



Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 18 May 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

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

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

Mr Carter from Sports and Play Consulting was also in attendance.

558. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Ezzard and Goodinge.

559. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

560. Public participation time

There were no members of the public present.

561. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 27 April 2022 were presented by the Chairman.

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

562. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There were no matters arising.

563. Replacement of machinery

Members considered the Operations Managers report for a replacement lawn mower. Three quotations had been received.

Resolved that Quotation C be approved for the purchase of a Toro 76cm turf master lawn mower at a cost of £1,495 + VAT.

564. Terms and Conditions for the hire of the Recreation Ground

The Operations Manager stated that a request had been received from the Carnival Committee to allow vehicle movement on the Recreation Ground until 11 pm on 22 – 24 July 2022, instead of 10 pm.

Resolved that the request be approved for vehicles to enter/leave the Recreation Ground until 11 pm on 22 – 24 July 2022 only.

565. Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

Councillor Green gave Members an update following a meeting with Michael Tomlinson MP, following concerns raised by residents regarding the wheeled park.

All background information was explained to Mr Tomlinson, and he understood the complexities of the situation. Mr Tomlinson agreed to support the Council in finding a location for a facility to be constructed and to advise of any grant funding opportunities.

566. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on 8 June 2022.

567. 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.*

568. Play Area Tenders

Mr Carter gave an overview of the project, details of the tenders received, and criteria used to evaluate the submissions.

It was agreed to consider the preferred design for each area. A lengthy evaluation of each design took place and many questions raised were answered by Mr Carter, with suggested amendments and options to be considered.

A public consultation will take place for feedback and Mr Carter will attend to answer any questions.

Resolved that the four preferred suppliers are approved in principle, subject to agreed conditions.

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