

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held at the Totton & Eling Bowls Centre, Totton at 6.45 pm on Wednesday 12th January 2022.

PRESENT Chairman - Councillor A.H. Davis
Councillors, K.V. Crisell, D. Hills, A.J. Hardingson, M. Kangarani,
N.S. Penman, C.L. Rackham and J.H. Sleep.

Also present Councillors: D.J. Russell.

Town Clerk (first item only), Deputy Town Clerk and Executive & HR Manager.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors A. L. Brunsdon and S.L. Churn.

DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

1/22 **MINUTES RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November 2021 be signed as a true record.

2/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3/22 **LEASE OF LAND TO A.R. PHARMACY**

The Town Clerk reiterated his previously distributed report and asked Councillors to consider and make a decision on the options, as set out in the report. The following points were raised by Councillors:

- Previous charge for the use of the land they felt was too low.
- Traffic congestion due to drop-in vaccinations were causing parking problems for local residents with Councillors receiving numerous complaints; although the situation had improved since the 15 minute wait had been removed.
- Advice from NHS representatives indicated that appointments were on the decline and drop-in vaccinations were on the increase.
- The pharmacy were proving to be a pivotal operative in the distribution of vaccinations for the whole of South Hampshire.

- Public support for the continuation of vaccination distribution by the pharmacy was pronounced.
- The pharmacy could be asked for a donation to a Town Council project.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor A.H. Davis, and seconded by Councillor D. Hills that the rental cost of the land be increased to £20.00 per day until the end of March 2022. The pharmacy be approached for a donation to a Town Council project of their choice. Car Park Marshalls be appointed by the pharmacy to offset the parking problems in and around the area. The rental, licence extension and the possible introduction of a turnover share scheme be discussed at the March Amenities meeting, if the licence were to continue. This was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that

- (a) The rental for the land be increased to £20.00 per day until the end of March 2022.
- (b) The pharmacy be asked to make a donation to a Town Council project of their choice.
- (c) The pharmacy be asked to arrange for the appointment of Car Parking Marshalls.
- (d) The licence fee, extension and possible introduction of a share-turnover scheme be discussed at the next Amenities meeting if the licence were to continue.

4 /22 RECOGNITION FOR AARON PHIPPS' ACHIEVEMENT IN THE 2021 PARALYMPIC GAMES

The Chair asked for Councillors consideration on the proposal of naming the newly refurbished part inclusive play area at Eling Recreation ground after Aaron Phipps and the dedication of a wheelchair accessible bench placed in a central prominent recreational area of the Town. The matter was discussed and it was noted that family members, who had been approached with regard to the two proposals, were in favour and that the proposed types of recognition were in keeping with those implemented by other Councils in celebration of similar athlete's' achievements. Additionally, an objection was received to the play area naming, as it was felt this was inapplicable to the achievements obtained. It was proposed by Councillor A.H. Davis and seconded by Councillor D. Hills that both the park naming and dedicated bench be agreed, and after a vote of 6 in favour and 1 abstention, this was approved, with further design details to be discussed at a later Amenities meeting.

RESOLVED that the part inclusive play area at Eling Recreation ground be named after Aaron Phipps, and also for a wheelchair accessible bench to be dedicated to him in the Town Centre.

5/22 CONTRACTED GARDENER FOR PLANTING IN THE TOWN

The Deputy Town Clerk reiterated previous discussions in this regard and advised that budgets had already been approved.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor A.H. Davis and seconded by Councillor D. Hills that a contracted gardener be appointed to meet with Councillors to discuss the development and planting options for the Town Centre; this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that a contracted gardener be engaged for the development and upkeep of planting in the Town centre.

6/22 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is in the opinion of this Committee advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

NON DELEGATED ITEMS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

7/22 CLEANING SERVICES ISSUES

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that there had been some significant issues with the contract cleaning services who serviced the West Totton Centre, Calmore Community Centre, Hanger Farm and Bartley Park, which had not been resolved. He asked Councillors to approve the waiver of the normal tendering process restrictions as should they be upheld any termination of the present contractor's services could result in the centres having no cleaning provision, due to tendering time restrictions. He added that should this be approved, he would like to contact the second favoured company who tendered the last time, who still have an indicated interest in the contract, or engage a new company, if this was not successful. This matter was discussed and it was proposed by Councillor A.H. Davis and seconded by Councillor D.Hills and unanimously agreed to allow the waiver of the tendering process, on this occasion.

RECOMMENDED that the tendering process be waived, on this occasion, to allow the continued provision of cleaning services to the West Totton Centre, Calmore Community Centre, Hanger Farm and Bartley Park.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm