

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held in the Large Hall of the Town Hall, Calne On Monday 5 September 2016

PRESENT: Councillor T W B Rounds – **Town Mayor (Ex Officio)**
Councillor A J Trotman – **Deputy Town Mayor (Ex Officio)**
Councillor Mrs G J Ansell
Councillor Ms H E Canfer
Councillor S Denley (*arrived at 6.55pm*)
Councillor H R Marshall
Councillor P M Redmond

OFFICERS: Mrs Jeannette Young – Acting Proper Officer
Mrs Clare Harris – PA to the Town Clerk

15/16 ELECTION OF A PROPER OFFICER

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Trotman, seconded by the Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to elect Mrs Jeannette Young, Community Services Manager as Proper Officer for this meeting.

16/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Dr Reid, Councillors Davies and Stigwood.

17/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18/16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 6 June 2016, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Due to the public interest in Agenda Item 7 – Incinerator Bins, Members agreed to bring this item forward on the agenda for discussion first.

19/16 INCINERATOR BINS

Members agreed with the points raised by Imogen Wilgress (representative of Beversbrook Allotments) in Public Participation regarding the positioning of signage on site and in the members hut, detailing the rules that apply to the use of incinerator bins. Members were keen to see signage displayed and suggested that Imogen liaises with Shirley Chappell who can produce and laminate signage in-house for display on site.

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Trotman, seconded by the Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the recommendations contained within the report as follows and added an additional item at point (d):

- a) To agree to the use of incinerators (bins with chimneys) at the Beversbrook site during the months 1st October to 30th April each year, providing the rules associated with this activity are adhered to.
- b) Delegate authority to the Town Clerk to terminate any allotment contract where the holder has abused the conditions agreed by this Committee.
- c) The Town Council will also reserve the right to refuse the use of incinerators if advised by Environmental Health Officers or the Police on grounds of safety.
- d) To create and display signage to remind existing and alert new allotment members to the rules that apply to the use of incinerators bins at the Beversbrook allotment site.

20/16 WESSINGTON PARK PLAY AREA

Members thanked Stuart West (SW) for attending and congratulated him on his report. Members discussed the proposals and agreed that whilst the play equipment is old, it is extremely well used and has lasted well. SW confirmed that the proposed works include a total overhaul of all the existing equipment to include new bearings, chains etc. as well as the provision of new equipment to suit children up to the age of approximately 8 years. He is also proposing a new, separate access into the new play area so that children and their parents do not have to walk through the dog walking area to access the equipment. The existing timber boundary fencing will be replaced with new, slightly higher timber fencing.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds, seconded by Councillor Redmond and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to allocate funds of no more than a total of £45,000 to be taken from:

207-4421 Play Equipment Replacement	£3,000
902-9051 Earmarked Reserves, Children Play Areas	£15,000
902-9057 Earmarked Reserves, Equipment Replacement	£27,000

21/16 STREET CLEANING EQUIPMENT

Members discussed the report and the information contained within. Members questioned whether a machine could be purchased for use only in the town centre with the traditional cart being used for the outlying parts of the town. It was noted however that if the machine was stored at the depot on Anchor Road (the only storage option available), all footpaths leading to the town are not suitably wide enough to accommodate this piece of equipment. Cllr Redmond suggested looking at pop up storage to house the equipment, possibly in the Town Hall car park. Members resolved to leave this with SW to investigate further options in liaison with Dave Phelps, our street cleaner, and update this committee again in the future.

22/16 NEW ALLOTMENT SITE AT MARDEN FARM

Members thanked Shirley Chappell for the update on progress with the adoption of these allotments.

Councillor Denley confirmed that he visited the site and was impressed with the layout and quality of the soil on the plots. He did question where the car parking for the allotments would be and how it would be accessed. It would make sense for there to be a separate access arrangements so that allotment holders do not have to drive through the middle of the residential development to access the site. Councillor Trotman will clarify this detail with planning officers at Wiltshire Council. Members were happy with progress but did note that the plots are very large. They therefore suggested that once the allotments are under our ownership, we look to sub-divide some of the larger plots into smaller plots to allow for a greater variety of choice when renting out.

23/16 CALNE MEDIEVAL FAYRE

Members welcomed and supported the continuation of this event, which enhances the existing programme of community events in the town.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds, seconded by Councillor Redmond and

***UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to grant permission to David and Rebecca Leaning of the White Hart Hotel to use The Green for the purposes of the Calne Medieval Fayre over the weekend of 22nd & 23rd April 2017, with the continued support and guidance of Calne Town Council to ensure proper process is followed throughout the planning stage.*

24/16 CASTLEFIELDS CANAL & RIVER PARK

Members noted the minutes of the meetings.

25/16 CALNE HERITAGE CENTRE TRUST

Members noted the minutes of the meeting.

26/17 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Trotman, seconded by the Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds and

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

This part of the meeting closed at 7.15pm.