric vehicle. This is double the current van rental lease. In addition to this, there will be the cost of installing the watering equipment, none of which can be paid for from current budgets. Therefore, it was agreed to wait for prices to hopefully decrease and extend the current van rental lease by 2 years.

5. Recreation Areas

(i) St John’s Road play area new equipment – to discuss quotes received.

The Deputy Clerk advised that the original request for £10k from CIL monies is not going to be enough to replace the climbing tower at St Johns Road play area and she therefore requested a further £13k.

Member’s agreed to approach the CIL Committee for this amount. It was acknowledged that the Council’s play areas are for children up to age 12. However, members expressed the need for equipment for older children, which is a separate matter and dependent on available space.

6. Cemetery

(i) Sensory Garden

Cllr Phillips updated members on the progress of the Sensory Garden and that it is all going ahead as planned. A tree will be ordered to remember the late Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, which will be placed in the centre of the Garden.

(ii) Chapel

Cllr Phillips reported that the Conservation Officer had visited the Chapel recently at his request. The Conservation officer felt it had been a mistake 25 years ago to refuse the application for it to be listed, however it is listed as a building of interest. The outcome of his advice was to continue to maintain it as we are doing. The Deputy Clerk advised that last week there had been some masonry break away from the roof and some roof tiles had been dislodged. A masonry company have been contacted and will be carrying out a survey of the building but suspect that the stone is deteriorating.

7. Christmas Lights –

No updates to report at the current time.

8. Local Needs Housing

No updates to report at the current time.

9. Sessions House

Cllr Lindsay advised that a meeting is due to be held with the Museum to see how further Sessions House can be used. Cllr Ganivet reported that she had researched listing Sessions House as a filming location and will shortly be taking measurements and photos to be uploaded to relevant websites. There is no fee to do this and hire charges are negotiated with the Council, as and when a production company express an interest to use the building

10. The Maltings Complex -to receive updates on:

(i) Maltings – To receive any updates

No updates to report at the current time.

(ii) Maltings Cottage

Currently waiting for a response from ECDC regarding the second applicant.

(iii) Maltings Restaurant – to consider request for proposed cold room.

Members noted the request for a cold store that had been circulated with the agenda. They agreed to this request subject to permission from ECDC as landlord and any necessary planning permission that is required.

11. Date of next meeting:

Monday 24th April 2023 at 7 pm

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm