



TOWN AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Town Amenities Committee meeting held in the Cowie Room, Public Hall on Tuesday 21st May 2024 commencing at 7.00pm.

- 348 PRESENT:** Cllr Gunning (Chairman), Cllr Body, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Ginder and Cllr Turner; also Christine Bright (Town Clerk), Alex Alexander (Head Groundsman/Maint. Manager) and Mr M Runyard (Beaminster Football & Cricket Club).
- 349 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gillings and Matthew Camp (Groundsman)
- 350 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
Cllr Turner proposed Cllr Gunning, seconded by Cllr Dawkins. There being no other nominations Cllr Gunning was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing council year.
- 351 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**
Cllr Turner proposed Cllr Ginder, seconded by Cllr Gunning. There being no other nominations Cllr Ginder was duly elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing council year.
- 352 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2024 having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
- (a) Min No. 330 (b) CB3**
Under this heading Cllr Turner took the opportunity to advise the application to amend the CB3 timetable to include South Perrott had been submitted to the Office of Traffic Commissioner and had verbally been approved, official confirmation awaited. There had been a degree of controversy with regard to extending the timetable in respect of possible capacity issues at peak times.
- The Town Clerk advised following a number of unpleasant exchanges she had discussed the issue with the chairman of the council and it was proposed to transfer membership of the current CB3 Steering Group to a formal CB3 Management Committee within the Town Council. This would be discussed in more detail at the next Planning Advisory & Highways Committee meeting in June.
- 353 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**
No declarations of interest were received.

354 MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

(a) Items raised by Cricket Club representative

Mr Runyard was pleased to advise the project to replace the practice nets and install new covers had been completed.

Items raised by Football Club representative

Mr Runyard advised the Football Foundation were offering grant funding to assist Clubs with pitch drainage issues and suggested the Town Council might wish to apply. The Town Clerk felt an application would be best submitted by the Football Club, supported by the Town Council.

Mr Alexander highlighted a number of issues contributing in some way to the problem of water logged pitch, rolling of the pitch had compacted the soil making it difficult for water to drain also in order to 'slit' the soil to improve drainage a two week window would be required between the Football and Cricket season.

Mr Runyard advised, despite increasing rent to the Cricket and Football Clubs the pavilion management committee continued to struggle financially.

(b) Boundary wall

The Town Clerk advised correspondence had been sent to the owners of the properties concerned, one response to date had been received advising repairs would be undertaken where necessary. **NOTED**

355 CEMETERY

(a) Unauthorised memorial

The Town Clerk confirmed, having spoken with a family member, staff would remove the unauthorised work and reinstate the grass. **NOTED.**

(b) Noticeboard

The Town Clerk felt the noticeboard currently situated at the entrance to Yarn Barton Car Park could be better utilised at the cemetery to inform families and visitors to the cemetery on the regulations etc. Members **AGREED** to relocate the noticeboard to the cemetery.

(c) New burial ground

Mr Alexander advised the boundary fence and gate had been erected, the path had been excavated and awaiting surfacing; also an initial cut of the grass had taken place. **NOTED.**

356 PUBLIC HALL

(a) Replacement fascia's etc

Mr Alexander advised work to the fascia's etc neared completion, work had started on preparation of the windows, two replacement windows were required and new beading prior to decoration. **NOTED.**

357 FURLAND ALLOTMENTS

In the absence of a representative no issues were raised.

358 PUBLIC TOILETS
No issues were raised.

359 THE SQUARE
No issues were raised.

360 GENERAL
No issues were raised.

361 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 16th July 2024.

362 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 quotation received.

(a) Gas boilers – Public Hall

A number of maintenance issues in respect of the gas boilers were identified by the plumber following a problem with the heating. A quotation had been obtained to undertake the necessary repairs to the gas boilers in the region of £1,000 to include servicing. **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** the quotation.

Mr Alexander felt it would be appropriate to obtain relevant gas safety certificates.
AGREED.

363 MEETING
The meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 8.10pm.

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Chairman
16th July 2024