

EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee held on Monday, 20th November 2023, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth

- 01/11/23** **Record of Members Present**
The following councillors were present: Councillors Finch (Chairwoman), Grantham and Wilson.
- 02/11/23** **Apologies for Absence**
There were no apologies because all members of the Committee were present.
- 03/11/23** **Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**
(i) There were no declarations of interest.
(ii) No dispensations had been granted.
- 04/11/23** **Clerk's Report**
Minute 07/10/23 Beacon - The matter of the Beacon had been put before Full Council and the Clerk instructed to write to North Lincolnshire Council and ask them to reconsider their decision and also the ward councillors to ask them to support the Council in this.

Minute 10/10/23 Planters - The Clerk informed members of the Committee that £15 had been spent on plants per planter.

Minute 11/10/23 Seats (ii) Cleaning, Repairing & Varnishing of Seats - The Clerk had asked the Groundsperson to repair and varnish the seats which belonged to Epworth Town Council.

Minute 12/10/23 Blinds - Full Council had agreed with the recommendation made by the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee to purchase two blinds for upstairs at Cemetery Lodge.

Minute 13/10/23 Bus Shelters - The Clerk had contacted North Lincolnshire Council to ask if the bus shelters could be cleaned.

Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Grantham - **It was resolved that the report be noted.**
- 05/11/23** **D-Day**
At the last meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday, 7th November 2023, it resolved that the Council should provisionally book a singer, but the rest of the detail about ways to commemorate D-Day should go back to the Combined Committee.

Members of the Committee discussed the following:-

(i) **Singer** - It was suggested that Mary Dawes be asked to perform a one hour set on Thursday, 6th June 2024, in the Thurlow Pavilion at a cost of £200.

(ii) **Bunting** - It was suggested that bunting should be put up outside in the centre of Epworth from the bakery to the traffic lights, and inside the Thurlow Pavilion itself on the night of the show.

(iii) Exhibition - It was suggested that the Council should work with Epworth Primary Academy to hold an exhibition about D-Day.

Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Grantham
- It was resolved that a recommendation be made to Full Council to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day it should:- (i) Hire Mary Dawes to perform on Thursday, 6th June 2024, at 7.00 pm, in The Thurlow, at a cost of £200. (ii) Put bunting up with the help of volunteers. (iii) Work with Epworth Primary Academy to hold an exhibition about D-Day.

06/11/23

Community Emergency Plan

The Clerk had transferred the information from the old community emergency plan to the template for the new community emergency plan, however there was still a need for him to clarify if the information was up-to-date and still valid. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Grantham - **It was resolved that the Clerk should obtain the additional information to complete the Community Emergency Plan.**

07/11/23

Seats

Councillors Finch and Wilson had carried out an audit of the seats within the parish of Epworth noting their condition and provided the Clerk with a copy of it. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Wilson - **It was resolved that the Clerk should ask North Lincolnshire Council to:- (i) Update the map of the seats within the parish. (ii) Repair, sand and varnish their benches. (iii) Remove the unsafe bench on the junction of Chapel Street / Queen Street.**

08/11/23

Cemetery Charges

The Clerk provided members of the Committee with a copy of the existing cemetery charges to review. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Grantham - **It was resolved that a recommendation should be made to the Finance Committee that the charges for the Cemetery for 2024 / 2025 should be:-**

Cemetery

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>2024/25</u> | | <u>Current</u> | <u>2024/25</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Purchase of Exclusive Right - Ashes | £243 | £258 | but if from outside Parish | £486 | £516 |
| Purchase of Exclusive Right - Body | £363 | £385 | but if from outside Parish | £726 | £770 |
| Purchase of Exclusive Right - Child U18 | £91 | £97 | but if from outside Parish | £182 | £194 |
| Burial of Body | £121 | £128 | but if from outside Parish | £242 | £256 |
| Interment of Ashes | £91 | £97 | but if from outside Parish | £182 | £194 |
| Erection of Memorial | £61 | £65 | but if from outside Parish | £122 | £130 |
| Additional Inscription | £30 | £32 | but if from outside Parish | £60 | £64 |
| Chapel of Rest | Free | Free | but if from outside Parish | £61 | £65 |
| | | | | per day | per day |
| Register Search Fee - Per Hour | £30 | £32 | | | |

- 09/11/23** **Hanging Baskets**
The cost of the hanging baskets was discussed by members of the Committee who upon looking at the costs involved in providing them felt there was a need to charge more next year. The cost of the hanging baskets was heavily subsidised by the Council, and the amount paid by businesses was a contribution towards part of the cost of providing them. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Grantham - **It was resolved that a recommendation be made that the cost of a Hanging Basket for 2024 should be £35.**
- 10/11/23** **Precept**
Members of the Committee had to consider any future expenditure that needed to be taken into account before the setting of the precept for 2024 / 2025. It was suggested that £3,500 be set aside for the Hanging Baskets and Planters, £100 for Water Bowser Maintenance, £6,000 for Parking, £1,000 for Weedkilling, £350 for D-Day, and £1,350 for the Refurbishment of Cemetery Lodge. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Wilson - **It was resolved that these amounts should be taken into account before the setting of the precept for 2024 / 2025.**
- 11/11/23** **Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee is due to be held on Tuesday, 16th January 2024, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth. Proposed by Councillor Grantham and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that the information be noted.**
- 12/11/23** **Closure of Meeting**
The Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 8.08 pm.