



**Minutes of the Caistor Town Council Estates Committee held at 4:15pm
at the Caistor Town Hall on 6 February 2024**

Present: Cllr S. Davey (Chair), Cllr P. Richardson, Cllr M. Galligan, Cllr S. Hodson, Cllr A. Somerscales, Michelle Moss,
In Attendance: Cllr A. Clark,
Members of public present: 1

- 1. To resolve to accept apologies for absence and reasons given in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 s85(1) - Ref: 2682**
Apologies received from Cllr Wright for business reasons.
- 2. To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations in relation to agenda items and to consider granting requests for dispensations - Ref: 2683**
No DPI interests noted. Cllr Davey noted that he personally knows the Alexander Hubbard, one of the contractors in agenda item 5.
- 3. Public participation - 10 minutes - items raised which are not on the agenda will be referred to a later meeting, if appropriate - Ref: 2684**
None
- 4. To approve the draft minutes of the Estates Committee meeting on 23/01/2024 - Ref: 2685**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd Jan 24 be approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
Proposed: Cllr S. Hodson Seconder: Cllr M. Galligan All in favour
- 5. Grass Cutting - To review the quotes and agree next steps for 2024 contract - Ref: 2686**
It was noted that: the other options investigated for grass cutting of the churchyards did not progress; Dyne Group had been approached about strimming the park perimeters per the tender and agreed to strim the nettles as necessary; there are budget constraints; many of the complaints last year about the cemetery were because it was cut in sections over a couple of weeks; if Kim changed from litter picking/bin emptying 3 days a week to 2, he would have enough time to cut the cemetery; WLDC do the bins in the market place on a Wednesday and Wednesday is the day with the least litter in the parks; the churchyards in town are well visited and must be done to a high standard; the contractor appointed could have an initial meeting with Mike Gilliat, and Cllrs Galligan and Hodson to set expectations/clarifications of specs and standards.
RESOLVED a. To appoint Dyne Group to cut the amenity grass and parks for a 2 year contract, with a limited uplift costs to be negotiated for the second year, and on the provision that standards remain high;
b. To appoint Tudor Grounds Maintenance to undertake the grass cutting at the 2 closed churchyards;
c. That Kim will stop street cleansing duties on a Wednesday and will free up this time to cut the cemetery every other week, and have time for PROW's/hedge trimming/play area maintenance/other estates maintenance on the alternative Wednesday.
Proposed: Cllr S. Hodson Seconder: Cllr A. Somerscales All in favour
- 6. Update on the pressure washer and agree next steps - Ref: 2687**
Cllr Hodson noted that the pressure washer from the Old Fire station had been gifted to CTC by CIB; initially there was an issue with low pressure; Woldside plant have now fixed the issue, so we have a fully working pressure washer. It was agreed there is no need to purchase a new pressure washer, and to add the donated one to the asset register.

Meeting closed at 16:50pm

Signature: