

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27th April 2011 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EAST STREET, WAREHAM AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Councillors D Budd (Chairman), Mrs A Tighe, Mrs A Selby, Mrs P Bowyer-Davis.

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

89. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

None

90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mr K Green- prior engagement and Mr K Critchley –due to illness.

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received

92. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9th MARCH 2011 AT 7.00 PM.

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 9th March 2011 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

93. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th March 2011.

Minute 80 – Line marking Machinery – The Administration Officer reported that there was a delay in purchasing this equipment due to negotiations over the price.

Minute 87 – Houses Field Oak Trees – The Town Clerk reported that the contractor instructed to carry out the work to the trees had advised that the work had to wait until later in the year to avoid any damage to the trees.

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

The Town Clerk reported that the Council had received a request from the Environmental Health Officer at Purbeck District Council to place an additional dog waste bin near West Mill Farm which the District Council would arrange and pay for it to be emptied.

It was:-

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be authorised to purchase a 35 litre bin at an estimated cost of £200.

95. LENGTHSMAN- TASK LIST

The Town Clerk reported that the Lengthsman would be starting work on the 3rd May and would be attending a two day spraying course at the end of May which will be part paid for by Dorset County Council. Dorset Works had notified the Council that the week commencing 16th May had been allocated to carry out weed killing in Wareham, however he was unsure of which area they would be concentrating on.

The Committee agreed that Dorset Works should be directed to the Northmoor Park, Carey and Northport areas of Wareham. The Committee also considered the scope of the work to be undertaken by the Lengthsman.

It was:-

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk pick out the main issues to be dealt with by the Lengthsman and circulate to all members of the Council with a request that they report back any issues they become aware of to the Town Clerk who will then instruct the Lengthsman.

96. SITE VISIT - PURBECK SPORTS CENTRE

The Administration Officer reported that this visit had not yet been arranged.

It was:-

RESOLVED that the visit should be arranged as soon as the new committee members had been appointed following the elections on the 5th May 2011.

97. HAUSES FIELD – BMX AREA

The Town Clerk reported that following a site visit to Hauses Field it had been noted that local youths had dug a hole within the BMX area.

It was:-

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Selby would visit the BMX area and talk to the users regarding health and safety issues of digging holes within the site and a report given to the Town Clerk.

98. CRICKET CLUB NETS - WAREHAM CRICKET CLUB PROJECT

The Cricket Club had made a verbal request to be allowed to secure a portable cricket net set to the tennis court fence.

It was:-

RESOLVED that in principle the Committee agreed to the request subject to Wareham Cricket Club providing details of the equipment including an illustration of the size.

99. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and members of the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

100. HAUSES FIELD – QUOTATIONS FOR PLANTER BOXES

The Town Clerk reported that two written quotations and one verbal quote had been received by the Town Council to provide four planters at Hauses Field.

Fat Leaf Planters	£980.00
Internet Gardener Ltd	£1497.60
Mr Randall (verbal)	£998.00

It was:-

RESOLVED that the Committee agreed to accept the estimate from Fat Leaf and to proceed with the order as soon as possible.

101. ANY OTHER or URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman thanked Councillors Mrs Tighe and Mrs Bowyer-Davis for their contribution to the Amenities Committee over the past years, since they would not be standing in the forthcoming local council election.

101. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee would be held at **7.00pm on Wednesday 8th June 2011** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

.....Chairman