

## WOODBIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an on-line meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held on TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 at 6pm

### Councillors:

Present: S Bale, Lady C Blois, J Jewers, S Miller, S Rawlings, R Sanders, C Walsh and M Wilks

In attendance: Councillor O’Nolan (Item 576 only)

Apologies: P Gillard

Absent without  
Apologies: C Mapey

In Attendance: Locum Town Clerk, Locum Deputy Town Clerk and two members of the public

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### 569. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Gillard.

### 570. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS WERE INVITED TO MAKE ANY DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR LOCAL NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS THAT THEY MAY HAVE IN RELATION TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND WERE ALSO REMINDED TO MAKE ANY DECLARATIONS AT ANY STAGE DURING THE MEETING IF IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT THIS MAY BE REQUIRED WHEN A PARTICULAR ITEM OR ISSUE IS CONSIDERED, AND TO DEAL WITH DISPENSATIONS AS REQUESTED BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLORS IN LINE WITH S33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

No members declared an interest in matters on the agenda.

### 571. COUNCILLORS WITH A PECUNIARY INTEREST IN AN ITEM ON THIS AGENDA, WHO WISH TO REMAIN, SPEAK AND/OR VOTE DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT ITEM, MAY APPLY FOR A DISPENSATION BY WRITING TO THE TOWN CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING. APPLICATIONS MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING ITSELF SHOULD THE NATURE OF THE INTEREST BECOME APPARENT TO A COUNCILLOR AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING

There were no requests from Councillors for a dispensation.

**572. CONFIRMATION OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Committee received and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 as a true record.

**573. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public expressed her concern that the Quaker Burial Ground was not being maintained in accordance with the Council's Grounds Maintenance Contract.

**574. TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO BUDGET FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS 2021**

The Committee agreed to identify £2,500 as a new project for 2021/2022 for some form of Christmas illumination (precise scheme to be agreed) at Whisstocks Place.

**575. TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL REVENUE ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THEIR 2021/2022 BUDGET**

The Committee reviewed their earlier decisions and agreed that the items should be: -

- a) Funding for post-COVID events - £6,000
- b) Funding for creation of new allotments - £6,000
- c) Christmas illuminations at Whisstocks 2021/2022 - £2,500
- d) Litter bins and daily emptying at Whisstocks - £2,300

**576. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE ON THE MASS TREE PLANTING SCHEME**

The Committee received a verbal update, with illustrative plans identifying potential sites for further tree and hedge planting.

**577. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE A CONTRACTOR TO UNDERTAKE THE INSTALLATION OF A BASKETBALL COURT ON KINGSTON FIELD**

The Committee agreed, subject to the agreement of Full Council to allocate funds from the CIL monies held by the Council, to accept the quotation from Playquip.

**578. TO DISCUSS THE REPORT FROM THE PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY IN REGARDS TO THE POTENTIAL UPDATE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FACILITIES**

The Committee considered the report and agreed to recommend to Full Council that the three play areas be upgraded as suggested in the report, and the monies be included in the 2021/2022 budget, including the use of existing reserves if necessary.

In addition the Committee agreed to recommend to Full Council that, in order to address accessibility issues the toilets at Elmhurst Park be modernised to provide for an accessible toilet, and that a hard-surfaced path be provided across Kingston Field from the pedestrian access bridge to the play area.

**579. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 7.25pm.

Councillor Sanders  
Vice-Chair