

AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Bowman Centre
on Tuesday 27th September 2022 at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Yuill (Chair), Cllr D Kuczera (Mayor), Cllr M Devendran (D Mayor), Cllr S Hedge, Cllr M Strange, Cllr M Verbinnen, Cllr I Mitchell, Cllr J Jaconiah

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs W Bown (Town Clerk)

PUBLIC: 0

PRESS: 0

	ACTION
Public Questions	
None	
1. Apologies for absence Apologies received Taylor (holiday), Cllr Brannon (working)	
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting dated 16/08/22 The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.	
3. To receive any declarations of interest from members None	
4. Councillors' questions/statements Cllr Devendran asked when the bulbs were to be planted at Queensberry Bridge. The Clerk is to arrange. Cllr Hedge asked about the notice board outside the chemist on Salisbury Street. The Clerk confirmed that this is to be replaced with a new board, but it was noted that this was not a Town Council board, but one for general use by the public. Cllr Verbinnen reminded councillors that a site visit was to be arranged at Holders Field. The Clerk is to notify councillors of a suitable date. The Mayor commented on the repainting of the Bonnymead play equipment and congratulated the maintenance team.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
5. Clerk's Update The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council's pest control team had been contacted regarding the rat problem at the Stockport Avenue Allotments. A presentation is to be arranged.	
6. To receive an update on the use of Lords Walk by Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team No update available	
7. To agree the size of Christmas Tree for 2022 – to be donated by the Stonehenge Chamber of Trade	

	Councillors agreed that a 30ft tree would be preferable but asked that the order should be for a Norway Spruce.	ACTION
		Clerk
8.	<p>To receive an update on the bench order and to agree a change to the design</p> <p>The chosen bench is extremely heavy, needing a forklift to manoeuvre it and requiring excavation into the concrete base. An alternative design was considered that was lighter and more easily installed.</p> <p>Councillors considered the design and asked that further investigation be undertaken to find options of more ornate alternative designs.</p> <p>In the meantime if current benches are safe but in poor condition, they should be kept, but if unsafe they should be taken out of action.</p>	
9.	<p>To receive a report on Country Park fire breaks</p> <p>Councillors considered the report. Current 3m wide footpaths are reasonable, also promoting pedestrian traffic.</p> <p>Vulnerable areas should be identified.</p> <p>A management plan is needed for the Country Park, which should include path width.</p>	
10.	<p>To receive a request for a memorial bench at Queensberry Bridge</p> <p>It was noted that there were already two memorial benches by Queensberry Bridge. Councillors agreed that this was not the right place for the requested bench.</p> <p>The Mayor believed that a policy was needed for memorial benches and volunteered to put together a policy for consideration.</p>	
11.	<p>Items for the next agenda</p> <p>Benches</p>	
12.	Date of next meeting: 7.15pm 18 th October 2022 at the Bowman Centre	
	Meeting closed 8.06pm	