

**Amesbury Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Amenities' Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday 20th February 2024**  
**At 7.15pm in the Bowman Centre**

**Present:** Cllr J Swindlehurst (Chair), Cllr A Hagger, Cllr I Mitchell, Cllr M Strange, Cllr S Hedge

**In Attendance:** Mrs SJ Tucker (Town Clerk)

**Visiting Public:** 0

**Public Questions**

There were no public questions

**01/2024. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Dr M Devendran (Mayor) Cllr T Edwards (Deputy Mayor), Cllr A Buchanan MBE, Cllr R Yuill. Cllr J Jaconiah was not in attendance.

**02/2024. To approve the minutes of the last meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Proposed: Cllr A Hagger

Seconded: Cllr S Hedge

**Resolved**

**03/2024. To receive Declarations of Interest from Members**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

**04/2024. Councillors' questions and statements**

Cllr I Mitchell noted the improvement to Harvard Park since the new lighting had been installed.

Cllr S Hedge questioned whether bins at Recreation Road Cemetery had been replaced, he would look at their condition and report back to the committee. He also noted the rubbish that had collected near to the layby by the skate park vehicle entrance. The clerk would look into this.

Cllr J Swindlehurst noted that the wooded area opposite Lidl has lots of rubbish in it. This would be reported to WC, the TC maintenance team will be on stand by to do a rubbish sweep.

Cllr M Strange noted the poor condition of the road between Porton Down roundabout at the Baptist Church and the double roundabout leading to Underwood Drive.

05/2024. Clerk's update from the last meeting:

**05.01/2024 Bonnymead Lights**

Amesbury Town Football Club had provided some invoices/supporting documents to show the SSE charges for the electricity supply for the TC lights at Bonnymead Rec. This amounts to £4432 between 2019 and 2023, charges have increased per Kwz since 2023 and the club cannot afford to fund the TC lights, which at present remain turned off.

The Committee proposed that the Full Council be presented with the information so it could consider recompensing Amesbury Town Football Club for £4432.59.

Proposed: Cllr A Hagger  
Seconded by Cllr I Mitchell  
**Resolved**

**05.02/2024      Flag Pole**

A new flag and mountings to secure it have been purchased and installed at the Bowman Centre, foregoing the requirement for a new pole.

**05.03/2024      Bonnymead Rec and Harvard Park security enhancements**

Cllr T Edwards had previously provided a drawing of a proposed bow topped fenceline and planters/bollards for Harvard Park. The Clerk had sought clarification from the Grounds' Maintenance contractors as to where their vehicles required access. Cllr J Swindlehurst believed the fenceline required would be costly and the committee agreed that no further action at the moment would be taken in relation to this. The Clerk also highlighted areas in the Town where fenceline isn't installed, leaving large open spaces.

Quotes for a height barrier at Bonnymead Rec have been received and circulated to the committee, these were discussed at Item 06.09/2024.

**06/2024.    Items for review/update reports**

**06.01/2024      Grounds' Maintenance Contract**

The Clerk had met with Richard Stone from Bawdens to discuss the current contract and how it had changed over the years with extra areas being added as and when they had been transferred from WC/Developer. Wording of the current tender was reviewed in order that it can be improved when initiating a new tender later this year. Bawdens will review the maps they have and provide an update to the areas for grass cutting, hedge trimming and pruning, this will assist with new mapping for the next tender process.

**06.02/2024      ByWay 20**

This was deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of Cllr R Yuill.

**06.03/2024      Boscombe Down Playing Fields**

This was deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of Cllr R Yuill.

**06.04/2024      Community Shop**

Cllr M Strange will liaise with Cllr A Lord about any potential options that may be available at the History Centre when the lease comes to an end (December) on the current site for the shop.

**06.05/2024      Pavilion Changing Rooms Drainage**

The Bookings and Events Officer had provided a report with pictures showing the drainage issues experienced at the Pavilion showers. A company has been to review the drainage system and

has deemed it sufficient for routine showering but they had discovered huge clumps of mud from boots that were causing blockages in the drainage ducts. As a result, they had recommended a weekly clean out of the ducts. Sports teams have been contacted to ensure muddy footwear is not worn inside the Pavilion, signs are also being purchased and the maintenance team have begun a weekly clean as recommended. This will be monitored.

#### **06.06/2024      Lords Walk Benches**

Cllr S Hedge highlighted the 2 x benches that have been removed from Lord's Walk and asked if they could be replaced, either by the public purchasing them as memorial benches or the TC purchasing them. The Committee thought it best that the TC purchase the new benches. The Clerk will look at spending delegation for Lord's Walk as the cost may exceed its limits and so may require Full Council approval.

#### **06.07/2024      Accessible Play Parks**

Cllr J Swindlehurst confirmed that this now sits on the Projects' Committee and will be removed from future Amenities' Committee Meeting Agendas.

#### **06.08/2024      New Play Parks**

Cllr J Swindlehurst confirmed that this now sits on the Projects' Committee and will be removed from future Amenities' Committee Meeting Agendas.

#### **06.09/2024      Quotes for Height Barrier at Bonnymead Rec**

The Committee had received 3 x quotes for a 2.1m high, 4metre wide galvanised steel barrier for the entrance to Bonnymead Rec.

Aremco was the committee's preferred option, given it had previously supplied the height barrier at the Skate Park, all 3 quotes were comparable. This would be presented to Full Council in March. The Clerk will liaise with Amesbury Town Football Club and Salisbury District Angling Club over access to the barrier.

Proposed by: Cllr A Hagger

Seconded by: Cllr I Mitchell

**Resolved**

#### **07/2024.    Items for the next Agenda**

All items at 06/2024 would be carried over, less those for the Projects' Committee. The Clerk requested that Cemeteries and Allotments be added. Cllr J Swindlehurst asked for any other items to be passed to the Clerk.

#### **08/2024.    Date of next meeting is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.15pm**

The meeting closed 8.15pm.