

## AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Bowman Centre  
on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.15pm

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

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

**PUBLIC:** 2

**PRESS:** 0

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| <p><b>Public Questions</b></p> <p>Councillors were asked to reconsider a request for bollards at the entrance to the public open space at Richards Drive, Kings Gate. Delivery vans and cars use the open space, causing danger to playing children and walkers. Councillors had debated the issue at the last meeting and resolved no action and would need further evidence to reconsider. It was noted that the previous discussion considered Zebedee Close – with clearer detail councillors agreed to look again. A site visit is to be arranged.</p> |        |
| <p>1. <b>Apologies for absence</b><br/>Apologies received from Cllr Brannon (working)</p>   |        |
| <p>2. <b>To approve the minutes of the last meeting dated 20/12/2022</b><br/>The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>   |        |
| <p>3. <b>To receive any declarations of interest from members</b><br/>None</p>  |        |
| <p>4. <b>Councillors' questions/statements</b><br/>Cllr Taylor complained that Byway 20 was flooded. No work has been undertaken by Wiltshire Council. Cllr Yuill to chase.<br/>Cllr Devendran is to provide a photograph of the exact position where the bollard is needed for Richards Drive to help make a better judgement.</p>   | MD     |
| <p>5. <b>Clerk's Update</b><br/>The Disc Golf Club has been contacted re the possibility of applying for a grant for a permanent sign. No response received to date.</p>  |        |
| <p>6. <b>To receive an update on the use of Lords Walk by Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team</b><br/>The organisation has plans for events over Easter and has contacted the Stonehenge Area Board re funding.</p>   |        |
| <p>7. <b>To receive an update on the new toilet doors</b><br/>A report was received from Cllr Williams, who had met with a builder for advice. The doors are not fit for purpose. The cost of modification outweighs the cost of the doors. Councillors are to look into the possibility of using them at the</p>   |        |

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| <p>pavilion storage unit.<br/>It was noted that instances of ASB at the public toilets has reduced.<br/>Proposed: The Mayor<br/>Seconded: Cllr Mitchell<br/>Resolved: to pause the replacement of the toilet doors and to monitor the situation</p>  |                 |
| <p>8. <b>Update from the Country Park Management Plan sub-committee</b><br/>A meeting has been arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</p>  |                 |
| <p>9. <b>To consider a request for a reduced hire charge for a pop-up Covid Clinic at the Bowman Centre</b><br/>It was noted that the total charge for the hire was £121.<br/>Proposed: Cllr Yuill<br/>Seconded: Cllr Devendran<br/>Resolved: the standard rate should be paid, with no discount</p>   | Clerk           |
| <p>10. <b>To agree the use of EMR 347 (Earmarked Reserve) to undertake structural work to the Centenary Pavilion</b><br/>Proposed: Cllr Yuill<br/>Seconded: Cllr Mitchell<br/>Resolved: To use EMR 347 (Earmarked Reserve) to undertake structural work to the Centenary Pavilion</p>  | Clerk           |
| <p>11. <b>To consider the use of Bonnymead Public Open Space by Amesbury Town Football Club</b><br/>A report was presented showing inappropriate use of Bonnymead by the Football Club. It was noted that the club uses the open space to practise rather than their pitch, meaning that families cannot use the area.<br/>Concern was expressed over vehicles parking by the pavilion and concern re occasionally not securing the gate, although it was noted that a verbal agreement exists for parking beyond the gate for matches.<br/>There is a need to balance the needs of both the football club and the public.<br/>Proposed: Cllr Yuill<br/>Seconded: Cllr Mitchell<br/>Resolved: To meet with the Football Club to review/agree formal arrangements for the use of Bonnymead park</p> | Clerk/<br>Cllrs |
| <p>12. <b>To receive a report on the Antrobus Road allotments frontage</b><br/>The small area of land in question is unused. The proposal is to bring the area back in line with the gate and create a parking/unloading area for allotment holders.<br/>Proposed: Cllr Verbinnen<br/>Seconded: Cllr Devendran<br/>Resolved: To present the project to the Projects Committee for consideration of cost and feasibility</p>  | MV              |
| <p>13. <b>Update: Boscombe Down sports pitches</b><br/>Details of the Town Council's interest in the pitches have been forwarded to the</p>  |                 |

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14. **Items for the next agenda**

Boscombe Down Sports Pitches

Bollards

Lords Walk event

Byway 20

15. Date of next meeting: 7.15pm 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Bowman Centre