

Minutes of a meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne, following a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on Monday 10th March 2025.

PRESENT:

Cllr. M. Best (Chair), N. Draycott, K. Head, D. Livesley, J. Morris, J. Nathan, C. Rawe, A. Samuel, and S. Woodland.

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

Members of the Public: One.

039 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

24/25

Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Ashton (personal) and A. Stuart (unwell).

040 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

25/25

None.

041 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

24/25

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 13 January 2025 be APPROVED.

042 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

24/25

A member of the public raised a query over a spring which she believed to be running through Pithers Court from Town Council land. Further information would be required and the Clerk was asked to establish more details and respond at a later date.

The member of the public left the meeting.

043 REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES CHAIR

24/25

To receive an update report from the Amenities Chair

The updated Amenities progress matrix had been published and circulated.

The outstanding clearance of the drainage channel along the west side of Town Hall was discussed, with Cllr. Best noting that Somerset Council did not currently have the resources to attend to it. However, he would raise it on a forthcoming Highways walkaround, and emphasise that the water build up was causing the deterioration of a listed building, eroding the stone on the outside and causing damp on the interior.

044 LAND AT EASTHAMS LANE

24/25

To receive a verbal update from Councillor Best

Councillor Best reported that the outline clearance works to the land had been completed by Taylor Wimpey who remain the legal owners of land until a formal transfer is agreed. The transfer

documents were ready for signing; however, these were on hold until such time as the outstanding issues, including the fencing of the boundary line, were resolved. Additional drone footage of the area had been arranged.

045 HAPPY VALLEY CONSULTATION

24/25 To receive the results of the recent consultation on the future of the sandpit and determine a way forward

The Town Clerk reported out of 17 responses, 16 had been in favour of removing the sand and introducing a new piece of play equipment with appropriate safety surfacing.

It was AGREED to support the result of the consultation and arrangements were delegated to the Town Clerk to determine a range of play equipment options which would be available at the upcoming Skate Jam event In August for young people to have their say. The results of this exercise would then inform the budgeting process for 26/27 which will begin in the autumn.

046 MATTERS OF REPORT

24/25

Councillors agreed that incidences of dog fouling appeared to be very high at present. Particular concern was raised about St Bartholomew's Churchyard. It was agreed to reintroduce signage at the top of the steps and at the Abbey Street entrance about keeping dogs on leads. Additionally, some additional anti-dog fouling posters would be identified for other locations.

047 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

24/25

Monday 12 May 2025 following the Planning & Highways Committee meeting in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square.

The meeting closed at 19.47.

Signed:

Dated:

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