



**Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 28 June 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.**

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

**Officers present:** N Gray, Town Clerk and RFO

Cllr Budd welcomed Cllr Critchley, Cllr Russell and Cllr Humphries to the meeting and invited them to take part in the discussions.

**A 001/23 Election of Chair**

Cllr Budd noted that Cllr V Green had expressed her willingness to stand as Chair of Amenities for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Cllr V Green was proposed by Cllr Budd and seconded by Cllr Kemp.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr V Green be elected as Chair of Amenities for the 2023/24 municipal year.

**A002/23 Appointment of Vice Chair**

Cllr Budd was proposed by Cllr Ezzard and seconded by Cllr Kirk.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Budd be elected as Vice Chair of Amenities for the 2023/24 municipal year.

**A 003/23 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr V Green and Cllr Goodinge.

**A 004/23 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**A 005/23 Public participation time**

There were two members of the public present who spoke regarding the skate park and the need for the new facility to have monitored cameras in situ to prevent crime and disorder, particularly the issues around county lines whereby children are groomed by drug dealers to delivery drugs. Cllr Budd thanked the members of the public and advised that the Clerk would ensure the matter would be included for consideration when the new skate park is being finalised.

**A 006/23 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 17 May 2023 were **APPROVED** and would be signed by the Chairman following the meeting.

**A 007/23 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

The Clerk advised that the wrong dishwasher had been ordered and was therefore being returned. The correct one would be ordered once the refund had been received.

Cllr Ezzard noted the “Wareham Stones” looked excellent and asked that the thanks of the Council were passed on to Mr Andrews. The Clerk advised that the matter would be on the Full Council agenda to ensure formal noting.

**A 008/23      Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) Line Markings**

Members considered the report in respect of the line marking which had faded to almost nothing at the MUGA.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Coast Line Markings Ltd at a cost of £1,240.00 inc VAT, to measure out and repaint the lines at the MUGA.

**A 009/23      Council Chamber Air Conditioning**

Members considered the report and discussed the lack of budget to cover the item. Cllr Critchley noted the matter had been discussed previously and recognised that the hire option utilised by Savers was not a practical solution for the Council Chamber due to noise, size, and the need to have a vent out of a window. The option to have a dual function pump, would be cheaper in the winter months than the current heaters, which were noisy and inefficient, but the fact remained that the options were costly and out of budget which would require recommendation to Policy, Resources and Finance.

Cllr Budd noted the matter should be budgeted for 2024/25 if the Amenities Committee felt it a necessary project.

It was further noted that there were a number of projects which involved large expense and had the potential to be dealt with as a combined project rather than smaller piecemeal projects.

It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to the Buildings Project Working Party with a view to considering the Town Hall required works as one larger project.

**A 010/23      The Quay Emergency Lighting and Wiring**

The Clerk advised that the report was incorrect, and the Deputy Clerk had apologised for the error, however it left the report with only one contractor which may incur further costs once work had commenced due to the lack of detail in the quote.

It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be referred back for further quotes in order for consideration to be given and a decision to be made.

**A 011/23      Howard’s Lane Public Toilets Damp problems and Plumbing**

The Chairman agreed that items 11 and 13 on the agenda be considered together as they were intrinsically linked.

The Clerk noted the matter was a major issue with the toilets fast becoming not fit for purpose due to the damp. The repair of the plumbing may go some way to helping to reduce the damp, but the extent of the damp was unknown and the potential costs to repair could run into several thousands of pounds.

Members considered the initial plumbing work was needed to keep the toilets open for the foreseeable future, with the bigger damp issue needing to be considered as part of a redevelopment project by the Buildings Project Working Party.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint J L Plumbing & Heating at a cost of £430 +VAT to carry out the plumbing repairs in Howards Lane toilets.

It was **RESOLVED** to refer the Howards Lane Toilets damp problem to the Buildings Project Working Party.

**A 012/23 North Street Finger Post**

Cllr Ezzard asked if the signage would be identical as it was previously, which included the Tourist Information, Railway Station and Wareham Forest. The Clerk confirmed it would be a like for like replacement.

Members discussed the budget implication and which budget would fund the repair.

It was **RESOLVED** to APPROVE the repair at a cost of £1,019.40 +VAT by Normtec, and the expense be made from the Town Features and Furniture, General Maintenance budget.

**A 013/23 Town Hall Roof Repairs**

Members considered the report and noted the need to have the work completed to prevent further leaks into the building.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Complete Roofing Solutions at a cost of £886+VAT to carry out the repair work, with the expense being met form the Town Hall maintenance budget.

**A 014/23 Flagpole**

Cllr Russell presented the report noting the various locations and the feasibility of each in respect of crowds of people gathering. The cost of the pole and flag with delivery would be approximately £547.00 but this did not include the planning application and installation.

Members discussed the proposal, and it was **RESOLVED** to defer the matter until budget setting in the Autumn when the Committee could consider it further and decide if it was appropriate to include in the budget for 2024/25.

**A 015/23 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent**

There were no items deemed urgent.

**A 016/23 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 August 2023.

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