



**Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 27 July 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.**

**Committee Members present:** Councillors V Green (Chair), B Ezzard, H Goodinge, S Kemp, C Turner.

Councillor Russell was also in attendance.

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

**188. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Budd and Kirk.

**189. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interests.

At this juncture it was agreed to move the Jurassic Fibre presentation until later in the meeting, due to the late arrival of the representatives.

**190. Public participation time**

There were no public in attendance. Three representatives from Jurassic Fibre joined the meeting for item 194.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 8 June 2022 were presented by the Chairman.

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

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

There were no matters arising.

**193. Operations update**

The Operations Manager updated Members on various issues. A copy of the report was appended to these Minutes.

Members were also advised that the date for installation of the electric vehicle charging points had yet to be confirmed, but this was being chased.

**194. Presentation by Jurassic Fibre on full fibre rollout**

Representatives from Jurassic Fibre gave a presentation about the company and the aims of providing a full fibre network in Wareham.

To provide the service to the town, without installing numerous small cabinets along the street, the company would like to install a Point of Presence (POP) site on Town Council land and details of the agreement were explained. Several questions were asked and answered.

The Chair thanked the representatives for the informative presentation.

(The Jurassic Fibre representatives and Councillor Russell left the meeting at this juncture).

**195. Northmoor Allotments fencing**

The Operations Manager gave an overview of the report.

**Resolved** that £500 was allocated to the Allotments Association towards the replacement of the fence and that the Acting Town Clerk, in consultation with Committee Chair, agreed the budget allocation from within existing budgets.

**196. Winter planting**

Members of the Committee took this opportunity to express their thanks and appreciation to the staff for the particularly wonderful flower displays in the town.

**Resolved** that a maximum of £1,500 was allocated from the tree survey budget 3860, for the purchase of materials for the winter planting.

**197. Play areas refurbishment update**

The public consultation event was taking place on Saturday 30 July at 10.30 am – 12.30 pm in the Corn Exchange.

An extraordinary meeting was to be held on Friday 5 August 2022 at 11 am to agree the final designs.

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

The Chair informed Members that there had been some issues at the Recreation Ground during the Carnival and a report would be considered at the October meeting.

There had been a significant amount of graffiti at Hauses Field and the Recreation Ground, which was of great concern especially with the refurbishment of the play areas taking place soon. It was agreed that an article highlighting this issue would be included in the next edition of the Tower Chimes.

**199. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that an Extraordinary meeting of the Amenities Committee would be held at **11.00 am on 5 August 2022** and then the next scheduled meeting of the Amenities Committee would be held at **7.00 pm on 7 September 2022**.

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



## Operations Manager's Report Amenities Committee – 27 July 2022

### Howards Lane toilets

There have been several occurrences of excrement and vomit being found outside the entrance ways to the three toilets at Howards Lane. A gate that prevents entry to the alleys will combat this and will also provide additional security and health and safety mitigation for the Public Conveniences Caretaker. Costs for this are being investigated and will be presented to the Amenities Committee in due course.

### The Quay doors

New doors, frames and locks have now been fitted and are a vast improvement. The opportunity was taken, during the closure, to do a deep clean of the public conveniences.

### Disabled bay

Relocation of disabled bays is on hold until the end of the summer holidays, due to the demand on spaces.

### Quay toilets - flat roof

Quotes are in the process of being obtained for the repair required to the corner section of the flat roof. A report will be forthcoming at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.

### Building survey

The Building Survey for the Town Hall, Annexe and the Pavilion was carried out on Tuesday 19 July. At the time, there appeared to be nothing of a significant nature that required immediate attention. The report was expected by the 1 August, all being well.

### Final check at 2 Mill Lane

A meeting had taken place with the Building Contractor to sign off the final payment of £1,231.40. The roofing project was a success and there were no issues. There is one broken tile on the section of roof that was repaired initially but we have been advised that more damage could be caused in trying to replace it, so bearing in mind that it is only half a tile and it is still water tight, it would be better to leave it as it is and keep a watch on it.

### Street furniture

The painting of the benches around the town will be started soon, but areas such as the Quay will be delayed until after the summer holidays.

### Summer planting

The summer planting has been very well received by members of the public. Watering continues by the Operations Team in the early hours of the morning and was fairly intensive

during the recent extremely hot spell, but the results and the compliments to the team have been very motivational.

The winter plants are on order.

The Quay toilets – external rendering

Rendering of the Quay toilets is planned for early October, after the holidays and after the flowers are removed from the wall.

Drains in Howards Lane Car Park

This work has been unavoidably delayed due to other projects, but it is fully anticipated that it would happen as soon as there is less demand on the car park. The end of September was looking likely.

No entry signs

The upright signs have been rotated as much as is allowed and will hopefully be more noticeable. The road marking 'No Entry' sign will be upgraded as soon as possible.