



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
ASSETS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mrs S Jay – Deputy Clerk to the Council

Cllr R Morgan

Cllr A Arnold

Cllr M Rouse

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr I Lindsay

Bold font indicates voting member of committee

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from **Cllr E Carlsson Browne**, The Mayor and Cllr E Every.

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 12th January 2021 and matters arising.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12th January 2021 were agreed by members and taken as signed by the Chairman. Pages A11, A12 & A13 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 was pleased to report that the situation that had occurred with flooding at the Cemetery had now improved and burials will be able to take place. Cllr Lindsay reported the allotments that are adjacent to the Cemetery had also experienced flooding and that the council should speak to the Ely Allotments and Gardens Association to see how this could be improved for both them and the Cemetery. Cllr Phillips and the Deputy Clerk will address this matter with the Estates Manager at their next monthly meeting. **CP/SJ/RD**

Cllr Arnold reported the Friends of Ely Cemetery will hold an open day at the Cemetery on the 29th May, subject to Government restrictions being lifted.

Members noted the notes of the Outside Sport & Leisure Working Group held on 17th February 2021.

Cllr Rouse said he was not sure if the Paradise site was the right place for the Splash Pad and it may be better in a wider setting.

Cllr Phillips reported the notes of the meeting held on 17th February 2021 did not reflect the concerns that were expressed at the meeting with regard to the location of the Splash Pad at the Paradise recreation area. However, there is still a way to go with discussions.

Cllr Arnold reported he had received a request for additional equipment for younger children at The Park play area. He said the area is also very muddy. The Deputy Clerk advised that there is a plan to put a zip wire within this area but she will look at other possible additional equipment. The area is very shady and the recent rainfall will not have helped with the problem of mud. **SJ**

5. Recreation Areas

(i) To note the budget update, dated 15th February 2021

Members noted the budget update dated the 15th February 2021, there were no significant variances.

(ii) Paradise Play area.

This matter was discussed under agenda item 4

6. Cemetery

(i) To note the budget update, dated 15th February 2021

Members noted the budget update dated the 15th February 2021, there were no significant variances.

(ii) To approve increase in fees of 2% from 1st April 2021

Members unanimously agreed the cemetery fee's increase of 2% from 1st April 2021.

SJ

7. Christmas Lights –

(i) To note the budget update, dated 15th February 2021

Members noted the budget update dated the 15th February 2021, there were no significant variances.

8. Local Need Housing Scheme issues & budget update dated 15th February 2021

Members noted the budget update dated 15th February, there were no significant variances. There were no issues to report.

9. Sessions House

(i) To note budget update dated 15th February 2021

Members noted the budget update dated the 15th February 2021, there were no significant variances.

Cllr Rouse reported the Friends of Sessions House are hoping the building will be open for the Heritage open Weekend in September, in conjunction with Visit Ely.

10. The Maltings Complex -to receive updates on:

(i) Maltings

(i.i) Update on procurement of seating.

The Deputy Clerk reported the process is still ongoing and that she has a further conference call with LGSS on Thursday to discuss the options available.

(ii) Tapestry

Following the decision from Full Council to leave the tapestry at the Maltings it was agreed that a better way to display it would be looked at. Cllr Lindsay agreed to speak to Ely Museum Curator to see if she had any contacts that could offer advice.

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(iii) To note budget updates dated 15th February 2021 for the Maltings, restaurant & cottage

Members noted the budget updates dated 15th February 2021, there were no significant variances.

Cllr Morgan proposed that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, regarding agenda item 10 (iv), 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 Phillips and unanimously agreed by members to go into Committee at the end of the meeting.

(iv) Maltings Cottage & and Maltings Restaurant

11. Any Other Business

Members noted the notes of the North Ely Community Facility Working Group held on 5th January 2021.

12. Date of next meeting; 22nd March 2021 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

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