



**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ASSETS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 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 Wade

Cllr R Moss-Eccardt

Cllr L Fox

Cllr K Holtzmann (arrived 7.03pm)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from **Cllr Austen**.

2. To receive declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 7th August 2023 and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 7th August 2023 were agreed by members and signed by the Chairman. Pages A59, A60 & A61 refer.

Page A 60 – Item 9, The Deputy Clerk reported she had received 3 quotes for the fitness equipment. Members agreed to place an order with Wicksteed Leisure but would like to see a piece of inclusive equipment as part of the offering. The cost of the equipment will be £8805.89 plus the additional piece. The Deputy Clerk will arrange this. Members also agreed that the Licence to Occupy relating to the land between West Fen Road and St John's Road, Ely from ECDC be accepted and formally signed at the next Full Council meeting once Cllr Morgan has read it.

4. To note budget updates for Cemetery, Recreation, Christmas Lights, Local Needs Housing and the Maltings complex dated 9th October 2023 and to set the budget for 2024/25

Members noted the budget updates dated 9th October 2023. There were no significant variances. Members agreed to set the budget for 2024/25 as per the budget circulated with the agenda dated 9th October 2023 with the addition of £14400 for a replacement star lift for the Maltings. New windows for the foyer and Kempen Room have been budgeted for. Members raised concerns regarding gas and electricity increases. Cllr Moss-Eccardt said he will be proposing at the next Full Council meeting a freeze in the Local Needs Housing rent increase for 2024/25. The Deputy Clerk reported that the rental income funds the Council Grants Scheme. She explained the increase is the rate of inflation published for January which is applied from July. This is forecast to be around 5% resulting in an increase of £2.54 per month on the current rent of £50.81 per property.

5. Recreation Areas

(i) St John's Road play area update on new equipment

The Deputy Clerk reported this is now installed.

6. Cemetery

The Deputy Clerk reported that she and the Mayor had recently visited the cemetery after some anti-social behaviour had taken place. The relevant external agencies were informed and there has been no further issues arising from this. The Sensory Garden is progressing with a hedge being planted soon. The area will be grassed in the spring. Some small holes to the chapel windows have been repaired.

7. Christmas Lights

To note the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th September 2023

Members noted the minutes dated 12th September. The Deputy Clerk reported that the upcoming weekends start of the installation had been cancelled due to staff shortages. Installation will now commence on the 28th October 2023.

8. Local Needs Housing

The Deputy Clerk reported that a sale had recently been agreed on one of the properties.

9. The Maltings Complex -to receive updates on:

(i) Maltings

The Deputy Clerk reported she is arranging for a company to look at the door with a view to refurbishing them and retro fitting a disabled access system.

(ii) Maltings Cottage

Currently waiting for further information from ECDC re subsidence.

(iii) Maltings Restaurant

No updates to report at the current time.

10. Date of next meeting:

Monday 20th November 2023 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.58pm