

AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Bowman Centre
on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Cllr R Yuill (Chair), Cllr S Hedge, Cllr E Taylor, Cllr Verbinnen, Cllr I Mitchell

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs W Bown (Town Clerk)

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	ACTION
Public Questions None	
1. Apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllr Devendran (holiday), Cllr Jaconiah (family circumstances)	
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting dated 21/03/2023 The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.	
3. To receive declarations of interest from members None Cllr Mitchell left the meeting.	
4. Councillors' questions/statements Cllr Taylor noted the potholes on the A303 flyover. Cllr Verbinnen confirmed that they had been reported to Highways England. Cllr Hedge reported that he had received the grit bin location map and that work was ongoing to determine best locations.	SH
5. Clerk's Update The Clerk reported on a request from Highways England regarding an Ash Tree that was showing signs of Ashe Dieback, close to the A303. This is to be felled without delay along with other smaller trees in a similar condition. Three new recycling bins have been purchased for Harvard Park and one for Bonnymead.	
6. To consider the lighting of bonfires at Stockport Avenue Allotments and the Youth Area Some allotments holders have expressed concern about the lighting of fires at the youth area. Councillors confirmed that the fires were supervised campfires for cooking.	

	<p>Town Council staff members are to monitor the situation and Buzz Action is to be asked for a risk assessment. The fire area is to be limited and the area must be kept tidy.</p> <p>An agreement is to be written to set the terms of use for the youth area. The Clerk is to arrange a draft document for councillors to consider.</p>	ACTION
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7.	<p>To consider a report of fly tipping at Carpenter Drive and to discuss the way forward</p> <p>The fly tipping contains domestic waste.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Yuill</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr Verbinnen</p> <p>Resolved: to send a letter to 10 nearby residents containing advice on the use of the bins. If the situation does not improve, the matter is to be reported to Wiltshire Council.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>To receive the minutes of the Fireworks Washup meeting</p> <p>The event was successful. At key times the entrances were very busy and the ground was damaged. It was noted that the music was provided by the fireworks company.</p> <p>Consideration was given to future events and possible improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To lay tracks for better wheelchair access To provide a separate access for wheelchairs To use temporary matting To improve publicity To potentially use wood chippings to help preserve the surface <p>The committee is due to meet again and will also look at alternative venues.</p>	Committee
9.	<p>Updates:</p> <p>Boscombe Down Sports Pitches: it has been agreed that Boscombe Down sports area can be used for the carnival.</p> <p>The Town Clerk and Cllr Edwards met with Daniel Geeson of Wiltshire Council and discussed sports provision in Amesbury and the possibility of a meeting re the future of Amesbury Rugby Club. A detailed report to be given at a future council meeting.</p> <p>Men's Shed: A revision of the planning application has been submitted and the consultation period has been extended into next month. The revision includes a noise management plan and a change to the building layout. Cllr Yuill is to speak with the planning officer about the changes.</p> <p>Lighting at Harvard Park: a site visit is yet to take place.</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell entered the meeting.</p>	TE
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Bollards: Cllr Mitchell provided photographic evidence of the problem gap. He believed that vans would be deterred if bollards were installed at a similar density to those at Shears Drive.

It was noted that the bollards would need to be installed on the grass, which is Town Council-owned land, extending beyond the extremities of the opening. The Mayor recommended the use of short wooden posts.

Proposed: the Mayor

Seconded: Cllr Verbinnen

Resolved: to install 7 wooden posts

10. **Items for the next agenda**

Bollards/fence at Stockport Avenue

Events at Lords Walk

The Mayor thanked Cllr Yuill for chairing the Amenities Committee meetings over the past year, this being the last in the current agreed committee structure.

Date of next meeting: 7.15pm 16th May 2023 at the Bowman Centre

Meeting closed at 8.03pm

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