



Item A15 – Cemetery Mechanical Digger –.Officers were evaluating quotes for a replacement mechanical digger. The Committee **resolved** to delegate the purchase of the digger to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of Amenities and Recreation Committee.

A23. **Financial Report**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Treasurer for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, as circulated with the agenda. The Committee **resolved** to approve the report.

A24. **Cemetery and Works Supervisor's Report**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Cemetery and Works Supervisor as circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved** to accept the report.

The Committee wished to thank all staff involved in the 2018 Fun and Music in the Park for making it such a success.

A25. **New Cemetery**

This item has now been transferred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee as it is a property matter.

A26. **Exclusive Rights of Burial**

The Committee received the report of the Assistant Town Clerk with regards to Exclusive Rights of Burial in the Abingdon Cemeteries.

It was proposed by Councillor Dennis Garrett and seconded by Councillor Jeanette Halliday and recommend through the Finance and General Purposes Committee:

- (i) That at the end of the period for the exclusive rights of burial in a plot in the Abingdon cemeteries, an extension to the period may be granted by the Council for an additional 50-year period, subject to any terms and conditions required by the Council. (Note the original period for new grave is the grant of a 75-year exclusive right);
- (ii) The cost of purchase of exclusive rights and immediate burial for a single depth grave be £768. (Note this is an increase of £68, to discourage the purchase of a new plot when an existing plot can be used).
- (iii) That the charge for the extended 50-year period be £268 (Note the same as the charge for the exclusive rights grant for a single depth grave excluding the charge for the burial itself).

#### A27. **2019 / 2020 Estimates**

Members were informed that, at the November 2018 meeting, they will need to discuss the proposed estimates for the 2019 / 2020 budget.

Officers asked the Council to consider refurbishment of fencing surrounding play areas in Caldecott recreation ground, Chaunterell Way play area, Chilton Close recreation area, Elizabeth Avenue and Hillview play areas. Also to install new or refurbish paths at Austin Place (entrance to nursery) Chilton Close recreation area, Hillview and the northern end of Boxhill Wood.

Members were also asked to contact officers if they had any other items for consideration in the 2019 / 2020 budget exercise.

#### A28. **Boxhill Recreation Ground**

The Committee had received a reply form the enforcement officer at the District Council regarding dog fouling in Boxhill recreation ground. The officer reported that the area is patrolled as it has been badly affected by dog fouling in the past. Also new signage will be displayed in the area and enforcement action would be taken if anyone could be identified as responsible for allowing their dogs to foul the area.

The Committee resolved to see how the matter progressed and asked if the enforcement officer could report back at a future date.

#### A29. **Royse Court Garden**

It was **recommended** to the Guildhall Committee that the following be purchased to complete the refurbishment of the Royse Court Garden:

- World War One Memorial Bench £896
- World War Two Memorial Bench £896
- Planter for floral display £873 plus any inscription at £3.95 per letter.
- Two Hanging basket Trees £700 each approx. price.

The Committee also resolved to request that the Guildhall Committee looked again at installing three flagpoles in the Royse Court Garden.

#### A30. **Tree Planting Requests**

Member **resolved** to ask the local MP to plant tree samplings, as part of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy project, in Boxhill Wood rather than Caldecott recreation area.

Then Committee also **resolved** to ask the Oxfordshire County Council, in partnership with the Woodlands Trust, to plant a commemorative tree sapling (whip) for the Centenary of the Armistice of WW1 in the Spring Road Cemetery. This will allow the sapling to grow

and, in future years, transfer it to a place where it has more chance of survival as an established tree.

A31. **Publicity**

The Committee did not request any items for publicity at this meeting.

A32. **Items for Next Meeting**

Members asked that the problem of pigeon fouling be reported to the next meeting. There were no other requests for agenda items for the next Amenities and Recreation Committee. The Chairman, Cllr Alice Badcock, asked Members to inform officers, in writing, in advance of the next meeting if they wanted to request an agenda item to be added.

A33. **Date of next Meeting**

Members were reminded that the Amenities and Recreation meeting dates for the civic year 2018 / 2019 had been agreed as:

- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November;
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The meeting rose at 8.00pm.

Signed ..... Date .....

Chairman