

AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllr J Swindlehurst (Chair), Cllr A Buchanan, Cllr J Jaconiah, Cllr S Hedge, Cllr I Mitchell, Cllr A Hagger, Cllr R Yuill, Cllr Strange

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs W Bown (Town Clerk)

PUBLIC: 3

PRESS: 0

	ACTION
Public Questions None	
1. Apologies for absence Apologies received from the Mayor (family matter), Cllr Edwards (working). Councillors approved reasons for absence.	
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting dated 20/06/2023 The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.	
3. To receive declarations of interest from members Cllr Strange would declare an interest as required through the meeting.	
4. Councillors' questions/statements	
4.1. Cllr Yuill reported that Bloor Homes had confirmed their priority of transferring Byway 20. Cllr Yuill hoped that regular meetings would be set up.	
5. Clerk's Update The Clerk confirmed that Bawdens had applied the first treatment to the Japanese Knotweed at the Stockport Avenue allotment. A post and wire fence has been erected at Antrobus Road allotments. Repairs have been carried out to the kissing gate at Bonnymead.	
6. Report from the Events Committee on the fair at Bonnymead, 23rd July 2023 It was reported that Envisage Agency had been appointed as marshals for the event. A Ford Generator has been purchased. The committee discussed the Remembrance Parade and discussed possible venues for the November fireworks. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Crook has been approached re the use of his land at Church Street and that the MOD has informed the Town Council that the event cannot take place at the sports ground. Cllr Hedge expressed concern regarding the lack of options should Cllr Crook's land not be available.	
7. Update: Men's Shed Cllr Yuill confirmed that planning permission has been granted for the storage units and men's shed. Planning conditions include:	

Hours of use: 1000hrs – 1800hrs Monday – Friday; 1100hrs – 1600hrs Saturday and Sunday

No amplified music/radio outside the building

No power tools outside the building

Windows and doors to be closed when using power tools etc

A Men's Shed Facebook Page has been set up. A committee needs to be set up. Cllr Yuill agreed to hold a meeting with interested parties to gauge interest for the Amesbury Men's Shed.

He confirmed that he had received interest from ladies too. Currently 88 people have expressed an interest.

Cllr Hedge asked if the committee would be made up of residents. Cllr Yuill confirmed that the organisation would not be council-run.

8. **To agree in principle to alterations to the disc golf course as requested by the Stonehenge Disc Golf Club**

Members of the Disc Golf Club were present at the meeting and confirmed that the primary cost would be for timber, estimating the cost of materials to be £1,600. The Disc Golf Club would provide the labour.

A temporary structure exists for current league nights, but the Club would like to put up a permanent structure for use by the club and any other users. This would be an enhancement of the course.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a full breakdown of costs would be required.

Proposed: Cllr Swindlehurst

Seconded: Cllr Hagger

Resolved: To agree in principle to alterations to the disc golf course as requested by the Stonehenge Disc Golf Club

9. **Items for the next agenda**

Any items should be forwarded to the Clerk for inclusion in the agenda.

10. **Date of next meeting:** 7.15pm 15th August 2023 at the Bowman Centre

Meeting closed 8.00pm