

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EAST STREET, WAREHAM AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present: Councillors D Budd (Chairman), D Critchley, K Green, Mrs A Selby, Ms D Adkins, and Mrs J Spooner.

Officers present: Mr R Curtis Town Clerk, Mrs K Richardson Administration Officer.

Others present: Councillors Mrs D Cleaton (Mayor), K Critchley, E Osmond

There were four members of the public present.

**15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

Mrs M Maria Gomez of the Wareham Croquet Club spoke about the condition of the croquet lawn and requested that in future years the lawn be fenced off whilst other events are taking place such as the funfair. They also raised concerns about the amount of the lawn fee charged by the Town Council.

**16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mr M Wiggins - prior engagement.

**17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received

**18. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011 AT 7.00 PM.**

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:

Line 4 – Remove “K Critchley” from members present and record as “Others Present – Councillor K Critchley”.

**19. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

Minute 80 – Line marking Machinery – The Administration Officer reported that no progress had been made on this item.

Minute 8 – Conversion of Toilet Area –Town Hall – The Committee agreed that this needed to form a separate agenda item for the next meeting and requested that a report be prepared in advance.

**20. HAUSES FIELD –COMMUNITY PICNIC**

Sue Allen Assistant Curator of Wareham Parish submitted a request to be allowed to use Hauses Field to hold a Community Picnic on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August. If the weather permits it is intended to set up a barbecue and run family games such as rounders and a bouncy castle. Any charges made would be to cover costs only.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that agreement be given to the Community Picnic subject to satisfactory insurance cover.

**21. APPLIED SWEEPER**

The Town Clerk reported that the Lengthsman had attended a training session at Purbeck District Council and had reported back on several concerns:

- It was too big for the Town Council trailer.
- It will not fit into the rear yard.
- It leaks oil and water.
- There are doubts about its efficiency.
- It does not clean road gutters.
- There are doubts over its reliability.

Councillor Ms D Adkins proposed that the offer of the sweeper be declined, seconded by Councillor Mrs J Spooner.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that the offer of the sweeper from Purbeck District Council be declined.

**22. DOG WASTE BIN – WAREHAM COMMON - NEAR WEST MILL LANE**

The Town Clerk reported that the dog waste bin for West Mill Lane and two litter bins for Hauses Field had been ordered. It was also reported that Purbeck District Council had confirmed that the two waste bins located adjacent to the railway station bus stop were the property of Wareham Town Council and as such could be moved to the sward.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk take appropriate action to relocate one waste bin onto the sward.

**23. WAREHAM RECREATION GROUND – FACILITIES FOR WAREHAM RANGERS FC**

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr McManus Chairman of the Wareham Rangers Football Club regarding previous emails that had been received by the Town Council requesting improved facilities for

supporters. The Football Club Chairman apologised for any misunderstandings that had arisen however the Football Club would not be pursuing any additional facilities at this time. The Town Clerk also reported that repairs had been carried out to the football pitch turf which would result in an improved pitch in time for the new season in September.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that the Committee accept the actions of the Town Clerk.

**24. PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION –TOWN HALL**

The Town Clerk reported that he had agreed with the paranormal investigation group that they could hold an investigation on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and that Councillor and Mrs D Critchley had agreed to be present.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that the Committee agreed to the date subject to the Town Clerk being satisfied with the group's references.

**25. WAREHAM CROQUET CLUB**

The Chairman reported that the Wareham Croquet Club had requested a reduction in the fees charged for the use of the croquet lawns at the Recreation Ground. At present the fees charged were higher than the equivalent fees charged for football and cricket. Only eight people can use a croquet lawn at any one time. The Chairman proposed that a fee of £9 per lawn per session be charged to equate with the fees charged to play cricket.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that the Committee agreed to reduce the charges made for the use of the croquet lawns to £9 per lawn per session.

**26. ROSPA PLAY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported that he had received the annual ROSPA report on the Town Council's play areas. A number of items had been identified as low or medium risk. The BMX area had received a high risk assessment. It was confirmed that the caretaker undertakes a weekly check of the play equipment.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that:

The Town Clerk be authorised to take any necessary actions to address the issues identified beginning with medium and high risk items.

**27. WAREHAM RECREATION GROUND – TENNIS COURTS: GOAL FORCE UNIT and TARMAC SURFACING**

- a) The Town Clerk reported that Record RSS had installed the new Goal Force unit at the Recreation Ground tennis court. The company had charged a delivery charge of £250 which had been agreed with the

Premises Working Party. Two posts remained in the surface relating to previous use as a tennis court and the Caretaker and Lengthsman had been asked to remove and make good the surface.

- b) The Town Clerk reported that a bid was being prepared for grant funding for renewing the tarmac surface of the tennis courts together with a bid for relining the surface.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk proceed with the application for grant funding.

## **28. HAUSES FIELD FOOTPATH LIGHTING**

The Town Clerk reported that following a discussion with Rod Mainstone at DCC Lighting the costs for installing new street lighting at Hauses Field Footpath could be estimated. As a general rule a street light column was required every 30 metres at an approximate cost of £1,000 each. The cost of trenching/cable laying was an estimated £30-£40 per metre. Mr Mainstone was happy to assist with the design and would be able to prepare a quotation for the work once he was given the distance and number of columns required.

The Chairman offered to produce an approximate cost for the work using a scale plan of the area.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman would produce an approximate cost for the next meeting to see if the scheme is financially feasible.

## **29. ANY OTHER or URGENT ITEMS – FOR REPORT OR FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- a) The Town Clerk reported that PEAT had requested a reduced hire fee for the Corn Exchange and that in consultation with the Premises working Party this had been agreed.
- b) Councillor Mrs A Selby reported that a member of the public had raised the issue of the fairground lorries arriving at the Recreation Ground during the night and disturbing the local residents. The Committee asked for the entry conditions for use of the Recreation Ground be amended to prohibit any night time entry onto the site.
- c) The Town Clerk requested that an item be placed on the next Agenda regarding the Town Hall Chairlift.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee would be held at **7.00pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.22 pm.

.....Chairman