



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ASSETS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 22ND MARCH 2021 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk to the Council

The Mayor, Cllr S Austen
Cllr I Lindsay

Cllr R Morgan
Cllr E Every

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr C Phillips

Bold font indicates voting member of committee

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

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 23rd February 2021 and matters arising.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd February 2021 were agreed by members and taken as signed by the Chairman. Pages A14, A15 & A16 refer.

There were no matters arising.

4. Recreation & Cemetery – To receive report from Lead Member

Cllr Phillips presented his report that had been circulated with the agenda which was duly noted by members.

Cllr Phillips advised members that the paths up to the new section are starting to erode near to section Con E, due to funeral vehicles driving over them and parking near to the graves in order to transport the coffin.

This erosion could be avoided by the purchase of a 'Bier' which would be specially made and last a very long time. The cost of the would be around £6,000.00. Members agreed to approach the CIL Sub-Committee to see if it would be eligible for funding. **SA**

With regard to flooding at the allotments and the cemetery, members agreed to pass the issue back to the Allotments and Gardens Association via Cllr Wilkins for further discussion. **KW**

The Lectern Notice Boards have had an increase in price and members agreed the difference of £271.01 should be paid for from the current site improvements budget. **SJ**

A requested had been received from a next of kin who had experienced problems with a grave, to provide CCTV to cover the entire cemetery. This was discussed and agreed not a viable or a necessary option, given the isolated nature of the incidents which have occurred. Agreed to look at the possibility of mobile security device that could be placed near the grave, to monitor any disturbances **SJ**

The Deputy Clerk is in the process of obtaining costs for additional equipment for the Park play area.

Members agreed to approach the CIL committee for £20,000 to fund this project. **SA/SJ**

The recruitment of a Seasonal Estates Technician had not been successful and has been readvertised. **SJ**

5. Recreation Areas

(i) To note the budget update, dated 11th March 2021

Members noted the budget update dated the 11th March 2021, there were no significant variances.

(ii) Paradise Play area.

Cllr Phillips reported that discussions are still ongoing regarding the possibility of incorporating a Splash Pad with the play area refurbishment along with other potential sites. Cllr Rouse reported that any works cannot be started until the housing development is underway and therefore there is no rush. The Sports and Outside Leisure Working Group notes of the meeting held on the 19th March are attached to these minutes.

(iii) The Park Play Area

This matter was discussed under item 4 on the agenda.

6. Cemetery

(i) To note the budget update, dated 11th March 2021

Members noted the budget update dated the 11th March 2021, there were no significant variances.

(ii) Update from Friends of Ely Cemetery

The group will meet at the Cemetery on the 3rd April to discuss the open day.

7. Christmas Lights –

(i) To note the budget update, dated 11th March 2021

Members noted the budget update dated the 11th March 2021, there were no significant variances.

8. Local Need Housing Scheme to approve increase from 1st July 2021 & to note budget update dated 11th March 2021

Members approved the rent increase as per the terms of the lease of 1.4% from 1st July 2021, this being the RPI as at 31st January 2021. Members noted the budget update dated 11th March 2021, there were no significant variances.

SJ

9. Sessions House

(i) To note budget update dated 11th March 2021

Members noted the budget update dated the 11th March 2021, there were no significant variances.

10. The Maltings Complex -to receive updates on:

(i) Maltings

(i.i) Update on procurement of seating.

The Deputy Clerk reported that a framework had been sourced with Crown Commercial Services and LGSS are in the process of producing a specification for the tender.

SJ

(ii) Tapestry

As the tapestry is in the ownership of the Council, members agreed to continue to seek advice via Ely Museum on how best it can be displayed without encroaching into the space around it.

IL

(iii) To note budget updates dated 11th March 2021 for the Maltings, restaurant & cottage

Members noted the budget updates dated 11th March 2021, there were no significant variances.

(iv) Maltings Cottage – to receive an update

Members noted the email received from Emma Grima, ECDC and agreed not to re-tender the cottage at the current time but to obtain costs to 1) refurbish the building and run it in conjunction with the Maltings, with the provision of a café downstairs and serviced accommodation upstairs and 2) to refurbish it as a residential property to let.

SJ

(v) Maltings Restaurant

Nothing to update as currently still closed due to lockdown restrictions.

11. Any Other Business

There was no any other business to discuss

12. Date of next meeting; 10th May 2021 @ 7 pm

The meeting closed at 8.03 pm

Due to enforced social distancing caused by the Coronavirus, this meeting took place by video communication, accessed by the Zoom meetings facility.