

EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee held on Monday, 20th June 2022, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth

- 01/06/22** **Record of Members Present**
The following councillors were present: Councillors R Whittaker (Chairwoman), Finch & Woods.
- 02/06/22** **Apologies for Absence**
There were apologies from Councillor Stewart - on holiday.
- 03/06/22** **Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**
(i) There were no declarations of interest.
(ii) No dispensations had been granted.
- 04/06/22** **Clerk's Report**
Minute 08/11/21 Tables for Chapel of Rest - The Clerk informed members of the Committee that Full Council had agreed to put aside money in the budget for the purchase of four tables, and this would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Full Council.
- Minute 04/01/22 Clerk's Report / Minute 05/12/21 - Interior Decoration of Cemetery Lodge** - The Clerk had asked three decorators to quote for the Internal Decoration of Cemetery Lodge, and one had declined to do so.
- Minute 06/03/22 Outdoor Gym Equipment** - Members of the Committee had looked at a potential location for the Outdoor Gym Equipment and identified two possible sites on the Queen Elizabeth 2 Playing Field / Kings Head Croft, however there was a need to seek two additional quotes and these firms would also be asked to provide an illustrated drawing if possible.
- Minute 05/05/22 Clerk's Report / Minute 10/03/22 Chapel of Rest** - The Clerk had sent an email asking North Lincolnshire Council if the use of the building was expanded what would need to be done with regard to parking.
- Minute 07/05/22 Planters** - (i) The Clerk informed the Committee that Paul Haywood had moved one of the planters from Tottermire Lane to Rectory Street and the other planter to Mill View Close. (ii) The Groundsperson would be asked to stain the wooden planters.
- Minute 08/05/22 Dog Signs** - The Clerk had obtained a quote for the dog signs of £15 + VAT each, and this would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Full Council.
- Minute 09/05/22 Playground Checks** - The Clerk had not yet found the old inspection sheet, but had sought advice from the Health & Safety Person on how often it should be done and was awaiting a reply.
- Minute 10/05/22 Dog Waste Bin** - The Clerk had unfortunately overlooked the recommendation made by the Combined Committee when drawing up the agenda for the last meeting of the Full Council, therefore it would appear on the agenda for the next meeting of the Full Council.

Minute 11/05/22 Items Raised By Councillors (ii) Litter Picking - The Clerk was about to send a letter of thanks to the residents for their hard work over many months litter picking on the QE2 Field.

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

05/06/22

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Chairwoman of the Committee was quite pleased with how well the celebrations had gone and noted that they were well within budget. There would be a presentation of prizes at Full Council to winners of the Best Dressed Shop Window and the Best Dressed Residence, and the bunting would be taken down in due course. Proposed by Councillor R Whittaker and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that the report be noted, and in addition that Mr David Cooper of Axholme Landscapes and Mr Jake Stockwell be sent a letter of thanks for all their help with the celebrations.**

06/06/22

Beacon

The beacon, which stands on private land, was not able to be lit as part of this year's Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, so members of the Committee had met to look at places where it could possibly be re-sited following an email from North Lincolnshire that they may be prepared to have it on their land. However the Council needed to find out who owned the Beacon, before seeing if it could be moved. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Woods - **It was resolved that the Clerk should write to North Lincolnshire Council querying ownership of the Beacon, and then approach the landowner to discuss rightful ownership.**

07/06/22

Planters

Councillor R Whittaker informed members she wanted to discuss the maintenance and management of the planters, which were now all planted up. Councillor Finch kindly offered to water the two wooden planters, but there was a need to ask more councillors and volunteers to help. Proposed by Councillor R Whittaker and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that the management of the planters be kept under review and social media be used to ask for support from volunteers to help maintain and water them.**

08/06/22

Storage

The Council was in the process of being given some gazebos by North Lincolnshire Council, however until it was clear if there were any conditions attached, no decision should be taken about either ownership or storage. Proposed by Councillor R Whittaker and seconded by Councillor Woods - **It was resolved that this item be deferred until a future meeting.**

09/06/22

Grassed Circle at Cemetery Lodge

At the moment there were posts in the ground and bollards to deter people from parking and driving on the grassed circle at Cemetery Lodge, and this looked a little unsightly. Proposed by Councillor R Whittaker and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that the Clerk should obtain quotes for signage which would inform people that vehicles needed to keep off the grass.**

- 10/06/22** **Foster Barnes Benches**
Two photographs were provided for councillors to look at showing the two Foster Barnes benches and a need for the grass to be cut or strimmed around both of them. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Woods - **It was resolved that the Clerk should ask North Lincolnshire Council if they were responsible for cutting the area around the two Foster Barnes benches, and if so, could they cut them.**
- 11/06/22** **Public Notice Board**
The perspex window on the public notice board in the Market Place i.e. the window facing The Red Lion, was not only cracked but not very clear most likely as a result of the sun. The Clerk had been told that it was expected to cost somewhere in the region of £80-£100 + VAT to repair. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that a recommendation should be made to Full Council to replace the perspex window on the public notice board in the Market Place.**
- 12/06/22** **Hi-Vis Safety Jackets**
The Council now only had five hi-vis safety jackets, therefore there may be a need to purchase more hi-vis safety jackets, so the Council had enough when doing activities within the local community. The Clerk had been told that they would cost somewhere in the region of £3-6 each + VAT depending on whether they had the Council's name on the back of them, however Councillor Finch kindly agreed to donate five hi-viz safety jackets. Proposed by Councillor Woods and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was noted that Councillor Finch was able to donate five hi-vis safety jackets and she was thanked for doing so.**
- 13/06/22** **Items Raised by Councillors**
(i) Dumping of Waste - This item had been deferred from the last meeting to allow for further information to be sought from the Allotment Association. They were unaware of who owned the land upon which things were being dumped, however it was suggested they ask Epworth Charities who may have sold it to them. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Woods - **It was resolved that the information be noted.**

(ii) Isle of Axholme Flag - Councillor R Whittaker suggested a letter be sent to the Mechanics Institute inviting them to take ownership of the Isle of Axholme flag and fly it at appropriate times and also for the Council to consider buying another flag to fly at Cemetery Lodge. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Woods - **It was resolved that a recommendation should be made to Full Council that it should give the Epworth Mechanics Institute the flag to fly in the Market Place and the Council buy another flag to fly at Cemetery Lodge.**
- 14/06/22** **Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee is due to be held on Monday, 15th August 2022, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth. **It was resolved that the information be noted.**
- 15/06/22** **Closure of Meeting**
The Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.