

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting in the Large Hall of the Town Hall, Calne On Monday 26th February 2018

PRESENT:

Cllr Heather Canfer (Vice Chair)
Cllr John Bennett
Cllr Declan Boore
Cllr David Conway
Cllr Terry Couchman
Cllr Tony Trotman – Town Mayor (Ex officio)
Cllr Glenis Ansell – Deputy Town Mayor (Ex officio)
Cllr Rich Jones (left at 19:45)
Cllr Ian Thorn

ALSO PRESENT:

Cllr Robert Merrick
Cllr Mark Mewett (joined at 18:52)

OFFICERS:

Jeannette Young – Director of Council Services
Stuart West - Head of Operations
Mark Edwards – Head of Business

PRESS & PUBLIC:

Two members of the public or press were present

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Catherine Shillaker spoke about the impact the skate park had on local residents and that users came from across North Wiltshire. Catherine requested that something sustainable was put in place and that local residents were kept informed on progress.

74/17 APOLOGIES

Cllr Widger

75/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Cllr Conway – Recreation Club representative
Cllr Trotman – Wiltshire Council Unitary Member

76/17 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Boore, seconded by Cllr Conway and

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held

on Monday 11th December 2017 having been circulated, and were signed by the Chair.

77/17 ALLOTMENT SHEDS

Members considered the abolition of the town council's provision of both sheds and tool boxes on allotments.

It was proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Ansell and

RESOLVED that the town council abolish the provision of both sheds and tool boxes on all allotment sites and delegate to the Head of Operations the provision of acceptable guidelines for allotment holders to purchase their own storage units.

It was proposed by Cllr Couchman, seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor – Cllr Trotman and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the town council maintains all existing sheds and tool boxes on allotment sites for a maximum period of two years, after which time all maintenance responsibility is transferred to the plot holder although ownership remains with the town council.

78/17 ALLOTMENT RENTS

Members considered increases to Allotment Rents. It was proposed by Cllr Conway, seconded by the Town Mayor and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve an across the board annual allotment rental increase of 2% per sq metre for the period April 2018 to end of March 2019.

To approve the charges for the Marden Farm site as:-

18 lots at 45 square meters minimum rent = £25.00 pa
4 plots at 12 square meters minimum rent = £15.00 pa
2 raised beds at 8 square meters minimum rent = £10.00pa

To continue to have the option of a payment plan to assist any allotment holders who may experience difficulty in paying the annual rent in one payment.

79/17 PUBLIC TOILETS

It was noted that Wiltshire Council are minded to agree the transfer of the toilet under the Town Hall Arch subject to a licence. Negotiations are ongoing and an update will be provided to the next meeting.

80/17 WORKING GROUP MINUTES

80/17/1 SKATE PARK WORKING GROUP – Notes of the meeting on 4th January 2018 and 18th January 2018 were noted

Cllr Thorn spoke about the detailed discussion with residents and thank Cllr Couchman for this support in conducting patrols. Both Cllr Thorn and Cllr MacNaughton would be prepared to be additional contacts.

80/17/2 TOWN HALL WORKING GROUP – A new meeting is to be scheduled
80/17/3 SPORTS FACILITIES WORKING GROUP – Notes of the meeting on 24th
January 2018 were noted
80/17/4 BRITAIN IN BLOOM WORKING GROUP – Notes of the meeting on 18th
February 2018 were noted
80/17/5 STRATEGIC STEER WORKING GROUP – Draft Notes of the meeting held
on 25th January 2018 were noted

81/17 CARP MINUTES

The notes of the committee meeting held on 18th January 2018 were received.

82/17 BUDGET & RESERVES

The budget position and reserves were noted.

83/17 STRATEGIC PLAN

The action plan was noted.

84/17 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Proposed by Cllr Couchman, seconded by Cllr Thorn

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that in view of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted, that the public be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

Meeting Closed at 18:57

85/17 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr Boore, seconded by Cllr Bennett and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to confirm, as a true record, the Confidential Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 11th December 2017 and were signed by the Chair.

86/17 RECREATION CLUB

The current position was noted. It was proposed by the Town Mayor – Cllr Trotman, seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor – Cllr Ansell and agreed that a formal response to the valuation be received by 31st March 2018.

87/17 BEVERSBROOK

The current position was noted and that the recent letter has been received by Wiltshire Council.

88/17 CASTLEFIELDS WALL

Members received an update on the current position. It was proposed by Cllr Thorn, seconded by the Town Mayor – Cllr Trotman and agreed that works to landscape section 1,

bund section 2 and repair section 3 (subject to obtaining consent) and delegate to the Head of Operations to progress.

89/17 THE GROVE

Members received an update on the current position. It was proposed by the Town Mayor – Cllr Trotman, seconded by Cllr Boore and agreed that Calne Town Council enter into discussion to explore the transfer of ownership of the playing field and delegate to the Director of Council Services to progress.

The Meeting Closed at 20.05