

LYTCHETT MINSTER & UPTON TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** was held on **TUESDAY 28 February 2023** which commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr M Pryor (in the chair)
Councillor F H Drane
Councillor R Griffin
Councillor J Sheldon
Councillor P Thompson
Councillor C Squires

Also in attendance: Mrs K Cane, Town Clerk
Mrs K Osborne, Deputy Town Clerk

323/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no declarations of interest and apologies for absence from Councillor M Chase (ill health), Councillor S McKell (personal), Councillor Mrs D White (unwell), Councillor K Austin (family commitments) and Councillor W T Pipe (work commitments).

324/23 CLERKS REPORT:

- a) **Minute 30/22 Amenities Forward Plan Review 2018/2023.** Enquiries have been made with Dorset Council and ARC regarding land parcels and no response has yet been received despite chasing. Officers and Members are attending the Dorset Council Networking Event so the DC owned land parcels can be raised with relevant officers here. ARC have been contacted again.
- b) **Minute 289/23** Contact has been made with two companies with CSAS trained personnel requesting site visits of the parade route to discuss options. This will feed into a final options appraisal. Despite chasing, no contact has been made. It was agreed to invite representatives from the RBL to the next meeting so that they can input into the planning of the 2023 event.
- c) **Minute 290/23/Warbler Park Play Area/Skatepark** A play specialist consultant has been contacted and will be meeting the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk on 8 March 2023. A report will be presented at the next meeting.

325/23 CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

326/23 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR CELEBRATING KING CHARLES III CORONATION.

The report was considered by members and the contents therein endorsed. It was additionally suggested that a hog roast should be provided, the cost of which to be subsidised by the Town Council.

It was therefore **PROPOSED**, **SECONDED** and **RECOMMENDED** to decorate the Town and organise a community picnic at the Recreation Ground on Sunday 7 May 2023 from 12 noon – 4 pm. Volunteers will be required to support this event. It was noted that in the event of wet weather the event will need to be cancelled.

327/23 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON REMEDIAL WORKS AT THE GROVE/PAVILION

A verbal report was given to members. The following works had been undertaken:

- 5 year electrical safety inspection.
- Ridge tiles on The Grove roof repaired.
- Asbestos testing results returned – no asbestos in damaged ceiling
- The Outside Operations Team have repaired holes in the pavilion roof and consequently the leaking into mess room appears to have ceased.
- Coping stones re-secured.

Members were appraised of the quotation to bring in a temporary site office to accommodate the Outside Operations Team, however the quotation was excessive. It was agreed to get a quotation for refurbishment of the Mess Room, and to continue to search for a second hand site office to purchase.

328/23 TO APPRAISE MEMBERS OF BOUNDARY ISSUES AT THE ALLOTMENT SITE

The report regarding the issue with the concrete poles holding the north east fencing around the perimeter of the site was received. It was noted that the Lees Estate land agent was meeting with the team next week to discuss access and other issues.

It was **PROPOSED**, **SECONDED** and **RECOMMENDED** to carry out necessary remedial repairs in-house up to a maximum of £2,000 expenditure.

329/23 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON TOWN AMENITIES

Allotments:

It has been agreed that Upton in Bloom can utilise the Town Council polytunnel within the compound at the allotment site for the purposes of cultivating plants for use within the Town.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

There is an ongoing issue with people exercising their dogs on the Recreation Ground. Efforts will be undertaken to remedy this by reviewing notices on site and reminding people via social media.

Cemetery:

There has been some tree work completed, but more is required.

Quotes will be obtained with regards to resurfacing the car park area.

Fly-tipping continues to present a problem and cameras will be installed to address this situation.

Redwood Road Play Area:

Members were advised that this play area is looking bare due to having had to remove items of play due to safety issues.

A play scheme was shown to members which was on special offer, and a meeting with the provider has been arranged to see whether it would be suitable. Cllr Thompson and Mrs Pryor advised they would attend.

Warbler Park Play Area / Skatepark:

A play specialist is visiting on 7/3/23 to meet with the Deputy Clerk to look at this site and all other play areas.

Recreation Ground Play Areas:

Nothing to report.

330/23 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

Members noted the contents.

331/23 ITEMS OF REPORT AND MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

An agenda item to consider restricting burials in the Cemetery to local residents only will be discussed to address capacity issues.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.01pm.

Chair.....

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