

Minutes of a meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, following a meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee on Monday 14 November 2022.

PRESENT:

Cllr. D. Wakeman (Chair), S. Ashton, M. Best, T. Bond, N. Draycott, D. Livesley, P. Maxwell, J. Morris, J. Nathan, A. Samuel, A. Stuart.

In attendance: Town Clerk K. Sheehan and one member of the public.

OPEN FORUM

A member of the public raised the following issues:

- He was interested in an update (later on the agenda) on the proposal from ABCD for a perimeter path at Henhayes Recreation Ground
- He asked town councillors to consider maintaining the 'no dogs' policy at Barn Street Recreation Ground as the only dog-free open space in the town.

22 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

22/23

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K. Head (personal).

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22/23

No declarations were made at this point.

24 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

22/23

It was AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 11 July 2022 be APPROVED.

25 REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES CHAIRMAN

22/23 To receive an update report from the Amenities Chairman

The Chairman provided an update on the following amenities projects:

- Severalls Tennis Courts – procurement of the contractor by the LTA was on track to be completed by the end of the month. The LTA representative had thanked the councillors for selecting model B and would shortly start the process of providing access to begin to understand the software.
- The roof repairs to Severalls Hall were now complete.
- The Ash dieback report had been received and works would be scheduled across all CTC-owned open spaces.

It was noted that the Council would need to give thought to replanting to replace the trees lost to Ash dieback disease. In response to a question on the land at Millers Garage, Cllr. Best reported that the Executive of South Somerset District Council had confirmed that were there to be a successful planning application on the site for housing, the exchange of land parcels would be facilitated to enable the project to move forward. Cllr. Best stated he had stipulated at the Executive meeting that the additional funding required to deliver the original car park be ringfenced so that if a planning application was not successful, a car park could still be delivered.

**26** FALKLAND SQUARE TOILETS

22/23 To consider a quote for works to the automated toilet door locking system

Councillors AGREED a quote from Danfo for £600 +VAT for an engineer call out to remove the RADAR lock from the door.

**27** ABCD (A BETTER CREWKERNE AND DISTRICT)

22/23 To consider correspondence received and the Council's response in respect of ABCD proposals:

a. Perimeter path at Henhayes

b. Bus shelter on Market Street

Correspondence from ABCD requesting that Crewkerne Town Council considers supporting the above proposals was noted. Some discussion took place regarding the path proposal, which was not without difficulties as it would potentially impact both the play area, cricket pitch and root zone of the Turkey Oak. The cost of a small section of the proposed path had been obtained and was high and councillors concluded that since there was no budget to support the path and issues could not be resolved, they would not be looking to move this project forward.

Additionally, the proposal to locate a bus stop and shelter on Market Street was considered. Although the improvements at Market Street/South Street junction had been positive, Councillors agreed that they would not be pursuing either the bus stop or path proposal at this time.

**28** HENHAYES PLAY AREA

22/23 To consider quotes for replacement spring rider(s) and funding sources

It was AGREED to replace both spring riders at Henhayes play area, and the sheep and horse spring riders were selected following feedback received from young park users. The Clerk would investigate a possible funding source before placing the order for the works.

**29** BANKING HUBS

22/23

Some discussion took place around the provision of banking hubs. Cllr. Bond had identified some information which she would circulate to councillors for further discussion at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

**30** BARN STREET RECREATION GROUND:

22/23 a. To note a report containing the results of the Barn Street consultation

The collated results of the consultation held in August and September about possible improvements to Barn Street Recreation Ground had been published. It was noted that most suggested improvements had received favourable comments. Although there was no budget at present for the major projects the information would form a useful foundation for moving forward in the future.

b. To consider a petition in support of dogs on leads being permitted at Barn Street Recreation Ground

A petition containing 21 signatures was noted. Councillors AGREED that Barn Street Recreation Area should continue to be subject to a 'no dogs' policy as the only completely dog free open space in the town.

The Clerk was asked to investigate clearer signage highlighting the 'no dogs' policy and removing the 'no ball games' wording. The suggestion of mowing of the pathways in the interim would be picked up by Cllrs. Wakeman and Maxwell in the draft Open Spaces Management Policy.

31 MATTERS OF REPORT

22/23

The Clerk was asked to obtain an update on the replacement tree on Market Street – the Deputy Clerk had queried the licence fee but not yet received a reply from the County Council.

Cllr. Best reported that he had attended an online meeting regarding local bus services. It was highlighted that up-to-date timetables should be displayed at bus stops and checked regularly.

Cllr. Samuel expressed thanks to the Town Council on behalf of the Royal British Legion for their support of the various Remembrance events in the town.

32 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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Monday 9 January 2023 following the Planning & Highways Committee meeting in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 19.42.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....

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