

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committee held in Royse Room, Guildhall on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillor Alice Badcock
Councillor Dennis Garrett
Councillor Robert Hall
Councillor Jeanette Halliday
Councillor Vicky Jenkins
Councillor Helen Pighills
Councillor Mike Badcock

Chairman

ex-officio Chair of Finance & General Purposes
Committee

In Attendance:

Mr Stephen Rich

Assistant Town Clerk & Head of Services
(Clerk to the meeting)

Mr Timothy Badcock

Cemetery & Works Supervisor

A54. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jan Morter, Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames and Councillor Lorraine Oates.

A55. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest raised at the meeting.

A56. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **resolved** the Minutes of the previous meeting on 6th December 2017 be accepted as a correct record.

A57. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Minute A14 – Drainage on Community Land - Resolved to look for another company to quote for drainage work at Chilton Close.

Item A44 – Play Areas - Meeting informed that play equipment had now been ordered for Elizabeth Avenue and Hillview play areas.

Item A42 – Abingdon In Bloom – Councillor Pighills informed the meeting of World War One silhouettes which were being offered by the British Legion to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ending of the Great War. The Committee asked officers to look into this and report back.

Item A46 – Trees Ock Valley Walk – The Committee considered further correspondence from Mr James White in relation to this matter. The Council employs a professional arboriculturalist to undertake a periodic tree survey and this is used to prioritise the tree works which are required. This survey did not highlight the trees in question as requiring works. Having reviewed matters Members did not consider that there was any new information which would justify it to change its previous decision in relation to the trees. Consequently it was **resolved** that the previous resolution of the Committee and that of the Town Council be confirmed.

Item A48 – Ock Valley Bridge – Members informed that Bridge had been ordered and a contractor identified to install and remove the old bridge.

A58. **Financial Report**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Treasurer for the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st December 2017, as circulated with the agenda. The Committee **resolved** to approve the report.

A59. **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.

A60 **Benches in Cemetery**

It was **resolved** that officers would report back to the Committee on replacement benches in the cemeteries and a scheme for having memorial plaques placed on them.

A61. **New Cemetery**

There was nothing further to report on this matter.

A62. **Play Areas**

The Committee were asked to consider how the budget for play areas should be allocated in the coming financial year. It was **resolved** that Members would take a look at play areas in their constituencies and inform officers of any improvements they would like to see. Officers could then work on these proposals to give information to the Amenities and Recreation Committee at their first meeting of the new civic year.

A63. **Publicity**

The Committee requested that publicity be given to the new bridge over the River Ock and any new play equipment when installed.

A64. **Items for Next Meeting**

Members had no items for the next agenda of the Amenities and Recreation Committee and the Chairman asked them to inform officers, in writing, in advance of the next meeting if they wanted to request an agenda item to be added.

A65. **Date of next Meeting**

Members were informed that the Town Council diary for 2018 / 2019 had not been issued as yet and Members would be notified of future meetings of the Amenities and Recreation Committee in due course.

The meeting rose at 7.50pm.

Signed Date

Chairman