

AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Bowman Centre
on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Cllr Jacob Jaconiah (Chair), Cllr S Hedge, Cllr I Mitchell, Cllr A Hagger, Cllr R Yuill, Cllr M Strange, Cllr T Edwards

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Joanne Johnston (Operations Manager)

PUBLIC: 0

PRESS: 0

	ACTION
<p>Public Questions None</p>	
<p>1. Apologies for absence Apologies received from the Mayor due to family issues. Councillors approved reasons for absence.</p>	
<p>2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting dated 15th August 2023 The minutes were approved and signed as a true record. Cllr Strange entered the meeting.</p>	
<p>3. To receive declarations of interest from members None received.</p>	
<p>4. Councillors' questions/statements 4.1 Cllr Hagger wanted it noted the date of the next meeting on the agenda was incorrect. Cllr Yuill entered the meeting.</p>	
<p>5. Clerk's Update The Operations Manager reported on tree works. The third phase is now underway. The public toilets will be closed for a week for maintenance work in October 2023. Notice will be given before closure. Centenary Pavilion structural repair update: Work to the front supports has been booked with a chosen builder, but despite repeated attempts to contact him, the work remains outstanding. Councillors have agreed to try one more attempt at contact and leave a grace period of 2 weeks. If there is still no response, the Clerk is to contact another company.</p>	
<p>6. Report on the fireworks Event and Remembrance Parade in respect of the planned road closure. The Town Council has received notice that Salisbury Street and Church Street will be closed around the same time as the fireworks event and</p>	

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<p>Remembrance Parade. The Operations Manager has since received confirmation that the road will still be passable on foot for the fireworks event on Saturday 4th November and the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 12th November. The main works will have been completed, as confirmed by Wiltshire Highways and Wessex Waters.</p>	
<p>7. Update: Men's Shed project A Steering Committee is now in place with a Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Bank accounts are now being set up. The Men's Shed is in the process of being registered with the Shed Organisation. Cllr Yuill has now stood down from any decision-making process.</p>	
<p>8. To discuss the safety of council-owned land against illegal incursion Proposed: Cllr Edwards Seconded: Cllr Strange Resolved: To look at costings for a height barrier at the entrance to Bonnymead Recreation Ground. Cllr Edwards and other councillors to visit Harvard Park, Lynchets field and other at-risk council-owned sites with police for advice on blocking potential entrances.</p>	<p>Clerk TE</p>
<p>9. To discuss the possibility of replacing the large concrete block at byway 20 with a smaller bollard to enable access by pedestrians, bicycles, and wheelchairs. Proposed: Cllr Edwards Seconded: Cllr Mitchell Resolved: To replace concrete bollard with a staggered barrier and a bin.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>10. To Consider a letter of objection regarding dogs at Lords Walk A local resident has requested that dogs are kept on the lead, and the signs should be abided by. Proposed: Cllr Edwards Seconded: Cllr Mitchell Resolved: To remind all residents that all dogs should be kept on the lead via current media sources.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>11. To consider the possibility of creating seats from logs within the country park. Proposed: Cllr Edwards Seconded: Cllr Hedge Resolved: to look at recycling old tree logs and carving them into seats for open spaces. To look at the costs for this and to use volunteers where possible.</p>	
<p>12. To receive an update on the war memorial plaque (verbal report) Cllr Edwards reported that the Royal British Legion had been involved in the memorial discussions, however, they are unable to provide any funding towards it. Other avenues will be looked at for funding. The date for consideration for all goals to be achieved and the plaque added to the memorial is November 2024.</p>	

<p>13.</p>	<p>To note the removal of the bollards at the History Centre Car Park on Health and Safety grounds. Cllr Mitchell reported the bollards are going to be removed, due to concerns to the public. Cllr Edwards said that alternative means of securing the site need to be considered.</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>To receive a request from a resident regarding Centenary Park A resident has made 3 requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That a bin is placed next to the seat just inside the field. 2. To erect a sign indicating where the car park to prevent visitors using Evergreen Court's car park. 3. For the Pavilion to have its name prominently positioned. <p>Proposed: Cllr Mitchell Seconded: Cllr Edwards Resolved: To look at points raised when the Ginkgo Community Garden is installed, and when the fully accessible play park is installed.</p>	<p>Cllr Edwards</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Items for the next agenda.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing lighting at Harvard Park 2. Evergreen Court complaints regarding balls hitting the green fence. 3. Centenary Pavilion play park extension <p>Date of next meeting: 17th October 2023 at the Bowman Centre. 7.15pm.</p> <p>Meeting closed 8.20pm</p>	