



**Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 16 March 2022 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, S Kemp, C Turner.

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

**406. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors H Goodinge and L Kirk.

**407. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**408. Public participation time**

There were four members of the public present. A member of public spoke in support of Sustainable Wareham and the subject of electric charging points. The number of properties in Wareham that would not have the facility to charge their cars was noted, along with the number of visitors to the area. It was hoped that rapid chargers would be installed in favour of the slower charges.

**409. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 24 November 2021 were presented by the Chairman.

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

**410. Informal Meeting Notes**

Notes of the informal meeting held on 2 February 2022 were received by Members.

**411. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising from the last meeting of 24 November 2021 and 2 February 2022.

**412. Budget Comparison Report**

The latest budget comparison report for the 2021/22 was received by Members. The Acting Town Clerk made the Committee aware that she would be meeting with the Operations Manager to look at projects that had not been completed so that the Policy, Resources & Finance Committee could consider earmarking this expenditure for the following year.

**413. Buildings Project Group**

Members were updated following the inaugural meeting of the Building Project Working Party. It had been agreed to recommend to Policy, Resources and

Finance that a structural survey be commissioned to provide further information on the condition of the Town Hall and Annex.

**414. Wheeled Park Survey Results**

The results of the public consultation were presented to Members. It was suggested that perhaps a skate park on a smaller scale for younger children at Hauses Field might be more appropriate for such a residential area. It was also felt that Dorset Council may be amenable to allowing part of the former middle school playing fields to be used for a skate park.

The Chairman considered the results of the survey, along with several pieces of communication that had been received and felt it was important to evaluate other options to site a skate park where it would not have a detrimental effect on residents.

**Resolved** that whilst the Committee supported a wheeled park, they could not support reinstating it at Hauses Field. An alternative location would be investigated.

**415. Building Condition Survey**

Further to a meeting of the Building Project Working party, a survey of the building was proposed.

**Resolved** to recommend to Policy, Resources and Finance to earmark up to £6,000 to cover the cost of a full structural survey.

**416. Play Areas Refurbishment Project - Project Management**

It was proposed that a decision be deferred on the project management of the project, in order to review the tender documents.

**Resolved** that a decision be deferred on the project management until the completed tender documents had been evaluated.

**417. Operations Update**

The Operations Manager updated Members on planned work and work completed to date.

**418. Customer Service/Visitor Hub Update**

The Acting Town Clerk advised Members that construction of the Customer Service/Visitor Information Hub had been delayed due to a number of issues, including building regulations. Officers were looking into how the project could be progressed and would report to Council as necessary.

**419. Any other items the Chairman deems urgent**

There were no matters of urgency.

**420. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held at **7.00pm on 27 April 2022.**

**421. 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.*

**422. Electrical Vehicle charging points**

The Contract for the electric vehicle charging point was presented to Members. It was suggested that a solicitor check the contract before signing.

**Resolved** that legal advice be sought prior to signing the contract.

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