



**Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee
held on Wednesday 29 July via Zoom at 7.00pm.**

Committee Members present: Councillors D Budd (Chairman), V Green (Vice-Chairman), B Ezzard, S Kemp, L Kirk, C Turner

Officers present: V Ricketts, Town Clerk; T Bailey, Operations Manager

74. Election of Chairman

Resolved that Councillor D Budd be elected to the office of Committee Chairman for the 2020/2021 municipal year.

75. Election of Vice-Chairman

Resolved that Councillor V Green be elected to the office of Committee Vice Chairman for the 2020/2021 municipal year.

76. Apologies for absence

An apology had been received by Councillor H Goodinge.

Resolved that the apology for absence be accepted.

77. Declarations of interest

Councillor C Turner declared an interest in Agenda Item 15.

78. Public participation time

The Town Clerk advised that she had received no questions or comments under 'Public Participation' in advance of the meeting.

79. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 5 February 2020 were presented by the Chairman.

Resolved that the minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

80. Consider matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2020.

81. Bench formerly outside the Post Office in North Street

A suitable location for the bench formally outside of the Wareham Post Office was discussed.

Resolved to defer a decision to the next meeting of the Amenities Committee to allow members the time to consider a possible new location.

82. To note decisions made under Delegated Powers

The delegated decisions made between 23 March and 30 June 2020 were noted.

Resolved to formally accept the delegated decisions made between 23 March and 30 June 2020.

83. Amenities capital projects update

A report was received by the Committee updating them on the progress of its projects.

Resolved to note the report and agree actions therein.

84. Any other items the Chairman deems urgent, for report or for the agenda at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee

It was agreed that hiring of the Council Chamber and Corn Exchange would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee and should therefore be an Agenda item.

85. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held at **7.00pm on 9 September 2020**.

86. Confidential session

Resolved that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the nature of the business to be transacted.

87. To discuss the request to use the Recreation Ground for outdoor fitness classes.

A confidential report was presented to the Committee outlining the request to use the Recreation Ground for outdoor fitness classes.

Resolved that due to a number of drawbacks regarding the use of the Recreation ground for outdoor fitness classes, that the request be refused.

88. Request for a memorial bench

A confidential report was presented to the Committee outlining the request to install a memorial bench outside of Sainsburys. It was confirmed that Dorset Council had agreed to the replacement of a bench that was in poor repair with a bench made of recycled materials.

Resolved that the Town Council proceed with the purchase of the memorial bench on behalf of the donor and that Dorset Council would facilitate the installation.

89. Use of the Corn Exchange

A confidential report was presented to the Committee outlining the request by a hirer to consider the use of the Corn Exchange for weekend bookings after publication of the Government Advice on reopening community centres.

The report noted that there were significant expectations within the Government advice as to the cleaning requirements of community centres.

Resolved that the Corn Exchange not be made available for weekend bookings at the present time due to the inability to meet the expectations of the Government advice.