

## AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Bowman Centre  
on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.15pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Jaconiah (Chair), Cllr M Devendran (Mayor), Cllr T Edwards (D Mayor), Cllr S Hedge,  
Cllr I Mitchell, Cllr A Hagger, Cllr R Yuill

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

**PUBLIC:** 0

**PRESS:** 0

	ACTION
<b>Public Questions</b> None	
1. <b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies received from Strange (holiday), Cllr Taylor (holiday), Cllr Buchanan (working), Cllr Swindlehurst (family bereavement) Councillors approved reasons for absence.	
2. <b>To approve the minutes of the last meeting dated 18/04/2023</b> The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.	
3. <b>To receive declarations of interest from members</b> None	
4. <b>Councillors' questions/statements</b>	
4.1. Cllr Hedge queried the closure of Lords Walk for work to the river bank. The Clerk confirmed that the matter was with Wiltshire Council's planning department.	
4.2. The Mayor asked that the Union Flag be untangled at the Bowman Centre.	Clerk
4.3. The Mayor reported on fly-tipping at Bonnymead. The Clerk is to check the situation.	Clerk
4.4. The Mayor asked for an update on the bollards for Richards Drive. The Clerk confirmed that the matter is currently with the Finance Officer.	
5. <b>Clerk's Update</b> The Clerk reported an access issue at Antrobus Road allotments, where an allotment holder had created direct access to his plot, but has now given up the plot. Councillors agreed that the remaining gap in the fence should be repaired using a post and wire fence for demarcation purposes and that the steps should be removed. The Clerk reported that cars were driving through a pedestrian gap by the Bowman Centre to the car park and beyond, a potential danger to pedestrians. Proposed: Cllr Edwards Seconded: Cllr Mitchell Resolved: to install a bollard leaving sufficient space for buggies and wheelchairs and to contact <a href="http://www.gps.gov.uk">www.gps.gov.uk</a>	Clerk

6.	<p><b>Fly-tipping Carpenter Drive Update</b> The Clerk reported continued fly-tipping against the bin. A report has been sent to Wiltshire Council.</p>	ACTION
7.	<p><b>Stockport Avenue Allotment report – Japanese Knotweed</b> Bawdens is providing a quotation for treating the Knotweed over a 3-year period. The raised bed has been cordoned off and the plot holder informed. Councillors instructed that an addition be made to the Terms that any imported soil is the responsibility of the plot holder and if invasive species are identified the plot holder will be responsible for treatment.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p><b>War memorial update</b> Cllr Edwards explained the process to date which established that if the name of a fallen serviceman is already on a memorial, they should not appear on another one. Councillors questioned whether a further plaque should be installed on the war memorial for those killed since WWII. It was noted that although these names would be listed at the National Arboretum, there is no rule against putting them on the Amesbury memorial. Proposed: Cllr Mitchell Seconded: Cllr Edwards Resolved: That the Clerk is to ascertain the cost of a new plaque, to then be brought to Full Council for discussion.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p><b>Report from the Events Committee on the Fair at Bonnymead 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023</b> The Events Officer is obtaining quotations for security marshals. The Chair asked if councillors might volunteer to undertake training to be marshals for events. The Clerk was asked to apply for the closure of the main car park to enable free parking for the summer fair.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p><b>Items for the next agenda</b> Men’s Shed update Marshal training for councillors (Full Council agenda)</p>	
11.	<p>Date of next meeting: 7.15pm 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at the Bowman Centre</p> <p>Meeting closed 8.15pm</p>	