



A meeting of the Amenities Committee will be held on Tuesday 14th June 2022 at the Town Council Offices, 28 Vicarage Road Verwood after the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Apologies for absence should be given to the Town Clerk prior to the Meeting.


Ms. Carrie Lloyd
Town Clerk
7th June 2022

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman
2. Election of Vice Chairman
3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held 8th March 2022
4. To receive Declarations of Interest, Request for Dispensations and Apologies for Absence.
5. **Public Questions:** In accordance with Standing Order No. 1(e) – 1(l) a period not exceeding fifteen minutes is set aside for Members of the Public to make representations, answer questions or give evidence at a meeting not exceeding 3 minutes per person. No response nor debate is required on the night.

6. Allotments – nothing to report at present

7. Cemetery:-

(i) To consider the following request from a resident;

“I have been advised I write to you with my complaint. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the restrictions with the cemetery gates. I drive a van, it's my only form of transport, I don't drive a second vehicle. When I visit the cemetery, I am greeted by no access, and have to take a second best option of either parking in front of the gates, or on the housing development opposite the cemetery. Neither of these options are ideal, and I feel the lack of access is discriminative to anyone owning a larger vehicle. Further, one of my parents is buried at the cemetery, and I find the restriction utterly disrespectful. I have been informed of the apparent reasons for bolting the gates at an angle, however, neither reason is valid, simply because that's a risk presented to every town council throughout England.”

8. Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces:-

a) To consider the request from a resident;

“Having noticed that the council has recently put efforts into improving the recreational area (painting the shelter for older kids, the football goal and fixing the

fitness area), I wonder if more improvements could be made because I believe the space has a greater potential.

As the village/town's population is continuing to grow and it is welcoming more families with children, it feels that additional play area in the heart of Verwood could be beneficial, especially for older children who are more independent, the current playpark is more for younger children. At the same time the younger ones could explore the space with their parents and in my opinion, the area in the right hand corner where are the overgrown bushes would work the best.

I would suggest a natural-based play that encourages children to connect with nature such as big logs to climb on and wooden/stone stepping stones, wooden balancing beams, see-saw, possibly a floor trampoline, rope hammock etc.

Also, an obstacle course would work well too (including monkey bars, pull up bars, rope climbing etc.) and more (preferably) wooden benches to enjoy to sun from the southern side.

I would be happy to help to set up a small sub-group of villagers who would be willing to help move this project forward (e.g., come up with ideas, review plans, help write funding applications etc.)

Also, could this be partially funded through Dorset Council's The Capital Leverage Fund?

[Capital Leverage Fund - Dorset Council](#)

Finally, I think it would be a good idea to create a barrier between the current play area and the road to establish a natural, more not see-through hedge (cut to desired height) in front of the existing fence which is tempting for children to climb on, as I witnessed on several occasions. I often hear comments on how the fence is "prison-like" and would have to agree, especially with so many beautiful natural hedges around Verwood. The hedge could not only reduce the noise of the busy road's traffic but also make it safer and more children, parent friendly."

9. Benches and Trees
 - (i) To approve tree works totalling £1,190 plus VAT (see attached)
 - (ii) To review the Council's benches

10. Request to pray over the sick – Ferrett Green

The following request has been received;

"Members of our church would like to set up a small area at Ferret Green on a Saturday morning once a month from about 10 to 12 to pray for sick people who may want us to do so For this we ask the kind permission of the council. We have the support of our Pastor Tim Leavers for this".

11. To receive any other reports and items for future agendas.

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Members; Cllr. Kate Stephens (Chairman), Cllr. Lucy Clark, Cllr. Lindsey Dedden, Cllr. Simon Gibson, Cllr. Sandra Grove, Cllr. Jane Russell and Cllr. Mark Thorpe