

AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held at The Bowman Centre
on 17th October 2023 at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Cllr J Swindlehurst (Chair), Cllr Dr M Devendran (Mayor), Cllr R Yuill, Cllr S Hedge, Cllr A Hagger, Cllr I Mitchell

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Passmore (Admin/Comms Officer)

VISITING PUBLIC: 1

	Public Questions	ACTION
	A resident raised concerns over anti-social behaviour within Harvard Park. The Chair responded that this will be discussed in item 7.	
1.	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Strange (unwell), Cllr Buchanan (working), Cllr Edwards (working), Cllr Jaconiah (working).	
2.	To approve the minutes of the last meeting dated 19th September 2023 It was noted by Cllr Swindlehurst that at item 1, Cllr Swindlehurst had given his apologies and this had not been added in. Councillors agreed for this to be added to the minutes. Resolved: Cllr Jaconiah to sign once approved with above amendment.	Deputy Chair
3.	To receive Declarations of interest from members None received	
4.	Councillors' questions/statements	
4.1.	Cllr Yuill reported that he has received another complaint from an Evergreen Court resident due to the noise of the crowds when the teams are playing and the parking. Cars are parking on the grass verges and at Evergreen Court. Cllr Yuill suggested a meeting with all sports teams to address the issues.	Booking/ Events Officer
4.2.	Cllr Hedge commented that he would like the combination for the container at St Mary & St Melor Church to check over all the flood equipment, due to recurring flooding on Church Street. He expressed his concerns over blocked gulleys and advised they could benefit from clearing each year in September to avoid excess flooding.	Admin/ Comms Officer
5.	Clerks Update No update received	
6.	To consider a resident request: Discuss placing bins along byway 20. Item 1 The Chair confirmed that as this is not Amesbury Town Council land, the Town Council is unable to take this request into consideration.	
7.	Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) at Harvard Park. Item 2 The Mayor reported that she had met with the police on 7 th October along with Cllr Knight, Cllr Hagger and Cllr Strange. The police placed a temporary CCTV van within the park to deter ASB. They have identified some areas which may benefit within the site to help with ASB, such as pollarding trees which	

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	<p>are obstructing street lighting to increase visibility within the park. Refurbishment of the 2 pole lights and new lighting to illuminate the park, and installation of mosquito anti-loiter devices. The Chair confirmed that quotes are currently being obtained for vandal- proof lights. Proposed: Cllr Mitchell Seconded: Cllr Hagger Resolved: to obtain costings for 2 Mosquito Anti-Loiter devices & take to full council</p>	Finance Admin
8.	<p>To consider the possibility of replacing the wall mounted flag, with one that stands in the ground. Proposed: Chair, Cllr Swindlehurst Seconded: Cllr Yuill Resolved: to obtain cost of a flag pole within 4.6m for the garden and remove the wall mounted flag pole</p>	Finance Admin
9.	<p>To receive an update on byway 20 (verbal report) Cllr Yuill reported that he is yet to receive an update from Bloor Homes due to the change in management. Byway 20 issues are getting worse especially near the Lynchets as bushes are very overgrown. He has written to Bloor Homes about the adoption, but again has not heard back. He will continue trying to contact them.</p>	Cllr Yuill
10.	<p>Items for next Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on Man Shed 2. Fences on Stockport Avenue as suffering from wind damage 3. Grit bin locations and the extra need in vulnerable areas 4. Boscombe Down playing fields 	
11.	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21st November 7.15pm</p>	