



**Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee  
held on Wednesday 29 July via Zoom at 7.00pm.**

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

**Officers present:** V Ricketts, Town Clerk; T Bailey, Operations Manager

**74. Election of Chairman**

**Resolved** that Councillor D Budd be elected to the office of Committee Chairman for the 2020/2021 municipal year.

**75. Election of Vice-Chairman**

**Resolved** that Councillor V Green be elected to the office of Committee Vice Chairman for the 2020/2021 municipal year.

**76. Apologies for absence**

An apology had been received by Councillor H Goodinge.

**Resolved** that the apology for absence be accepted.

**77. Declarations of interest**

Councillor C Turner declared an interest in Agenda Item 15.

**78. Public participation time**

The Town Clerk advised that she had received no questions or comments under 'Public Participation' in advance of the meeting.

**79. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 5 February 2020 were presented by the Chairman.

**Resolved** that the minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**80. Consider matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2020.

**81. Bench formerly outside the Post Office in North Street**

A suitable location for the bench formally outside of the Wareham Post Office was discussed.

**Resolved** to defer a decision to the next meeting of the Amenities Committee to allow members the time to consider a possible new location.

**82. To note decisions made under Delegated Powers**

The delegated decisions made between 23 March and 30 June 2020 were noted.

**Resolved** to formally accept the delegated decisions made between 23 March and 30 June 2020.

**83. Amenities capital projects update**

A report was received by the Committee updating them on the progress of its projects.

**Resolved** to note the report and agree actions therein.

**84. Any other items the Chairman deems urgent, for report or for the agenda at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee**

It was agreed that hiring of the Council Chamber and Corn Exchange would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee and should therefore be an Agenda item.

**85. 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 September 2020**.

**86. 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.

**87. To discuss the request to use the Recreation Ground for outdoor fitness classes.**

A confidential report was presented to the Committee outlining the request to use the Recreation Ground for outdoor fitness classes.

**Resolved** that due to a number of drawbacks regarding the use of the Recreation ground for outdoor fitness classes, that the request be refused.

## **88. Request for a memorial bench**

A confidential report was presented to the Committee outlining the request to install a memorial bench outside of Sainsburys. It was confirmed that Dorset Council had agreed to the replacement of a bench that was in poor repair with a bench made of recycled materials.

**Resolved** that the Town Council proceed with the purchase of the memorial bench on behalf of the donor and that Dorset Council would facilitate the installation.

## **89. Use of the Corn Exchange**

A confidential report was presented to the Committee outlining the request by a hirer to consider the use of the Corn Exchange for weekend bookings after publication of the Government Advice on reopening community centres.

The report noted that there were significant expectations within the Government advice as to the cleaning requirements of community centres.

**Resolved** that the Corn Exchange not be made available for weekend bookings at the present time due to the inability to meet the expectations of the Government advice.