



## RECREATIONS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Recreations & Amenities Committee meeting held via ZOOM on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 commencing at 7.00pm.

**159 PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs Cooke (Chairman), Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Drinnan, Cllr Langridge and Cllr Turner also Christine Bright (Town Clerk), Mr S Nikolov (Groundsman), Mr M Runyard (Beaminster Football/Cricket Club), Mr D Chambers (Building Consultant) and Dorset Councillor Mrs Knox.

**160 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Monks.

**161 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
Members had previously been circulated with the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Minutes confirmed to be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

**162 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**  
No declarations of interest were received.

### **163 PROGRESS REPORT**

**(a) Enforcement Officer**  
Members **NOTED** the appointment of Mr Amatt to the position of Enforcement Officer who commenced duties on 1st December 2020.

**(b) Vehicular access in the Cemetery**  
The Town Clerk advised a meeting had taken place with the local undertaker to discuss the ongoing issues linked to the gravedigger, he explained that most gravedigger's had their own local 'patch' and to bring in another contractor would be logistically difficult.

Members acknowledged the difficulty however as a matter of respect a solution must be found, **AGREED** to establish procedures for grave digging/access with other local authorities.

### **164 MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD**

**(a) Skate Park Project**  
Members were delighted that the project had been delivered ahead of schedule and that the facility had proved very popular with the children. Mr Nikolov advised the older children were sweeping to remove dirt/debris from the skating surface however regular monitoring of the drainage system would be required to ensure it remained free of blockages.

Mr Nikolov expressed his concern that the grass seed sown by the contractor would not grow due to the recent dry spell and the amount of people walking over the area. Watering was discussed which could be problematical due to lack of water pressure.

Mr Nikolov advised that spoil from the construction of the skate park had been used to form a bank in the top right hand corner of the Playing Field on which he had sown a mixture of grass and wild flower seeds.

The Town Clerk advised of a broken rubbish bin in need of replacement, a cost to be obtained.

At this point Mr Chambers joined the meeting.

- **ROSPA inspection** – Mr Chambers advised the ROSPA safety inspection had been carried out and no issues or concerns had been raised **NOTED**
- **New path to link the car park with the existing path** – Mr Chambers advised a quotation would be sought to construct a path using scalpings topped with self bonding gravel.<sup>1</sup>
- **Safety Railings** – Mr Chambers urged caution with regard to the installation of safety railings, the skate park had passed the ROSPA test and no requirement for fencing had been raised **NOTED**

**(b) Hedge Laying**

Mr Nikolov felt the top boundary hedge would benefit from 'laying' later in the year, members **AGREED**.

**(c) Lighting**

Members **NOTED** a number of complaints had been received with regard to the bright lights on the pavilion, having spoken with the Chairman of BCCP the Town Clerk advised alternative lighting would be investigated.

**165 CEMETERY**

Following the recent review of risk assessments members instructed Mr Chambers to carry out safety testing of the memorials in the cemetery.

**166 FURLANDS ALLOTMENTS**

In the absence of Mr Martin no report was received.

Cllr Cheeseman suggested that some allotment holders could have surplus crops and he wondered whether they might be used rather than disposed off via the compost heap.

**167 PUBLIC BODIES**

Cllr Turner proposed that public and press be now excluded from the meeting whilst discussion took place on the following items on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in respect of the consideration of potential tender documents and receiving quotations. Seconded by Cllr Drinnan and **RESOLVED**.

**(a) Public Toilet/store**

In order to obtain a cost figure based on drawings Mr Chambers asked members to consider the detail of the type of door for the store, pitch of the roof (potential for solar panels), the addition of a small store for cleaning equipment and the wall finish.

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<sup>1</sup> Quotation received in the sum of £5,000

Members **AGREED** to the addition of a cleaning store and if possible 45% pitch roof and outward opening store door. With regard to wall finish a suggestion was put forward to discuss with Beaminster School the possibility of some form of wall art, **AGREED**.<sup>2</sup>

**(b) CCTV**

The Town Clerk advised a rather vague updated quotation had been received from the supplier of the existing CCTV within the pavilion. In view of ever updating technology, following discussion members **AGREED**, in conjunction with BCCP to pursue additional quotations for an enhanced CCTV system.

**(c) Memorial Lane**

The Town Clerk advised of a quotation received to re-instate failures in the lane surfacing however in light of possible further construction traffic members **AGREED** to delay large scale works, in the meanwhile Mr Nikolov would undertake temporary repairs on potential trip hazards.

**168 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting to be confirmed.

**169 MEETING**

The meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 9.00pm.

CHAIRMAN

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<sup>2</sup> Cost obtained from QS to price the revised drawings in the sum of £450

