



Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

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

Officers present: N Gray, Town Clerk and RFO; G Pettifer, Deputy Clerk

510. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S Kemp, due to ill health.

511. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

512. Public participation time

A member of the public was present and spoke on behalf of Wareham Cricket Club in respect of a replacement cricket wicket, access to the Recreation Ground entrance gate combination padlock, and the review of Terms & Conditions for the Recreation Ground pavilion building and outdoor facilities.

513. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 30th November 2022 were **APPROVED** as correct record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

514. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

458. Cllr Ezzard asked for an update on the EV Charging Points. The Clerk informed her that JoJu, contractors for Dorset Council, had requested to start work in Howards Lane Car Park on 12 January 2023.

457. The Committee asked the Deputy Clerk to report to the next Amenities meetings about the progress of The Quay public toilets external wall.

515. The Quay Gents Toilet Door

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the repair and reinstallation of the Quay Toilets gentleman's toilet cubicle door at a cost of £190.

516. Outdoor Table Tennis Facility

The Committee discussed the request at length, particularly in the wider context of recreational development at Hauses Field and the budget implications.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk undertake community consultation regarding the demand and uptake for outdoor tennis provision from residents and to correspond with the member of public who had requested the outdoor table tennis table advising of the action being taken.

517. Review of Town Hall and Recreation Ground hire facilities' Terms & Conditions

The Committee reviewed the Terms & Conditions for the Town Hall's facilities, Recreation Ground Pavilion building and outdoor facilities, correcting typographical errors, clause numbering and clarifying terms.

It was **RESOLVED** that Wareham Cricket Club be charged on a per season basis, rather than per match to assist with the cancellation issues at short notice which incurred charges.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk make budget provision for a replacement cricket wicket in the 2024/25 budget.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Cricket Club be given access to the Recreation Ground entrance gate combination padlock to provide for emergency vehicle access if required.

518. Review of Council security

The Clerk reported that due to safety issues steps had been taken to secure the Town Hall building by changing the locks to the main entrances; locks on the Caretaker’s Office and the main kitchen (which would henceforth be available for hire). This action had been taken under the Financial Regulations allowances for Chair of relevant Committee and Clerk decision and would be facilitated from the Town Hall Maintenance Budget (3100/7).

The Clerk requested the Committee grant retrospective approval for openness and transparency.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee grant retrospective approval for the locks to be changed and expenditure to be facilitated by the Town Hall maintenance budget (3100/7).

519. Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

There were no items deemed urgent.

520. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on 22nd February 2022.

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