



**Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 21 October 2020 via Zoom at 7.00pm.**

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

**Officers present:** V Ricketts, Town Clerk; T Bailey, Committee Clerk

**Non-Committee Members present:** Councillor M Humphries

**232. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**233. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**234. Public participation time**

There were no members of the public present.

**235. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee held 9 September 2020 were presented by the Chairman.

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

**236. Consider matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2020.

**237. Budget Comparison**

The Chairman presented the budget comparison report and the revised budget.

**Resolved** to note the budget comparison report and the supplementary revised budget that had been distributed.

**238. 2 Mill Lane – An update**

Further to a meeting of the Working Party on 23 September 2020, the Operations Manager was asked to contact a selection of Surveyors with experience in listed buildings in order to establish a level of interest. The Operations Manager was able

to update the Committee that a number of surveyors, with listed building experience, had been contacted and whilst each company was extremely busy, they would welcome the opportunity to receive further information.

**Resolved** that the Operations Manager would contact the surveyors with further information on the project and request a fee proposal. Once in receipt of the required information, the Operations Manager would notify the Working Party to arrange a meeting in order that they may be updated.

### 239. Locations of benches

Further to the donation of a memorial bench to be placed outside Sainsburys, the relocation of the old bench was considered. The Operations Manager had surveyed the proposed site of Shatters Hill in Wareham and been in touch with Dorset Council to ascertain what the cost would be to re-site the old bench. Confirmation had been received from Dorset Council that they would be prepared to re-site the bench, when installing the new bench, at a cost of £504.00. The Committee confirmed that agreement could be given to proceed with this and that the funding would come from the Street Furniture budget.

The location of a second bench was also discussed and it was agreed that this would be sited in its original location adjacent to the post office. The Operations Manager would arrange for it to be removed from storage as soon as was practical and arrange for the Operations Officer to carry out the refixing of the bench.

**Resolved** that Dorset Council, when installing the new memorial bench, would resite the old bench to Shatters Hill in Wareham at a cost of £504. The budget required for this work would be taken from Street Furniture (2300/4). The second bench would be returned to its original location adjacent to the Post Office and it was anticipated that this work could be carried out by the Operations Officer.

### 240. Gateway Stones

Further to the confirmation of S106 money from Bloor Homes in relation to the Westgate project, the commissioning of two large pieces of Purbeck stone had been approved by the Town Council through the Planning and Transport Committee. A design had been agreed whereby the stone would be engraved by a local stonemason at the Burngate Stone Carving Centre.

It was noted that the stones were now ready to be transported back to Wareham and as such Peter Andrews of Andrews Plant Hire had been contacted to assist with this.

Further to a discussion regarding where to install the stones, it was agreed that the originally proposed sites be confirmed. The 'Welcome to Wareham' stone would be placed on the Westgate side, facing the Worgret roundabout and the 'Wareham' stone would be sited on the Purbeck School side facing Wareham town.

**Resolved** that the Operations Manager contact Peter Andrews to confirm the sites and ask that the stones be transported and installed at his earliest convenience. Any budget required would be taken from General Maintenance (2300/3).

**241. Town Hall Refurbishment**

Members considered the refurbishment of the Town Hall and the possibility of a public works loan to cover the costs and further considered appointing a working party to take this matter further.

**Resolved** that no further action be taken at this time.

**242. Town Council play areas**

Members considered the replacement of play areas at Drax Avenue, Mistover Road, Hauses Field and the Recreation Ground and the possibility of a public works loan to cover the costs and further considered appointing a working party to take this matter forward.

**Resolved** that a report be prepared, to cover the initial scope of the project.

**243. Waste Collection by Council staff**

Members considered the health and safety implications associated with the way that waste was currently carried in the Council owned van and explored alternative options.

**Resolved** that a report be prepared outlining the options available and the associated costs.

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

The Chairman raised an item, which had been requested by a Member. The Officers advised that this matter had been considered by the Amenities Committee in January 2020 and that it had been agreed that no further action could be taken.

**245. Date of next meeting**

To note the date of the next meeting, which is scheduled for **2 December 2020** at **7pm**.