



Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on TUESDAY 11 February 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.30pm.

Committee Members present: Councillors V Green (Chairman), S Wheatley (Vice Chairman), M Cotton, K Critchley, I Davey, M Hill, L Kirk, D Robinson

Officers present: Sam Dickins, Deputy Town Clerk, K Babbs, Admin Officer

A 041/25 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

A 042/25 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A 043/25 Public participation time

There were no members of the public present.

A 044/25 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Tuesday 8 October 2024 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman following the meeting.

A 045/25 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

A 046/25 Portable Pressure Washer Equipment Purchase

Members considered the purchase a Portable Pressure Washer for the Town Council Grounds operative team.

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase Comet 120l Wheelbarrow Tank Pressure Washer from Agratech NW Ltd at a cost of £1315.00 (excl. VAT) to be taken from the Vehicles – Machinery and Equipment budget.

A 047/25 Recreation Ground Bench Placement

Members considered the report regarding selecting a location for a refurbished bench at the Recreation Ground.

It was **RESOLVED** to select "Location 2" due to its central location, which is located on the far side of the recreation ground adjacent to Streche Road, with the possibility of adding additional benches in the future.

A 048/25 Wareham Wednesdays Bonfire Night Fireworks

The Deputy Clerk gave a verbal report following the success of the bonfire and fireworks event outlining operational considerations for potential future iterations.

Cllr Critchley noted concerns regarding potential historical restrictions regarding entry charges for events on the Recreation Field. The Deputy Clerk noted the Clerk had thoroughly reviewed the deeds and conveyances for the land and no such restrictions were in place.

A 049/25 Notice Board at Wareham Railway Station

Cllr Green noted her thanks for the Grounds Operative Team for installing the new Notice Board.

Cllr Critchley noted the need to install paving slabs to prevent grass damage from residents reading the notice board.

It was **RESOLVED** to retrospectively approve the additional spend of £302.70 for the purchase of the Notice Board sited at the junction of Bere Road and Carey Approach to be taken from Town Features and Furniture – General Maintenance.

A 050/25 Wareham Town Council Grass Cutting Contract 2025-2025

Members considered the report noting the need to select a contractor to carry out grass and hedge cutting, strimming and ditch flailing at the Recreation Ground and Hauses Field.

It was **RESOLVED** that Contractor C (Countrywide Ground Maintenance) be selected to carry out grass and hedge cutting, strimming and ditch flailing at the Recreation Ground and Hauses Field at a cost of £4000 per annum for a one-year contract.

A 051/25 Removal of benches outside The Red Lion Hotel, North Street

Members considered the request from the owner of The Red Lion Hotel.

It was **RESOLVED** to progress with the removal of the two benches and delegate the arrangements for an alternative, suitable location to be identified to the Town Clerk.

A 052/25 Purchase of Self-Watering Planters for The Town Hall

Members considered the report to purchase self-watering planters for The Town Hall in readiness for the summer planting season.

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase 6 planters from Amberol to match the self-watering planters through town at a cost of £996.75 (excl. VAT) to be taken from the Wareham in Bloom reserve.

A 053/25 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no items deemed urgent.

A 054/25 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.*

A 055/25 Howards Lane Toilet Tender

Cllr Green welcomed Cllr Dean and Cllr Budd from The Building Steering Project Group to the meeting to aid in discussion.

Members considered the tender submissions in line with members' scored marking criteria.

It was **RESOLVED** to select Tender 1 as a recommendation to Full Council for approval.

A 056/25 Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no items deemed urgent.

A 057/25

Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held Tuesday 15 April 2025 on the rising of the Planning and Transport Committee.

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