

Woodbridge Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held at the **John Gibbins Gallery** on **Tuesday 5th April 2022** at 7pm

Councillors:

Present: D Adelson, S Bale, E O’Nolan, S Rawlings, R Sanders, C Walsh and M Wilks.

Apologies: Lady C Blois, J Jewers, S Miller.

In Attendance: Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and seven members of the public.

874. Apologies for absence

Apologise for absence were received from Councillor Blois, Jewers and Miller.

875. To receive declarations of interest

Councillor Adelson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 879 as his wife is an allotment holder.

876. To consider requests for dispensations

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

877. Public Question Time

A member of the Woodbridge Allotment Association spoke regarding the allotment working party.

A member of the public spoke regarding the positioning of planters on the Thoroughfare.

878. To receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2022

It was agreed that at item 812 the section detailing the Allotment Waiting List should read as follows:

Allotment waiting list

Priority will be given to those residents without a viable garden, quantified through a points-based scoring system/questionnaire sent to those interested in joining the waiting list.

With these changes the Committee received and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2022 as a true record.

879. To appoint members to the Allotment Working Party

Councillors O’Nolan, Miller, Sanders and Wilks were appointed to the Allotment Working Party.

It was agreed that one seat be offered to the Woodbridge Allotment Association, and Mr Richard Llewellyn was co-opted as the organisation’s representative.

880. To consider the quotations received for the Elmhurst Park play area update

It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that Kompan be appointed as the contractor to undertake the Elmhurst Park play area update at a cost of £50,000 ex VAT.

881. To note the receipt of ‘New burdens funding’ from East Suffolk Council

Members noted the receipt of ‘New burdens funding’ East Suffolk Council.

882. To agree the location for planters on the Thoroughfare

It was agreed that locations 2, 8, 9 and 10 (detailed below), be submitted to Suffolk County Council as the locations for planters to be placed on the Thoroughfare.

2 – Vapes at 88

8 – Woodbridge Pharmacy

9 – Lloyds Bank

10 – Tannery

883. To consider installing a covid memorial bench on Fen Meadow

It was agreed to install a covid memorial bench on Fen Meadow located on the upper/ back of the meadow (option 1).

It was also agreed to utilise a bench from the New Burdens Funding for this purpose and that any additional costs would be met from the Amenities Committee 2022/23 budget.

884. To consider a response to the East Suffolk Council consultation on firework displays

The Committee agreed their responses to the East Suffolk Council consultation on firework displays.

885. To consider how to proceed with the Hamblin Road sign

It was agreed to ask the Council's contractor to remove the sign in order that a qualified decision can be taken on its future.

With the agreement of those present the Chair re-ordered the agenda so that the next item could be taken in public session.

886. To receive an update on the water testing programme

The Chair spoke to a report on the Water Testing programme.

It was agreed to notify Public Health officials at Suffolk County Council regarding the water quality issue and discuss the requirements for signage.

It was further agreed to publish a press release informing members of the public once a response from Public Health Suffolk had been received.

887. To exclude the Public and Press from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 because of the confidential information being discussed

It was agreed to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential information to be discussed.

888. To receive an update on the Elmhurst Park toilets

Members noted an update from the Town Clerk regarding the Elmhurst Park toilets.

889. To consider a request from the Strawberry Café regarding the Theatre Street toilet site

Members considered the request from the Strawberry Café and set a deadline for the bins to be removed.

890. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.54pm

Councillor O'Nolan
Chair