

Woodbridge Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities Committee** held at the **John Gibbins Gallery** on **Tuesday 14th June 2022** at 7pm

Councillors:

Present: D Adelson, Lady C Blois, P Gillard, S Miller, S Rawlings, and M Wilks.

Apologies: J Jewers, E O’Nolan, R Sanders, C Walsh

In Attendance: Town Clerk and two members of the public.

88. To appoint a Chair of Committee for the 2022/2023 Civic Year.

Councillor Miller was elected the Chair of the Amenities Committee for the 2022/23 Civic Year.

89. To appoint a Vice-Chair of Committee for the 2022/2023 Civic Year.

Councillor O’Nolan was elected the Vice-Chair of the Amenities Committee for the 2022/23 Civic Year.

90. Apologies for absence

Apologise for absence were received from Councillors Jewers, O’Nolan, Sanders and Walsh.

91. To receive declarations of interest

Councillor Adelson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 97 as a member of the Woodbridge Growers.

92. To consider requests for dispensations

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

93. Public Question Time

The resident of Elmhurst Cottage spoke to her objections toward the proposed Melon Pit development.

94. To receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2022

The Committee received and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2022 as a true record.

95. To note this Committee's Terms of Reference.

The Committee noted the Terms of Reference.

96. To note the receipt of the pre-planning application advice regarding the Melton Pit, and to discuss how to proceed with the site.

Members noted the receipt of the pre-planning application advice, which stated:

The applicant has stated that the land is owned by the Town Council. From the information submitted, it appears that the proposed works could be carried out under the (Schedule 2, Part 12) Class A permitted development rights, provided that any structures (including the pergola and canopies) are under 4 metres in height and 200 cubic metres in capacity.

Members agreed to ask the Town Clerk to:

- Organise a meeting with the resident of Elmhurst Cottage to discuss the Council's proposals in an attempt to mitigate her concerns over the development.
- Prepare designs and seek quotations for a sensory garden based on the preliminary designs submitted and further to a meeting with the resident of Elmhurst Cottage.
- Confirm the full legal position of permitted development rights.

97. To consider the ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour in Elmhurst Park and discuss how the Council can mitigate the problems.

Members noted the ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour in Elmhurst Park and agreed to ask the Town Clerk to:

- Contact the 'Town Pastors' organisation to enquire if they still operate in Woodbridge.
- Contact Suffolk Constabulary to enquire if ABS meetings are still being held.
- Investigate the potential use and cost of installing CCTV cameras and security lighting.
- Contact Access Community Trust regarding their work with young people in the town in 2021.
- Consider how to consult park users regarding the future of the park.

98. To consider an offer of trees from Notcutts.

Members considered and accepted the offer of trees from Notcutts.

The Town Clerk was asked to seek approval from Notcutts that should we be unable to plant the trees on the Town Council estate due to a lack of available space that leftovers are offered free of charge to members of the public.

99. To discuss the finger posts of Woodbridge.

It was agreed to ask the Town Clerk to further investigate the ownership of the finger posts in Woodbridge.

100. To approve expenditure toward the repair of the Elmhurst Park toilets.

The members present felt that hot water was not a necessity in the Elmhurst Park toilets and asked to the Town Clerk to investigate a cold water only supply.

Members agreed to mandate the Town Clerk to spend up to £1500 from Future Years Maintenance Reserve (315) to facilitate this repair work.

101. To note the current projects of the Committee.

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102. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.22pm

Councillor Miller
Chair