

EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee held on Monday, 9th May 2022, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth

- 01/05/22** **Election of Chairman / Chairwoman**
Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Woods - **It was resolved that Councillor R Whittaker should be elected as the Chairwoman of the Combined Cemetery and Environment Committee for the forthcoming year.**
- 02/05/22** **Record of Members Present**
The following councillors were present: Councillors R Whittaker (Chairwoman), Finch & Woods.
- 03/05/22** **Apologies for Absence**
There were apologies from Councillor Stewart - away.
- 04/05/22** **Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**
(i) There were no declarations of interest.
(ii) No dispensations had been granted.
- 05/05/22** **Clerk's Report**
Minute 05/03/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - North Lincs Council had agreed to advertise the musical events being held in Epworth for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the new waste bins.
- Minute 06/03/22 Outdoor Gym Equipment** - Members of the Committee had met to look at a potential location for Outdoor Gym Equipment and identified two possible sites on the QE2 Playing Field / Kings Head Croft.
- Minute 07/03/22 Hedges** - Full Council had agreed with the recommendation made by the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee to purchase four stakes and 10 m of wire to put across the gap in the hedge at the cemetery.
- Minute 08/03/22 Gravel for Cemetery Paths** - Full Council had agreed with the recommendation made by the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee to purchase three tonnes of gravel for the cemetery paths.
- Minute 09/03/22 Water Bowser** - The Groundsperson had checked the water bowser to ensure it was working properly.
- Minute 10/03/22 Chapel of Rest** - The Clerk had not yet asked North Lincolnshire Council if the use of the building was expanded what would need to be done with regard to parking.
- Minute 11/03/22 Items Raised By Councillors (i) Dog Waste Bin** - Full Council had agreed with the recommendation made by the Combined Cemetery and Environment Committee to ask North Lincolnshire Council to reinstate the dog waste bin.
- Proposed by Councillor Woods and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker
- It was resolved that the report be noted.

06/05/22

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The following update was given on the programme of events:-

- (i) **Tree Planting** - Wednesday, 25th May 2022, at 11.00 am, Epworth Primary Academy. All councillors to be invited and the ceremony will include a few words from the Chairwoman and Principal and also involve the school children.
- (ii) **Lighting of the Beacon** - Thursday, 2nd June 2022. The Clerk had asked North Lincolnshire Council if the Beacon could be moved from its existing location to the edge of their land off Belton Road, however this would not be able to happen in time, therefore the event needed to be cancelled.
- (iii) **Ceilidh** - Friday, 3rd June 2022, from 7.00 pm - 11.00 pm, in the Imperial Hall, Chapel Street, Epworth. Got help to set up / clear up. Bunting and table cloths needed. Consider selling tickets at the door on the night.
- (iv) **Best Dressed Shop Window & Best Dressed Residence** - Saturday, 4th June 2022. Reverend Paul Wilson suggested as the judge. Need to continue to promote both competitions.
- (v) **Marina Mae Concert** - Sunday, 5th June 2022, from 7.00 pm - 10.00 pm, at The Thurlow, Station Road, Epworth. Got help to set up / clear up. Bunting and tablecloths needed. Consider selling tickets at the door on the night.
- (vi) **Children's Event including various sports and games** - Sunday, 5th June 2022, from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm, Queen Elizabeth 2 Field / Kings Head Croft, Church Street, Epworth. Various equipment still needed and Full Council had agreed to spending up to £100 + VAT. In addition it agreed with a recommendation from the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee to see if the small area at the back of the Kings Head Croft car park could be used by food / drink vendors - subject to North Lincolnshire Council permitting it. Councillor Woods had spoken with an officer at North Lincolnshire Council about this, and sent a form which needed to be filled in.
- (vii) **Exhibition** - From 2nd to 5th June 2022, from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm, at St. Andrews Church. Exhibition of children's work all sorted, just needs putting up and taking down after 3 / 4 days.
- (viii) **Bunting** - Market Place. The Christmas Lights Committee had kindly agreed to put up / take down the bunting. Risk assessment available but need to ask the businesses for permission to put the bunting up.

Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Woods - **It was resolved that the update be noted.**

07/05/22

Planters

The planters on Tottermire Lane needed moving, because they were obscured by the new telecommunications mast. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Woods - **It was resolved that:- (i) Paul Haywood be asked to move one of the planters from Tottermire Lane to Rectory Street and the other planter to Mill View Close - subject to permission. (ii) The Groundsperson be asked to stain the planters.**

- 08/05/22** **Dog Signs**
 At a meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday, 3rd May 2022, it was agreed that the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee should look at the wording for a sign at the Cemetery. The Clerk had provided councillors with some wording prior to the meeting and Councillor R Whittaker also did the same at the meeting. Proposed by Councillor Finch & seconded by Councillor Woods - **It was resolved that the wording provided by the Clerk should be used for the signage, which would make it clear that no dogs were allowed except on a lead at the Cemetery.**
- 09/05/22** **Playground Checks**
 At the moment visual weekly checks were being done by the Groundsperson, however the re-instating of weekly formal playground checks at Kings Head Croft / QE2 Field was discussed by members of the Committee. Proposed by Councillor Woods and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that the Clerk should find and update the old inspection sheet and seek advice from the Health & Safety Person on how often it should be done, and in addition staff receive appropriate training in due course.**
- 10/05/22** **Dog Waste Bin**
 The Clerk had asked North Lincolnshire Council to reinstate the dog waste bin which has been removed from the field end of the footpath leading from Eastfield Road to the rear of Lockwood Bank, however they had informed him it would not be reinstating the dog waste bin in the requested location due to several reasons. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that a recommendation should be made to Full Council that the Clerk should contact North Lincolnshire Council and inform them that:- (i) Their reply was unacceptable due to the usage of the bin. (ii) Dog fouling had worsened since the removal of the bin. (iii) Suggest a new larger bin and the operatives use a bin trolley. (iv) Residents had complained about it to councillors.**
- 11/05/22** **Items Raised By Councillors**
(i) Dumping of Waste - Councillor R Whittaker had received a complaint from the Allotments Association about the unsightly and growing dumping ground for old vehicles etc. next to the allotments. It was queried if the Allotments Association had taken the matter up with the landowner, however this was not known. Proposed by Councillor Woods and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that further information should be sought.**

(ii) Litter Picking - Councillor R Whittaker asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to some residents for their hard work over many months litter picking on the QE2 Field. Proposed by Councillor R Whittaker and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that the Clerk should send a letter of thanks to the residents on behalf of the Council.**
- 12/05/22** **Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting**
 The next meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee is due to be held on Monday, 13th June 2022, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth. Proposed by Councillor R Whittaker and seconded by Councillor Woods - **It was resolved that the information be noted.**
- 13/05/22** **Closure of Meeting**
 The Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 8.44 pm.