



**Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 17 May 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.**

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

**Officers present:** N Gray, Town Clerk and RFO, G Pettifer, Deputy Clerk

**754. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies.

**755. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**756. Public participation time**

There were two members of the public present who voiced concerns about the possible return of the skate park at Hauses Field and requested that the Committee consider alternative sites away from residential areas.

**757. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting**

Cllr Budd asked that a duplicate 'the' should be removed from Minute no. 699 second paragraph, end of third sentence.

Cllr Goodinge asked that an apostrophe be added to Minute no. 701, to read 'Wareham Men's Shed'.

Subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the previous Amenities Committee meeting held on 5 April 2023 were **APPROVED** as a correct record of the meeting and would be signed by the Chairman following the meeting.

**758. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

Cllr Goodinge asked for an update on the Wareham stones. The Clerk reported that Dorset Highways had given consent for the stones to be erected at the agreed sites and that they were due to be installed by Mr Andrews.

**759. Replacement notice board**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve Option D and install a notice board from Greenbarnes Ltd at a cost of £981.13 plus vat.

**760. Purchase of Dishwasher**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve Option A and purchase a BEKO dishwasher at a cost of £350.00 plus vat, to be installed in the main downstairs kitchen by the grounds team.

**761. Skip Hire at Recreation Ground**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve Option A and hire a 14 yard skip from Wareham & Purbeck Skip Hire at a cost of £393.00 plus vat.

**762. Skate Park**

A general discussion took place regarding the skate park provision and the current status. It was agreed that a skate park was required in Wareham but noted that the regulations regarding the siting of skate parks had changed; Hauses Field did not meet the requirement to have 80 metres between the skate park and any residential property.

The alternative location at the old Middle School site was discussed and Cllr Ezzard reported that Dorset Council was open to discussions about this location and would ensure the matter would be taken further.

The Committee agreed that any new skate park in Wareham would have to be of an outstanding design and quality construction to attract users.

**763. Any other items the Chairman deems urgent**

The Chairman announced that she would be absent from the next meeting and asked Cllr Budd to Chair the meeting, but stated she would be willing to stand as chair when the election of chairman was discussed at that meeting.

**764. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on 28 June 2023.

Chairman..... Date.....