

WOODBIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an **on-line** meeting of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 6TH APRIL 2021** at **7pm**

Councillors:

Present: S Bale, Lady C Blois (except item 1028-1034), P Gillard, J Jewers (except item 1027-1034), S Miller, S Rawlings, R Sanders, C Walsh (except 1021-1025), and M Wilks

Absent without
Apologies: C Mapey

In Attendance: Locum Town Clerk, Locum Deputy Town Clerk and one member of the public

Action

1021. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

1022. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No members declared an interest in matters on the agenda.

1023. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests from Councillors for a dispensation.

1024. CONFIRMATION OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Committee received and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2021 as a true record.

1025. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

1026. TO NOTE THE RESPONSE FROM THE TRUSTEES REGARDING THE QUAKER BURIAL GROUND AND TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM COUNCILLOR WILKS THAT THIS COUNCIL MANAGE THE QUAKER BURIAL GROUND, WITHIN THE EXISTING WTC LEASE, ACCORDING TO PRO-SOCIAL MANAGEMENT GROUP DESIGN PRINCIPLES WHEREBY RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, "FRIENDS OF" AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES COLLABORATE CONSENSUALLY TO CREATE AND PURSUE A

STATEMENT OF MISSION AND PURPOSE THAT DELIVERS BEST OUTCOMES FROM THIS 'RESOURCE IN COMMON' FOR THE PEOPLE OF WOODBRIDGE

The Committee noted the response from the Trustees regarding the Quaker Burial Ground and considered a proposal from Councillor Wilks that this council manage the Quaker Burial Ground, within the existing WTC lease, according to pro-social management group design principles whereby relevant stakeholders, "friends of" and Council representatives collaborate consensually to create and pursue a statement of mission and purpose that delivers best outcomes from this 'resource in common' for the people of Woodbridge.

The Committee agreed to write again to the Trustees of the Quaker Burial Ground, setting out the maintenance requirement of the Council contained in the lease, and the maintenance requirements of Norse as set out in the contract, and ask them if they could identify those aspects of the maintenance requirements of Norse were not being complied with and whether these impacted on the Council's requirements contained in the lease.

The Committee agreed to ask the Trustees if there were further specific maintenance requirements they now wished to see included, either in the lease or the Norse contract, and whether they would wish to contribute to any increased costs which might accrue if these were added to the Norse contract requirements.

1027. TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR A COMMUNITY BOOK EXCHANGE

The Committee considered the potential for a community book exchange, possibly re-using a redundant telephone kiosk or at some other publicly available location.

Councillor Walsh was asked to identify suitable locations and report to the next meeting of the Committee for their consideration.

1028. TO AGREE TO THE REQUEST FROM THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO STOP USING PEAT-BASED PRODUCTS ON TOWN COUNCIL LAND

The Committee agreed to request that the Council's contractors, East Suffolk Norse, refrain from the use of peat-based products on Council land.

1029. TO AGREE TO THE INSTALLATION OF A PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF FORMER COUNCILLOR AND TOWN MAYOR MR NEIL MONTGOMERY

The Committee agreed to purchase and install a plaque on the Castle Street bench, further to approval of East Suffolk Council and County Councillor Page, with the wording to be agreed with Mr Montgomery's family.

1030. TO CLARIFY THIS COMMITTEE’S EXPECTATION FOR THE ELMHURST PARK MELON PIT

The Committee agreed to individually submit their ideas to Councillor Gillard who would compile them in order that Officers could seek quotations for the installation of a “high level sensory garden” in the area.

Members were reminded that there was no specific budgetary provision for this work.

1031. TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FROM THE GALLEY RESTAURANT TO HIRE THE MARKET SQUARE

The Committee agreed that the Locum Town Clerk be authorised to grant free use of the Market Square to the Galley Restaurant and Strawberry Cafe until 30th October 2021 and negotiate with both businesses agreeing how their use of the area should be divided, with the market taking precedence on Thursdays.

The Committee asked the Locum Town Clerk to discuss the issues regarding the sale/consumption of alcohol at the businesses’ tables with the Council’s insurers.

1032. TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FROM “NOISE OF ART” TO HIRE ELMHURST PARK ON 17TH JULY 2021

The Committee agreed to hire Elmhurst Park, subject to any Covid-19 restrictions, to “Noise of Art” for a fee of £300, and to also invite “Noise of Art” to make a grant application to the Council towards this sum.

1033. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE POST-COVID EVENTS WORKING PARTY

The Committee received a verbal update outlining plans for post-covid events.

1034. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 8.36pm.

Councillor Gillard
Chair