

WOODBIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 3RD AUGUST 2021** at 7pm at **THE OCTAGON, METHODIST CHURCH, WOODBRIDGE**

Councillors:

Present: D Adelson, S Bale, S Miller, E O’Nolan, C Walsh and M Wilks

Apologies: Lady C Blois, J Jewers, S Rawlings and R Sanders

In Attendance: Locum Town Clerk and no members of the public

215. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Blois, Jewers, Rawlings and Sanders.

216. To receive declarations of interest

No Members had any Disclosable Pecuniary or Local Non-Pecuniary Interests in relation to items on the agenda.

217. To consider requests for dispensations

There were no requests from Councillors with a Pecuniary Interest in an item on this Agenda for a dispensation.

218. To agree and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2021.

The Committee received and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2021 as a true record.

219. Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

220. To consider whether to provide a BMX jump track on Kingston Field

The Committee responded positively to the suggestion of providing a BMX jump track on Kingston Field and asked that the member of the public be invited to meet members of the Committee on-site, and attend the next meeting of the Committee, to talk about the concept. The Clerk was asked to check any insurance implications with the Council’s insurers.

221. To receive a verbal update on the Melton Pit

The Committee were advised that an article asking for help with its design had been posted on the Council's social media accounts but there had been no response to date.

222. To explore the relevance of a Shop-Mobility Scheme in Woodbridge

The Committee asked the Clerk to prepare details of a potential scheme for operation in Woodbridge with estimated costs.

223. To review the contract for the purchase of the Market Hill telephone kiosk

The Committee reviewed the contract and agreed:-

- a) To recommend to Full Council that the Council purchase the kiosk from BT for the sum of £1 for use as a book exchange
- b) Subject to the Town Council agreeing the purchase that the sum of £250 be allocated from this Committee's budget to upgrade the lighting and install shelving
- c) Subject to the Town Council agreeing the purchase to provide signage indicating it is no longer available as a telephone kiosk

224. To consider additional revenue items for inclusion in the 2022/2023 Budget

Members were invited to submit their suggestions to the Town Clerk in order that they could be considered at the next meeting of the Committee. Some suggestions were raised including:-

- a) Provision of planters in the Thoroughfare
- b) Deckchairs freely available on Whisstocks Place
- c) Free-standing tables with printed games for Whisstocks Place

The Committee asked that the subject of planters for the Thoroughfare be placed on the agenda of the next Full Council meeting.

225. To consider locations for bike racks in Woodbridge

Members were invited to submit their suggested locations to the Town Clerk in order that they could be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

226. To consider the potential for a boardwalk on the river wall

The Committee agreed that a small deputation of interested parties, led by Councillor O’Nolan, should meet with the Crown Commissioners to gain their reaction to any such scheme.

227. To receive a verbal update on the Amenities Committee walkabout

The Committee members had only visited two sites, in which the following issues needed addressing (all in Elmhurst Park):-

- a) The hollow area needed the bindweed removing, suckers cut back, and general maintenance
- b) The planted areas all needed weeding
- c) The stakes supporting the cherry tree in the Scouts Corner were inhibiting its growth and needed removing
- d) The bottom hinge on the gate by Scouts Corner needed attention
- e) The plant protectors needed removing from the whips planted earlier in the year.

The option of installing a bog garden in the hollow would be explored at a later meeting.

228. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.47pm

Councillor O’Nolan
Chair