



AMENITIES COMMITTEE
14th June 2022 at 8.40pm

PRESENT: Councillor Kate Stephens (Chairman)
 Councillor Sandra Grove (Vice Chairman)

Councillor Lindsey Dedden	Councillor Jane Russell
Councillor Simon Gibson	Councillor Mark Thorpe
Councillor Pat Morrow	

Also present; Councillor Matthew Parker
 In Attendance: Carrie Lloyd Town Clerk & Jan Sebire, Assistant Town Clerk
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040/22/23 **Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED that Standing Order 13(a)(vii) be suspended and Cllr K. Stephens be elected as Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

041/22/23 **Election of Vice Chairman**

RESOLVED that Cllr S. Grove be elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

042/22/23 **Minutes of the meeting held 8th March 2022**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

043/22/23 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Lucy Clark and Andy Maw.

044/22/23 **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Gibson declared an interest as a holder of an allotment plot in Verwood.

045/22/23 **Allotments**

Members agreed that a meeting should be held with the Association. Cllr Morrow undertook to be the Council's liaison, with Cllr Russell as the alternate.

046/22/23 **Cemetery Gates**

Members considered the request from a resident to keep the gates fully open in future.

Members were concerned at the potential to allow fly tipping or unauthorised encampments on site however recognised accessibility issues.

RECOMMENDED that the Council look into options for moving the gates back & allowing parking for 1 or 2 larger vehicles at the entrance and in the meantime leave the gates in the semi-open position at present.

(Action: Town Clerk)

047/22/23 **Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces**

Members noted the request from a local resident and their suggestions for the Recreation Ground. Members requested that this be forwarded to the Recreation Ground Trust so the Trustees could consider future changes to the site.

(Action: Town Clerk)

048/22/23 **Benches and Trees**

Members

- (i) **RECOMMENDED** that tree works totalling £1,190 be approved; and
- (ii) Requested that quotes for repair/renewal of benches be brought back to a future meeting along with suggestions from residents (through social media publicity) on sites within the council's control for new benches.

(Action: Town Clerk)

049/22/23 **Request to pray over the sick – Ferrett Green**

Members considered the request. It was felt that a Policy for all future uses on Ferrett Green may be appropriate. The Clerk was requested to approach Kingdom Hall regarding their use of Ferrett Green. Many questions were raised regarding this use before approval could be given;

- (i) Confirmation that there would be no conversion therapy;
- (ii) Confirmation of the involvement of the Church;
- (iii) Confirmation that this would be passive and not approaching people;
- (iv) Confirmation of how this service would be advertised to passers by;
- (v) Confirmation that GDPR would be followed with no mentioning of names;

RESOLVED that this be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

(Action: Town Clerk)

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman

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