

EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd March 2022, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth

- 01/03/22** **Record of Members Present**
The following councillors were present: Councillors Finch (Chairwoman), Stewart, R Whittaker & Woods.
- 02/03/22** **Apologies for Absence**
There were apologies from Councillor Brumby - other commitments.
- 03/03/22** **Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**
(i) There were no declarations of interest.
(ii) No dispensations had been granted.
- 04/03/22** **Clerk's Report**
Minute 08/02/22 Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting - The meeting which was due to take place on Monday, 21st March 2022, was put back until Wednesday, 23rd March 2022.

Minute 07/02/22 Cemetery Charges - Full Council had agreed with the cemetery charges recommended by the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee for 2022 / 2023.

Proposed by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that the report be noted.**
- 05/03/22** **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**
The following update was given on the programme of events:-
- (i) **Ceilidh** - Friday, 3rd June 2022, from 7.00 pm - 11.00 pm, in the Imperial Hall, Chapel Street, Epworth. Tickets £5 each and will be available from 1st April 2022 from either the Town Council Office or Axholme Decorating Centre.
- (ii) **Best Dressed Shop Window & Best Dressed Residence** - Saturday, 4th June 2022. Prizes obtained, just need to decide on who is going to judge it, suggested it needs to be somebody who would be impartial.
- (iii) **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. Prizes obtained. It was suggested that the small area at the back of the Kings Head Croft car park should be available for food / drink vendors to use on the day. Several of whom were prepared to attend free of charge and all had the appropriate insurance and health and safety certificates. Ten gazebos were available. It was suggested could be marshalled by the ward councillors / The Lions / The Rotary Club.
- (iv) **Marina Mae Concert** - Sunday, 5th June 2022, from 7.00 pm - 10.00 pm, at The Thurlow, Station Road, Epworth. Tickets £5 each and will be available from 1st April 2022 from either the Town Council Office or Axholme Decorating Centre.

(v) **Lighting of the Beacon** - There was a problem with the Beacon due to a potential change of landowner, therefore it was agreed that the event should be taken out of the advert. It was suggested that the Beacon should be moved from its existing location to the edge of a field owned by North Lincolnshire Council.

(vi) **Tree Planting** - The Clerk along with Councillor Whittaker had met with Mr Sean Woolley - the Principal at Epworth Academy. He had kindly agreed to a suitable tree being planted in the grounds of the school to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It would involve the whole school, a few words from the Chairman of the Town Council and the Principal of the School, to which the ward councillors would also be invited and the school children attend and sing. Potential date of Wednesday, 25th May 2022.

(vii) **Exhibition** - School children from Epworth Primary would contribute to an exhibition which would take place at St, Andrews Church who were prepared to man it over four days, and in addition there would also be a display at the Mechanics Institute.

Proposed by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that the update be noted and the following recommendations be made to Full Council:- (i) To see if the small area at the back of the Kings Head Croft car park could be used by food / drink vendors on Sunday, 5th June 2022, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm - subject to North Lincolnshire Council permitting it. (ii) To ask North Lincolnshire Council if the Beacon could be moved from its existing location to the edge of their land off Belton Road. (iii) To advertise the musical events being held in Epworth for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the new North Lincolnshire Council Waste Bins.**

06/03/22

Outdoor Gym Equipment

The Clerk informed the Committee that the recommendation made by the Committee had gone before a meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday, 1st March 2022. The recommendation was that Full Council should agree to Outside Gym Equipment in principle subject to:- (i) There being a need for such a facility. (ii) Finding a suitable location for such a facility. (iii) Funding for such a facility. Funding for such a facility would be provided by Northern Powergrid and the Committee was asked to look at a suitable location for it. Proposed by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that the update be note, and members of the Committee would agree a date to look at a potential location for Outdoor Gym Equipment.**

07/03/22

Hedges

The Clerk told members of the Committee that a part of the hedge at the cemetery had fallen over after some bad weather, however ivy had killed it. There was insufficient time to plant a new hedge, therefore the gap needed to be filled temporarily, until a new hedge could be planted. Proposed by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that a recommendation be made to Full Council to purchase four stakes and 10 m of wire to put across the gap in the hedge at the cemetery.**

- 08/03/22** **Gravel for Cemetery Paths**
 The Clerk informed members of the Committee that there was a need for more gravel to put on the cemetery paths. Proposed by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that a recommendation be made to Full Council to purchase three tonnes of gravel from Axholme Landscapes for the cemetery paths.**
- 09/03/22** **Water Bowser**
 It had been suggested that a service of the water bowser should be carried out prior to it being used during this year, therefore the Clerk had enquired about this, but he had been told that there was little that could be serviced - the pump either worked or did not work, the battery just needed charging and the nozzles cleaning. Proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Stewart - **It was resolved that the Groundsperson be asked to check that the water bowser was working properly.**
- 10/03/22** **Chapel of Rest**
 Planning permission for the building had been given to use it for meetings and as a chapel of rest. Discussion ensued on making it more available for public use, which may help to get grants to heat / insulate the building. It was currently used for council meetings, but in addition it could be used for public exhibitions and prior to funerals. Proposed by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that North Lincolnshire Council should be asked if the use of the building was expanded what would need to be done with regard to parking.**
- 11/03/22** **Items Raised by Councillors**
(i) Dog Waste Bin - Councillor R Whittaker believed there was a need for 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 to be reinstated because it was a really well used bin. The Chairwoman explained that it had been moved both due to a problem with the smell from the bin and also for health and safety reasons to do with collecting it. Proposed by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor Woods - **It was resolved that a recommendation be made to Full Council to ask North Lincolnshire Council to reinstate the dog waste bin.**
- 12/03/22** **Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting**
 The next meeting of the Combined Cemetery & Environment Committee is due to be held on Monday, 9th May 2022, at 7.00 pm, in the Chapel of Rest, Cemetery Lodge, Burnham Road, Epworth. Proposed by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor R Whittaker - **It was resolved that the information be noted.**
- 13/03/22** **Closure of Meeting**
 The Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 8.33 pm.