

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committee held in Royse Court on Wednesday 31st August 2016 at 7.00pm.

Present:

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| Councillor Sandy Lovatt | Chairman |
| Councillor Robert Hall | Vice Chairman |
| Councillor Alice Badcock | Ex Officio – Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames |
| Councillor Mike Badcock | Ex Officio – Chairman of Finance & General Purposes |
| Councillor Dennis Garrett | |
| Councillor Vicky Jenkins | |
| Councillor Jan Morter | |
| Councillor Lorraine Oates | |
| Councillor Helen Pighills | |

In Attendance:

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| Mr Stephen Rich | Assistant Town Clerk & Head of Services (Clerk to the meeting) |
| Councillor Margaret Crick | |

A5. **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

A6 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest raised at the meeting.

A7. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was **resolved** the Minutes of the previous meeting on 25th May 2016 be accepted as a correct record.

A8. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

Minute A52 – Town Entry Signage – Members were informed that new town entry signs had been ordered and it was hoped that these would be installed after the Fairs had been held in Abingdon.

Minute A14 – Resurfacing of Spring Road Cemetery Entrance – An order had been placed for this work to be carried out.

A15 – No quotes had yet been received for new play equipment in Masefield Crescent play area.

Minute A10 – Cemetery and Works Supervisors Report – A Member congratulated the Works Team for their work this year on the flower displays around the town. She and other Councillors had received many compliments about the displays and wished that the thanks of the Committee be passed to the Team. The committee **resolved** to pass on their thanks and those of the public to the Works Team. The Chairman also asked that thanks be passed on to Chris Ford of Wick Farm Nurseries for his work in producing the flower displays.

Members referred to the request to plant crocus bulbs as part of the Rotary Clubs celebrations of the eradication of Polio world-wide. Officers said they would contact the Rotary Club as nothing more had been heard from them.

A9 **Financial Report**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Treasurer for the period from 1st April to 31st July 2016, as circulated with the agenda. The Committee **resolved** to approve the report including the management accounts for the period to 31st March 2016.

A10 **Cemetery and Works Supervisor's Report**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Cemetery and Works Supervisor as circulated with the agenda.

The Committee **resolved** to approve the report and to express its condolences at the death of Mr Richard Kell, former Cemetery Superintendant, who retired from the Works Team in 2007.

A13. **New Cemetery**

Members were informed that officers had been in negotiations with the District Council concerning a new cemetery and that officers would keep them updated as matters progressed.

A14 **Drainage on Amenity Land.**

The meeting was informed of concerns that had been received regarding two areas of land which were subject to flooding during periods of heavy rain. The areas concerned were the entrance to Chilton Close recreation area and land at Austin Place.

The committee heard that work had been done previously on both areas to try and alleviate the flooding problem but these had not worked fully due to the extreme weather conditions that have been experienced over the past few years.

It was **resolved** that officers should go ahead and obtain quotes for the Chilton Close recreation entrance and delegate this to the Town Clerk and the Chairman of the Amenities and Recreation Committee. Members would consider further how to solve the problem at Austin Place.

A16 **Corporate Fisheries**

Members received and resolved to accept the minutes of the Fishing Working Group held on 1st June 2016.

Members also **resolved** that the Water Keeper should be able to sell permits along the river bank when policing the Abingdon Corporate Waters.

A19 **Items for Next Agenda**

The Chairman asked that a report be submitted at the next meeting regarding bus shelters.

A20 **Publicity**

Members asked that information on the Fair be given on Facebook and Twitter.

A21 **Date of next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th November.

A22 **Exclusion of the public, including the Press**

The Chairman Cllr Sandy Lovatt moved and it was **resolved**:

That in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Items for Discussion:

1. Cemetery Charges 2016 / 2017
2. Amenity Land.

The meeting rose at 7.55pm

Signed Date