

AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Bowman Centre
on Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Yuill (Chair), Cllr D Kuczera (Mayor), Cllr S Hedge, Cllr I Mitchell, Cllr E Taylor, Cllr M Strange

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs W Bown (Town Clerk)

PUBLIC: 1

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<p>Public Questions</p> <p>A question was asked on behalf of residents of Evergreen Court reference the internal space and accessibility of the proposed Men's Shed. Cllr Yuill confirmed that the design allows for access to the disability toilet. Adaptations can be made to suit those using the Men's Shed. The internal design will be for the Shed members to agree.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the deadline for responses to the Country Park consultation is the 31st March 2023.</p>	
<p>1. Apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllr Verbinnen (at a Wiltshire Council meeting), Cllr Devendran (at a Wiltshire Council meeting), Cllr Jaconiah</p>	
<p>2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting dated 17/01/2023 The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
<p>3. To receive any declarations of interest from members None</p>	
<p>4. Councillors' questions/statements</p>	
<p>4.1. Cllr Strange queried the parking payment methods in the main car park. The machines do not work, making it difficult for people to pay if they do not have the MyPermit App on their phones. Cllr Yuill to follow up.</p>	RY
<p>4.2. Cllr Mitchell reported that fly-tipping on the Old Marlborough Coach Road had been cleared.</p>	
<p>4.3. Cllr Yuill updated councillors on progress re Byway 20. Contact had been made with the Cabinet Member regarding the poor condition of the surface and poor maintenance of the hedgerow. Wiltshire Council is to meet with the developer to discuss the issues.</p>	
<p>5. Clerk's Update The Clerk confirmed that Ginkgo's Woodland Trust application for trees had been successful. New benches have been installed around the town. New gates have been installed at Recreation Road Cemetery</p>	

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6.	<p>To receive an update on the use of Lords Walk by Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team Cllr Yuill confirmed that he had contacted the Team and introduced Jonathan Russell to them.</p>	
7.	<p>To receive an update from the Country Park Management Plan sub-committee Cllr Taylor reported that he and Cllr Mitchell had met with Mr Burton from Natural England re advice on the surface of the Country Park. An official report will be sent to the Town Council.</p>	
8.	<p>To agree to replace the public notice board on Salisbury Street The current community board is in poor condition. Proposed: Cllr Yuill Seconded: the Mayor Resolved: that the maintenance team replaces the notice board. A double-sided board in the town centre to be considered on a future agenda.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>Men's Shed: Update The planning application is currently being considered by the Planning Department. The planning officer has queried some details and will speak with the agent. A visit has been arranged to the Men's Shed at Ludgershall. A grant application has been submitted to the Stonehenge Area Board for £3,000 towards the Men's Shed project.</p>	
10.	<p>To receive an update on Boscombe Down sports pitches No update.</p>	
11.	<p>To consider the formalisation of memorial benches The Mayor believed that to standardise the memorial benches with a known supplier would ensure good quality going forward. A draft policy has been put together for consideration at a future meeting. Councillors questioned whether to specify areas for benches and to provide a list of acceptable benches.</p>	Clerk
12.	<p>To consider the installation of a 'Postbox to Heaven' at Stockport Avenue Cemetery It was noted that to date most boxes have been installed at crematoriums and are geared towards children. Other faiths should be considered. Proposed: The Mayor Seconded: Cllr Yuill Resolved: to post the question on the website and Facebook for ideas and comments from the public.</p>	Clerk
13.	<p>To receive requests form the Neighbourhood Police Team:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To install lights along Harvard Park footpath 2) To create a barrier at the end of the old Stockport Road 	

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<p>It was noted that Wiltshire Council does not favour bollard lighting, therefore lamp posts would be needed. Cabling would be expensive. Proposed: The Mayor Seconded: Cllr Taylor Resolved: to arrange a site meeting and to explore the possibility of installing lights along the footpath with a view to including funding in the budget for 2024/24</p>	Clerk
<p>Proposed: Cllr Yuill Seconded: Cllr Mitchell Resolved: to close off the old Stockport Road to prevent vehicles transiting across to Stockport Roundabout</p>	Clerk
<p>14. To consider requests to place grit bins at Haragon Drive and Princess Way It had been agreed previously not to place grit bins where the road is level. Proposed: Cllr Hedge Seconded: The Mayor Resolved: to undertake a review of Town Council-owned grit bins and to ensure that they are usefully deployed.</p>	Clerk
<p>15. Bowman Centre uplift: to receive advice on stage improvements and to agree changes to the original design The design has been slightly revised, based on the company's expertise. The screen, currently elevated, will be flush to the floor, but can be removed from the box as necessary and put onto the frame. Proposed: The Mayor Seconded: Cllr Hedge Resolved: to accept the design</p>	Clerk
<p>16. Items for the next agenda Boscombe Down Sports Pitches Men's shed Lighting at Harvard Park Memorial bench policy Post Box to Heaven</p>	
<p>17. Date of next meeting: 7.15pm 21st March 2023 at the Bowman Centre</p> <p>Meeting closed 8.50pm</p>	

