



Beaminster Town Council

TOWN AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Town Amenities Committee will be held in the Cowie Room, Public Hall on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 7.00pm

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Town Clerk
10th September 2024

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To **APPROVE** the minutes of the Town Amenities Committee meeting held on 21st May 2024 (*attached*)

4. MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

(a) Children's Play Area

To **NOTE** replenishment of the sand undertaken week commencing 9th September, at the same time further repairs/resurfacing of the car park was undertaken.

(b) Lime Trees (identified budget – Leisure & Amenities EMR)

To **NOTE** pollarding work to the three remaining lime trees completed at a cost of £660

(c) Storage and Redundant equipment

Storage capacity has always been an issue both at the Playing Field and the Public Hall, there are a number of items of redundant grounds maintenance equipment etc. that could possibly be disposed off to free up space. To **CONSIDER** forming a small working group to undertake an audit of equipment both in the Playing Field and the Public Hall.

(d) Boundary hedge (identified budget - Leisure & Amenities EMR)

Subsequent to decision taken by the Finance & General Purposes Committee to reduce the height of the boundary hedge around the children's play area a further request has been made by a resident of Fleet Street not to reduce the height at the end of their property to protect privacy.

Following a visit to both properties members are asked to **CONSIDER** hedge reductions.

(e) Cricket Club/Football Club

To **RECEIVE** any issues raised by the Cricket Club and Football Club

7. CEMETERY

(a) Extension of burial ground

To **NOTE** the site has been levelled and seeded in recent weeks.

8. PUBLIC HALL

(a) Water leak

To **NOTE** all works related to the water leak have been completed at a cost of £2,699

9. FURLAND ALLOTMENTS

(a) Allotment Association representative

To **RECEIVE** any issue raised by the Allotment Association representative.

10. PUBLIC TOILETS

No issues to raise

11. THE SQUARE

No issues to raise

12. GENERAL

(a) Purchase of litter bins (identified budget – litter bin)

Subsequent to the decision taken by the Finance & General Purposes Committee to purchase two additional litter bins, further information has identified the cost to purchase the litter bins would be considerably more than the Council had been lead to believe from Dorset Council. To **NOTE** the purchase cost/installation of two litter bins to be in region of £740.00 exceeding the allocated budget of £400.

(b) Purchase of plane blade

Research into how staff might save time trimming the bottom of the Christmas trees has identified a turbo plane blade that can be attached to an angle grinder which would take off the bark and trim down the bottom of the trunk to the desired size. The purchase cost in the region of £105.40 + VAT. To **CONSIDER** purchasing.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To **NOTE** the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 19th November 2024

14. PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960

To **RESOLVE** that public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst discussion takes place on the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted in respect of consideration of quotations received.

(a) Controlled access to Memorial Playing Field

To **CONSIDER** costs associated with the installation of a controlled access barrier to the car park and identify budget to meet the shortfall of the grant awarded in the sum of £5,000

(b) Replacement play equipment (identified budget – CIL EMR)

Subsequent to the decision taken by the Finance & General Purposes Committee to replace one of the wooden springers in the play area costs have been obtained to **CONSIDER**.

(c) Public Hall floor

A small section of the floor in the main hall has lifted, to **CONSIDER** quotation to repair.