



**Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 10 January 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.**

**Committee Members present:** Councillors V Green (Chairman), H Goodinge, S Wheatley, L Kirk, C Turner.

**Officers present:** G Pettifer, Deputy Town Clerk

**A 061/24 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Budd and Cllr Ezzard.

**A 062/24 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**A 063/24 Public participation time**

There were no members of the public present.

**A 064/24 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 13 December 2023 were **APPROVED** and would be signed by the Chairman following the meeting.

**A 065/24 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising.

**A 066/24 Budget for Howards Lane Public Toilets**

The Committee discussed the need to set a budget for the demolition and rebuild of public toilets in Howards Lane as this had not been achieved at the previous meeting. The Committee had resolved to set a budget facility of £5,000 to cover a PWLB loan for the work should Council agree but had not established a project budget sum.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council to approve a total project budget of £100,000, with £40,000 to be taken from the earmarked CIL monies, and the remaining £60,000 to be obtained from a Public Works Loan Board loan.

**A 067/24 Concrete Planters at The Causeway**

The Deputy Clerk gave a verbal report regarding the concrete planters at the Causeway entrance to Wareham and asked for their history. The Committee established that the planters were installed years ago by the late Cllr Osmond and that there would be no objections to them being repainted or replaced by Wareham Community Growers.

**A 068/24 Northmoor Allotment/Wessex Water**

The Deputy Clerk reported that Wessex Water had raised concerns about the state of four water troughs in Northmoor Allotment after conducting an inspection in spring 2023.

As the Council representative for the Allotments, Cllr Cotton was asked to investigate and liaise with the Northmoor Allotment Committee who were alerted to the issue and dealt with it swiftly.

The Amenities Committee thanked Cllr Cotton for her swift and diligent action.

No further action was necessary.

**A 069/24 Amenities Update**

The report on the progress of ongoing projects and updates on work-in-progress concerning Amenities assets and tasks was noted.

**A 070/24 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent**

The Deputy Clerk alerted Councillors to the fence in Northmoor Park, at Burns Road end, being damaged and flat to the ground in some places. The Committee asked the Deputy Clerk to make repair as a matter of urgency and to report to the next meeting for retrospective approval.

There were no other items that were deemed urgent.

**A 071/24 Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on 21 February 2024.

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