



Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 21 February 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

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

Officers present: G Pettifer, Deputy Town Clerk

A 072/24 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

A 073/24 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A 074/24 Public participation time

There were no members of the public present.

A 075/24 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 10 January 2024 were **APPROVED** and would be signed by the Chairman following the meeting.

A 076/24 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

A 077/24 Broken Fence – Northmoor Park

It was **RESOLVED** to retrospectively approve the £1,545.00 spend to replace the damaged fence and gate in Hauses Field, Northmoor Park.

A 078/24 Community Salt Bin, Courtenay Close

After a lengthy discussion, it was **RESOLVED** not to install a community salt bin in Courtenay Close.

The Committee agreed that its use would be infrequent, restricted to a small number of residents, and that there was no budget for this facility. Residents could purchase a bin at their own cost and locate it on private property.

A 079/24 Northmoor Allotment/Wessex Water

The Committee **NOTED** the report from the Deputy Clerk confirming a successful inspection of Northmoor Allotments by Wessex Water Regulators.

A 080/24 Dorset Council Asset Transfer Application

The Deputy Clerk gave a verbal update on the Community Asset Transfer Application for the playing fields on the former middle school site and explained that the future of the playing fields had been on hold within the Assets and Regeneration service while the use of the main site was considered. As Dorset Council now had a plan and timescale for the development of the main site, the Town Council's interest in the playing fields would be considered.

A 081/24 Grass Management – 2024/25

The Committee considered the quotes for grass management and maintenance at the Recreation Ground and Hauses Field.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Contractor A (Wessex Ground Services) at a cost of £4,110.23+vat for 2024/25.

A 082/24 Public Consultation on Martyn’s Law

The Committee **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Clerk the Council’s response to the Government consultation on proposed new laws regarding preparedness to terrorism in public venues.

A 083/24 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no other items that were deemed urgent.

A 084/24 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on **10 APRIL 2024**.

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