#### **AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Bowman Centre on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7.15pm

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

Verbinnen, Cllr I Mitchell, Cllr M Brannon, Cllr J Jaconiah

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs W Bown (Town Clerk)

PUBLIC: 0
PRESS: 0

**ACTION** 

#### **Public Questions**

Concern was raised by a resident via the reporting app concerning dogs at Lords Walk. The resident reported having been jumped at on occasions by dogs who were out of control.

Councillors considered that Lords Walk is one of the main dog walking areas in Amesbury and felt that the matter should be communicated though social media and the website that dogs should be kept under control in Lords Walk. Suitable signage should be sought and brought to the next Amenities Committee meeting.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received Cllr Devendran and Cllr Buchanan (both out of the country)

#### 2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting dated 19/07/22

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 Taylor asked if Bawdens could gather up the pine needles from the roundabout following their work to crown lift the trees.

The Clerk responded to say that the contractor had not charged for the work and had done what had been asked of them.

#### 5. Clerk's Update

Cllr Taylor asked for an update on the removal of the Bloor Homes sign at the Orchard Roundabout and asked whether the Town Council could remove it. It was agreed that this was not an action that the Town Council should take. The Clerk is to chase Bloor Homes for a response.

The Clerk reported that work had started to clear the site for the Youth Area. The pillars at the Centenary Pavilion require work due to their deterioration.

**ACTION** 

#### 6. To consider the use of Lords Walk by the Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team

The Outdoor Learning Team caters for a wide range of ages and abilities and aims to challenge, develop and educate through fun activities. Activities in Lords Walk could include climbing trees and working between trees using rope walkways.

It was agreed that there would need to be limitations set. Lords Walk would need to retain public access.

Proposed: Cllr Yuill Seconded: Cllr Hedge

Resolved: The team is to be invited to visit Lords Walk to assess its suitability

and to give a presentation to the Town Council.

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## 7. To receive the Country Park Ragwort Management and control document and to agree to follow the recommendations

The report recommended the following:

Zone 1: low risk: hand pulling of stems nearest to the school as a good neighbour. Area to be cut in October as part of regular maintenance.

Zone 2: low risk: no management recommended, but low amount of hand

pulling of the more mature specimens on a bi-annual basis

Zone 3: very low risk: no maintenance necessary

The Town Council's maintenance team is to pull the Ragwort. All to be bagged and disposed of as landfill.

Proposed: Cllr Yuill Seconded: Cllr Verbinnen

Resolved: to follow the recommendations of the document

Clerk

# 8. To receive a request to maintain a defibrillator at Christ the King Catholic Church to include financial responsibility for ongoing repairs and replacement parts

The Town Council has supported other groups, has ensured the maintenance of equipment and has the capacity to undertake regular checks.

It was noted that if the equipment is vandalised the owners would be responsible for replacing it.

The Clerk is to confirm the detail of the maintenance / replacement costs and report to the next meeting.

Clerk

# 9. To consider the preferred route to the Kings Gate Skate Park and to refer to the Projects Committee to formalise the path within the agreed budget of £1,000

Councillors discussed the issue and noted the current access routes to the skate park.

It was felt that access routes were adequate, other than a small section that can be muddy in the winter. It was felt that there was no need to undertake any improvement.

Proposed: Cllr Taylor Seconded: The Mayor

Resolved: to regularly strim the path from Verey Road

Clerk

**ACTION** 

### 10. To receive a complaint about the misuse of Stockport Avenue Cemetery

A complaint has been received of anti-social behaviour at the cemetery, of the area being used for exercising dogs, with graves being trampled by dogs chasing balls.

It was noted that councillors had recently agreed to unlock the side gates to allow easier access.

Proposed: Cllr Yuill Seconded: The Mayor

Resolved: to erect signage re 'Dogs on Leads', to monitor the situation to determine whether this solves the problem without the need to lock the side gates again

Clerk

#### 11. Items for the next agenda

Issues of overgrown vegetation on the Stockport Avenue verge near the Cemetery. In the meantime, the maintenance team is to trim back.

Clerk

12. Date of next meeting: 7.15pm 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at the Bowman Centre

Meeting closed at 8.30pm