

**AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held via Zoom at 7.15 p.m. on  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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**PRESENT** Chairman - Councillor A.H. Davis  
Councillors A.L. Brunsdon, S.L. Churn, A.J. Hardingson, D. Hills,  
M. Kangarani, N.S. Penman, C.I. Rackham, & D.J. Russell.

Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and Executive and HR Manager.

Also present: Councillor K.V. Crisell.

**APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies received.

**DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF  
THE FULL COUNCIL**

84/20 **MINUTES RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd July 2020 be signed as a true record.

85/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Item 6 – Councillor A.L. Brunsdon declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is a Trustee of ‘It’s Your Choice’, and Councillor S.L. Churn declared a non-pecuniary interest as her children attend the Garage Youth Club and ‘It’s Your Choice’

86/20 **GENERAL UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS**

The Deputy Town Clerk reiterated his report which had been previously distributed; comments were made on the following:

Item 3. Town Park Refurbishments – A Councillor asked if the draft design and costings of the pond refurbishments included removing the cloudiness from the water. The Deputy Town Clerk explained that it did not, and a separate decision would need to be made with regard to schemes and costings in order to remove or reduce the cloudiness of the water caused by the clay pond bottom.

Item 5 – Town Centre Planters - Cleaning of the planters in the Town was raised; the Deputy Town Clerk agreed to arrange.

Item 6 – Future Projects and Prioritisation – It was agreed that a meeting be arranged for some time in October for the Sub-Committee to meet and formulate a prioritisation matrix.

Item 7 – Farm Close Play Area Adoption – This item had been withdrawn.

Item 8 – Traveller Defences – This item was discussed and it was agreed that Councillor A.L. Brunson and the Deputy Town Clerk inspect areas to ascertain possible defence solutions/costings for presentation at the next Amenities meeting. A further request was made for environmental and wildlife issue considerations to be made in any proposals.

Item 9 – Paddling Pools – This item was discussed, and unanimously agreed, that both pools and water splash park be retained, with costings and reports on maintenance/refurbishment to be discussed at the next Amenities meeting.

Item 10 – Outdoor Gym – It was agreed that this item be added to the prioritisation list for evaluation, and that the Deputy Town Clerk would obtain provisional costings and designs.

Item 11 – Meadow Areas – After discussion it was agreed that all present and proposed meadow areas be annually cut and raked, and that the public would be advised of all new meadow areas to avoid complaints.

Eling Tide Mill – The Town Clerk advised the meeting that the NFDC had agreed to contribute £32,000 as part funding for the project, but that this would be decreased over the next two years. He added that due to the decrease from NFDC and savings needed to reduce the Town Council's own contribution of approximately £35,000, plans to reduce the opening hours of the Eling Tide Mill Experience were being made, which included an extended closure period over the winter. The Town Clerk would provide the Council with an update on costings and financial saving measures in January 2021.

RESOLVED that the above updates be noted

#### 87/20 PARK RUN

The Town Clerk advised that a request had been received to operate Park Runs in Totton. He had identified an initial suitable route around Bartley Park which would mostly be on tarmac and gravel paths and the normal Licence fees and insurance liability clauses would apply, as too would Termination options. The Council agreed to authorise the Town Clerk to arrange Park Runs in the Town on suitable areas.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange Park Runs in suitable areas in the Town.

#### NON DELEGATED ITEMS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

#### 88/20 THE GARAGE YOUTH CENTRE

The Town Clerk had previously distributed a report which had invited Councillors to consider three possible options for the future operation of the Garage Youth Centre.

After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that option 1, to close the Garage youth Centre, be rejected, and that the Town Clerk obtain further information with regard to option 2, which was for the Council to operate a basic youth facility, and option 3, which was to provide a full youth centre facility via an affiliated or charitable organisation. The matter would be discussed further at a Full Council meeting, once the Town Clerk had completed the required report. (Councillor A.L. Brunson declared an interest in this item as he is a Trustee of 'It's Your Choice' and took no part in the discussion, and Councillor S.L. Churn declared an interest in this item as her children attend the Garage Youth Centre and 'It's Your Choice' and took no part in the discussion)

RECOMMENDED that this item be discussed at a Full Council meeting once the Town Clerk had completed further investigations, and a subsequent report, relating to Options 2 and 3.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm