



Beaminster Town Council

TOWN AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Town Amenities Committee meeting held in the Cowie Room on Tuesday 19th July 2022 commencing at 7.00pm.

266 PRESENT: Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Drinnan, Cllr Langridge, Cllr Monks, Cllr Turner also Christine Bright (Town Clerk), Matthew Camps (Groundsman), Mr Runyard (Beaminster Cricket & Football Clubs) and J Mahiki (Allotment Association)

267 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Stefan Nikolov (Head Groundsman/Maint. Manager)

268 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Drinnan proposed Cllr Beswarick, seconded by Cllr Monks, there being no other nominations Cllr Beswarick was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

269 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Langridge proposed Cllr Cheeseman, seconded by Cllr Dawkins, there being no other nominations Cllr Cheeseman was duly elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

270 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members had previously been circulated with the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2022. Minutes confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Under this heading Cllr Turner enquired whether any progress had been made with regard to the suggestion of planting trees in the Square, Cllr Monks advised initial discussions had taken place with a local nursery with regard to planting within large containers as opposed to in the ground, the Town Clerk was asked to circulate email information to members of the Committee following this meeting.

271 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

No declarations were received.

272 MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

(a) Proposed toilet/store

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Town Clerk's report with regard to the lack of clarity in making any decision with regard to the provision of a public toilet in the Playing Field and the recommendation to proceed with a built facility.

Members observations were:

- The proposed inclusion of solar panels on the roof, due to their positioning would not be worth the financial investment. **AGREED** not to include solar panels.

- To amend the proposed store into a garage would require revised plans and possibly the loss of the cleaning cupboard – the Town Clerk to pursue with architect
- In addition to construction consideration had to be given to the on costs etc.
- Cllr Drinnan advised he had begun to compile a grant application to National Lottery Awards for All; also a grant was available to install an electric charging point.

RESOLVED to proceed with the suggestion of a build facility with a further report to the next Committee meeting.

(b) Pop up Toddler activities

Members **NOTED** pop up toddler activities organised by Rev Neary would take place in the Playing Field on Monday mornings during the school summer holidays.

(c) BBQ bin

The Town Clerk advised the BBQ disposal bin was in storage awaiting a decision on a suitable location for the BBQ facility and put forward the suggestion of adjacent to the gabion wall at the entrance to the play area for which a quotation was awaited. **AGREED** to consider quotation when received together with the provision of fire safety equipment.

(d) Items raised by Cricket/Football Club representative

The representative Mr Runyard had no items to raise.

273 CEMETERY

(a) Trefoil House

Members **NOTED** construction work had begun on the former church building, the closed churchyard at the rear of the property had been fenced off for site safety also the front of the building.

The Town Clerk advised the gates and stone entrance wall/pillars had been dismantled and placed in storage to facilitate the widening of the entrance, these would be replaced on completion of the works

(b) Dorset Council – New Tree Preservation Order

Correspondence received from Dorset Council advised a provisional TPO had been made at Trefoil House, which also included all trees within the closed churchyard and cemetery. Members **NOTED** the content of the correspondence and raised no objections.

274 PUBLIC HALL

(a) Ladies toilets – leak

The Town Clerk advised quotations were awaited to replace pipework, cisterns etc.

275 FURLANDS ALLOTMENTS

Mrs Mohiki advised a misunderstanding with regard to the enforcement of ‘no dogs’ at the allotments had been resolved.

276 PUBLIC TOILETS

No items were raised for discussion.

277 THE SQUARE

No items were raised for discussion.

278 GENERAL

(a) Pease Hill

The Chairman mooted the possibility of a community orchard on Pease Hill, however this was discounted for a number of reasons.

279 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting had been scheduled for 20th September 2022.

280 MEETING

The meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 8.20pm.

CHAIRMAN
20th September 2022