

Minutes of a meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne, following a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. K. Head (Vice Chair), T. Bond, D. Livesley, J. Morris, A. Samuel, C. Rawe.

In attendance: Town Clerk K. Sheehan, Deputy Clerk G. Hughes.

**OPEN FORUM**

No one wished to speak.

**53 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

23/24

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. S. Ashton, M. Best, A. Stuart, S. Woodland (all personal) and Cllr. J. Nathan (unwell).

Absent: Cllr. N. Draycott.

**54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

23/24

None.

**55 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

23/24

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 11 February 2024 be APPROVED.

**56 REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES CHAIR**

23/24 To receive an update report from the Amenities Chairman

The Vice Chair noted that revised Amenities progress report had been published. The Clerk confirmed that this had been published on the website. Some discussion took place around 'No Mow May', with the Clerk confirming that the Council did not have a formal 'No Mow May' policy, instead they had designated 'No Mow' areas which were left unmown for the growing season (not just May).

It was noted that the 'No Mow' signs at Barn Street had been found in the bin. The Clerk was asked to put something out on social media asking people to respect the signs as the children had put a lot of time and effort into making them.

The Vice Chair requested a usage report for the tennis courts be produced in the autumn, once they had been open for a whole year.

**57 CHAPEL INTERNAL WALLS**

23/24 To consider quotes for repair of internal chapel walls and porch

It was AGREED to award the contract to Gales Building Conservation for £10,466, with necessary arrangements delegated to the Operations Manager.

**58 NATURE TRAIL AT BINCOMBE BEECHES**

**23/24 To consider artwork for interpretation boards and leaflets**

It was AGREED to award the contract for the artwork to Rachel Akerman, noting that this project was funded by a wellbeing grant from SALC.

**59 MATTERS OF REPORT**

**23/24**

Councillors reported that:

- A recent twinning visit had been very successful, and a presentation of a plaque had been made to the Mayor, who passed this to the Clerk for inclusion in the twinning display cabinet in the Local Information Centre. Those who had helped or supported the event were thanked by Cllrs. Samuel and Head.
- No further update had been made available from Somerset Council regarding Millers Garage.
- The Plants and Gardens Festival would not be holding an event at the GRC this year, but that the other events including open gardens would go ahead as normal.

Some discussion took place about the proposals for one-way systems through the town centre. Councillors noted that a recent request for a renewed traffic survey had been declined by Somerset Council, but asked the Town Clerk to repeat the request to establish current levels of traffic.

**60 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**23/24**

Monday 15 July 2024 following the Planning & Highways Committee meeting in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square.

The meeting closed at 19.31.

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....

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