

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 9 January 2023.

PRESENT:

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

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

OPEN FORUM

No one wished to speak.

33 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

22/23

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P. Maxwell (personal).

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22/23

No declarations were made at this point.

35 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 14 November 2022 be **APPROVED**.

36 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:

- The graffiti wall art project would hopefully be delivered in either the Easter holidays or May half term in conjunction with the Council's Youth Service.
- The new accessible roundabout had been installed and was now operational.
- A funding application for the spring riders had been submitted.

Councillors noted that allotment inspections were due and that once the Deputy Clerk appointment process had been completed, this would be implemented again.

Cllr. Best noted that the Aquacentre's drain down was now scheduled for 2024.

37 TENNIS COURTS

22/23 To receive an update on the planned courts refurbishment at Severalls

The Town Clerk reported that she had met with the LTA project lead the previous week. The appointed contractors had visited all 12 courts included in the district-wide project prior to Christmas to price up the works against the surveyor's report. It had been ascertained that costs had risen due to inflation and the revised quotes were submitted to the LTA board for approval. The next step would be for South Somerset District Council to sign the contract to move the works forward. There

would need to be site meetings to talk about access and clearance works where vegetation overhanging courts (more relevant to other sites than Crewkerne).

38 BINCOMBE BEECHES

22/23 To consider a proposal for compensatory tree planting of 100 donated trees or donation to earmarked tree planting fund

Councillors discussed the proposal, and while generally supportive of the principle of increasing tree stock in the town's open spaces, felt that they would be more comfortable accepting offers of saplings or donations following the due process carried out with these applications by SSDC as the Local Planning Authority and the Tree Officer.

39 MATTERS OF REPORT

22/23

None.

40 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

22/23

Monday 13 March 2023 following the Planning & Highways Committee meeting in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.09.

Signed:

Dated:

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