



Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 24 November 2021 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

Committee Members present: Councillors D Budd (Chairman), V Green (Vice Chairman), B Ezzard, H Goodinge, S Kemp, C Turner

Officers present: K Noble, Deputy Town Clerk; T Bailey, Operations Manager

294. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

295. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

296. Public participation time

There were 6 members of the public present, including a representative of Sustainable Wareham. There was concern from members of the public that there were no plans to install fast chargers (ie 50kw). Sustainable Wareham would like to offer its support in putting in the most efficient EV chargers.

297. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 13 October 2021 were presented by the Chairman.

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

298. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Minute 198 – Dorset Councillor Ezzard confirmed that Streche Road Car Park was not available for electric vehicle charging, as it is not owned by Dorset Council and therefore not eligible for the scheme. Charging points will be installed in Bonnets Lane Car Park.

The Operations Manager confirmed that the work to the fuse boards was scheduled to be undertaken in mid-December.

Minute 202 – A Councillor enquired if there was any further information on the area behind the bus shelter on the Northmoor side of the Train Station. It was confirmed that this was still being looked into by Planning Enforcement.

At this juncture it was agreed to change the order of business so agenda item 6, budget setting 2022/23, could be considered after the car parking tariffs item.

299. Electric Vehicle Charging Points

The Deputy Town Clerk presented the report on electric vehicle charging points and was disappointed to not be able to offer any further information, due to the installers lead officer being on jury service.

A Councillor commented on the member of public's query regarding the speed of charging points and it was confirmed that faster chargers could be an option, however, there was a concern raised that the higher charged options might not be available due to a potential overload on the network.

Resolved that the recommendation be accepted to agree, in principle, to install electric charging points in Howard's Lane Car Park through the Central Southern Regional Framework for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, subject to a further fully detailed report on the project being presented to the Committee for consideration.

300. Car Parking Tariffs

The Chairman presented the report on aligning car parking tariffs with Dorset Council.

Resolved that a recommendation be put to Full Council that the Town Council falls in-line with the Dorset Council and apply the same tariffs.

	30 minutes	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours	4 hours
	£0.50	£1.00	£1.50	£2.20	£3.50

301. Budget Setting 2022/23

The Deputy Town Clerk presented the draft budget. It was noted that income was hoped to improve, due to the lifting of COVID 19 restrictions.

Resolved that the draft amenities budget of £155,650 be recommended to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for approval.

302. Howard's Lane Car Park

The Chairman made the Committee aware of an ongoing problem with the drainage in Howards Lane Car Park. There was further discussion as to whether the £1,500 Howards Lane drains reserve be used to investigate the cause.

Resolved to recommend to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee that the reserve be used for further investigation into the Howards Lane Car Park drainage system.

303. Recreation Project Update

The Deputy Clerk updated the Committee that the Council were awaiting the results of the public consultation before the project can be progressed any further. A report will be presented to Full Council on 14 December.

304. Northmoor Wildlife Haven

The Council were approached by the Northmoor Wildlife Haven Group, who work as a community-based project to tend to the haven at Hauses Field, for funding for compost, plants and general maintenance. It was noted what a wonderful job the group do and their endeavours were much appreciated by the public and the Town Council.

Resolved that the funding request of £300 be approved.

305. Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no other items deemed urgent by the Chairman.

306. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on 2 February 2022.

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

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