

## AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Bowman Centre  
on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 7.15pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr R Yuill (Chair), Cllr M Devendran (D Mayor), Cllr S Hedge, Cllr E Taylor, Cllr Verbinnen

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs W Bown (Town Clerk)

**PUBLIC:** 2

**PRESS:** 0

	ACTION
<p><b>Public Questions</b></p> <p>Councillors were questioned about the name 'country park' and asked for clarification of the country park's status.</p> <p>Councillors were asked if any amendments had been made to the archaeological management plan.</p> <p>Cllr Yuill responded that there was nothing to suggest that the documents had been changed and that the documents are held by Wiltshire Council. There is a requirement to retain the surface and furrowing of vehicles is mentioned.</p> <p>The name 'country park' is part of the S.106 agreement. The area was likely to have been named by Bloor Homes. The Town Council's Country Park Policy remains and events can be held as long as they meet the relevant criteria. Cllr Yuill agreed that the Town Council needed to be sympathetic when deciding what events are held.</p> <p>Cllr Devendran was thanked for getting things done for the community.</p> <p>Questions were put to councillors regarding the Men's Shed in relation to the response on the planning portal from Environmental Health.</p> <p>Cllr Yuill detailed a change of location and a draft noise management plan which was to be checked and then sent to the planning officer. The Town Council's agent will be managing the issue of lighting. Cllr Yuill explained that the facility would not be a full-scale industrial workshop and would not be open all hours. The thought is to turn the building around so that no noise is directed towards residences.</p> <p>A resident asked permission to use the river at Lords Walk to test some equipment. Councillors agreed that this would be possible, if the Environment Agency had no objection, bearing in mind that the fish spawning season has begun.</p> <p>Councillors confirmed that they would like the bunting put up in town in time for the King's Coronation weekend.</p>	
1. <b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies received from The Mayor (holiday) Cllr Jaconiah (working), Cllr Strange (wedding), Cllr Mitchell (unwell)	Clerk
2. <b>To approve the minutes of the last meeting dated 21/02/2023</b> The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.	Clerk

3.	<p><b>To receive declarations of interest from members</b> None</p>	ACTION
4.	<p><b>Councillors' questions/statements</b>          Cllr Hedge asked for a copy of the grit bin map.          Cllr Devendran thanked residents for their kind words of thanks.          Cllr Yuill reported on a meeting at Byway 20 with the Highways Officer. It was agreed that sections of the byway required tarmac, but there was insufficient funding available. Consideration was given to restoring the width of the path to 3 metres. Improvements would need to be referred to LHFIFG.</p>	Clerk
5.	<p><b>Clerk's Update</b>          The Food Bank has moved out of the Community Shop, now trading from the Methodist Church.          The WW1 memorial trees have been transplanted from Stockport Avenue Cemetery along          It has been confirmed that Boscombe Down has agreed to host the Carnival and Fair at the sports ground.          A report has been received about an increase in dog mess at the Centenary Sports Ground.          A report has been received about dogs not being kept under control in Lords Walk.          The public notice board in Salisbury Street has been replaced. Thanks to the maintenance team for making and installing the new board.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Grounds maintenance contract: to agree amendments for the one year contract 2023-2024</b>          The Full Council agreed to extend the contract for one year due to the uncertainty of the asset transfer detail, but considered that some items in the current contract could potentially be brought in-house. A proposed programme of amendments was presented to the committee.          Proposed: Cllr Yuill          Seconded: Cllr Verbinnen          Resolved: To agree the changes to the contract, with the exception of litter picking the grass areas and strimming around trees/bushes/furniture. These to remain with the contractor.</p>	Clerk
7.	<p><b>To support the Events Programme 2023-24</b>          Cllr Verbinnen noted the detail of the proposed event at Bonnymead, asking whether a license would be granted in time.          Cllr Verbinnen asked whether the Town Council was organising anything for 'the Big Help Out' on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May.          Cllr Devendran confirmed that it was hoped to live stream the Coronation at the Bowman Centre on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May and for people to bring their own picnic to Bonnymead on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. It is hoped to have foodstalls at this event.</p>	
8.	<p><b>To receive results of the Facebook survey on a Post Box to Heaven</b>          Councillors considered the Facebook responses.          Questions were posed by councillors relating to the cost and practical management of the post box.</p>	

Proposed: Cllr Yuill

Resolved: Unanimously not to install a Post Box to Heaven at either cemetery in Amesbury.

9. **Updates;**

Boscombe Down Sports Pitches: There has been no movement. It was noted that the carnival and other community events are to be held there.

Men's Shed: the matter was discussed earlier under public questions.

Site meeting at Harvard Park: still to be arranged.

Memorial Bench Policy: defer until May.

10. **Items for the next agenda**

Boscombe Down Sports Pitches

Men's Shed

Lighting at Harvard Park

11. **Date of next meeting: 7.15pm 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at the Bowman Centre**

Meeting closed 8.25pm