

EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee held on Monday, 20th December 2021, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth

01/12/21 **Record of Members Present**

The following councillors were present: Councillors Finch (Chairwoman), R Whittaker & Woods.

02/12/21 **Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies from Councillor Brumby - family commitments, and Councillor Stewart.

03/12/21 **Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**

- (i) There were no declarations of interest.
- (ii) No dispensations had been granted.

04/12/21 **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

The following update was given:-

(i) Toilets - The Clerk had found out that the Council's insurance policy would not provide any cover for the temporary toilets and has therefore asked for a quote for it to do so.

(ii) Bunting - Councillor Finch had worked out that it would cost approximately £90 to cover the Market Place in bunting.

(iii) Competitions for Best Dressed Shop Window & Best Themed Garden - Councillor Finch had amended the draft poster to include the contact details of the Clerk for people to obtain entry forms for the competitions.

(iv) Advert - The cost of an advert had to be allowed for in the costings, which amounted to over £1,500 so far.

(vi) Venues - The Clerk had confirmed the booking of the Thurlow Pavilion for the Marina Mae Concert.

(vii) Children's Work - Councillor R Whittaker agreed to approach the Church about the possibility of it displaying children's work to do with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

(viii) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Grant - Full Council had agreed to the recommendation made by the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee to apply for a grant for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to plant a tree with a small plaque to commemorate the occasion.

Councillors considered whether to form a working group to help facilitate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, but decided it was best to meet informally to discuss the celebrations and then put these before a meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that an informal group should meet to discuss the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and a posting should be put on Facebook asking members of the public for help with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.**

- 05/12/21** **Interior Decoration of Cemetery Lodge**
 Councillors considered the interior decoration of Cemetery Lodge, and it was felt there was a need to:- (i) Put a door at the top of the stairs and make good and decorate the ceiling of the stairs. (ii) Make good and decorate the stairs and entrance hallway. (iii) Decorate the office, kitchen & toilet. (iv) Replace the carpet in the entrance hallway & office. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that the Clerk should draw-up a specification with the help of Councillor Woods and seek three quotes for the interior decoration of Cemetery Lodge.**
- 06/12/21** **Hedges**
 Some of the hedging around the Cemetery needed cutting, however it was not something which could be done by the Groundsperson, it needed to be done by a contractor, but involved power lines. The Clerk had managed to obtain a ball-park figure for the cost of such work of £350-£400. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that £500 should be taken into account when setting of the precept for 2022 / 2023 for the cutting of the hedges, and the Clerk contact the power company.**
- 07/12/21** **Mowbray Tiles**
 Councillors discussed various places where the Mowbray tiles could be displayed within the parish, including both indoors and outdoors. These included the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, the Market Place and the Chapel of Rest, and also the new hub. Proposed by Councillor Woods and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that the Clerk should ask North Lincolnshire Council if a Murial of the Mowbray Tiles could be incorporated in the building of a new hub - either set in the floor or wall.**
- 08/12/21** **Chapel of Rest**
 Planning permission had been granted by North Lincolnshire Council for the Chapel of Rest to be used for the purposes of a meeting room and a chapel of rest, however it was queried if this included it being used for exhibitions, consultations or even prior to funerals. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that the Clerk should seek clarification from North Lincolnshire Council to see if there would be a need for a change in use for the Chapel of Rest.**
- 09/12/21** **Community Orchard**
 Councillor R Whittaker provided further feedback from The Rectory about a Community Orchard. A meeting had taken place, and the trustees of The Rectory had listened and asked questions, and these had since been answered. There seemed to be an interest in having it, but it was not something which was going to happen immediately. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that it be noted that a Community Orchard was being investigated by The Rectory.**
- 10/11/21** **Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting**
 The next meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee is due to be held on Monday, 17th January 2022, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth. **It was resolved that the information be noted.**
- 11/11/21** **Closure of Meeting**
 The Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 8.12 pm.