

EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee held on Monday, 14th November 2022, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth

- 01/11/22** **Record of Members Present**
The following councillors were present: Councillors R Whittaker (Chairwoman), and Finch, and also Fleet - who was substituting for Councillor Stewart.
- 02/11/22** **Apologies for Absence**
There were apologies from Councillor Stewart - ill.
- 03/11/22** **Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**
(i) There were no declarations of interest.
(ii) No dispensations had been granted.
- 04/11/22** **Clerk's Report**
Minute 05/10/22 Cemetery Lodge - The Clerk had managed to obtain three quotes for the refurbishment of the stairway of Cemetery Lodge and these had been put before Full Council who agreed that the work should be done.

Minute 07/10/22 Kings Head Croft - The Clerk had obtained quotes for the repairs and put them before Full Council, who agreed to carry out repairs to the play equipment but wait for more quotes about the safety surface.

Minute 08/10/22 Epworth in Bloom (i) Hanging Baskets - The recommendation that the cost of a Hanging Basket for 2023 should be £30 would be put before the Finance Committee and then Full Council.

Minute 08/10/22 Epworth in Bloom (ii) Planters - Full Council had agreed with the recommendation made by the Committee to employ someone to look after the Planters.

Minute 09/10/22 Cemetery Charges - The recommendation regarding charges for the Cemetery for 2023 / 2024 would be put before the Finance Committee and then Full Council.

Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Fleet - **It was resolved that the report be noted.**
- 05/11/22** **Precept**
This item had been deferred from the last meeting of the Committee held on Monday, 10th October 2022. The Committee considered if there was any future expenditure which needed to be taken into account before the setting of the precept for 2023 / 2024. It was suggested that £3,500 be set aside for the hanging baskets and planters, £100 for Water Bowser Maintenance, £100 extra for hedge cutting, £5,000 for parking, £3,500 for a Beacon, £600 for Weedkilling, £1,000 for the King's Coronation and £4,000 for a defibrillator. Proposed by Councillor R Whittaker and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that these amounts should be taken into account before the setting of the precept for 2023 / 2024.**

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Cemetery

Due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed proposed by Councillor R Whittaker and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that the press and public should be excluded during the discussion of this item.**

(i) Erection of Headstones

The Clerk had been approached by a local family who wanted to erect two headstones, however there was a problem with one of the grave spaces, therefore he had sought advice from the Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management. Proposed by Councillor R Whittaker and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved a recommendation should be made to Full Council to allow the erection of the headstones subject to a statutory declaration being made to accept full responsibility for the maintenance of the memorials in the future.**

(ii) Depth of Grave

The Clerk had been asked if a grave was double depth and was unable to tell from the burial records, therefore he had obtained a quote for an exploratory dig, which would cost £90. Proposed by Councillor R Whittaker and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved a recommendation should be made to Full Council that an exploratory dig be carried out to find out the depth of the grave.**

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Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee is due to be held on Monday, 16th January 2023, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that the information be noted.**

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Closure of Meeting

The Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.