

9<sup>th</sup> March 2017

To: All Members of the **Amenities and Recreation Committee:**

Councillor Sandy Lovatt - Chairman  
Councillor Robert Hall - Vice Chairman  
Councillor Dennis Garrett  
Councillor Vicky Jenkins  
Councillor Jan Morter  
Councillor Lorraine Oates  
Councillor Helen Pighills

The Mayor of Abingdon - (ex-officio)  
Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee - (ex-officio)

To: All other Town Council members for Information only.

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Amenities & Recreation Committee to be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017** at **7.00 pm** in the Roysse Room at the Guildhall.

Yours faithfully

N. E. Warner  
Town Clerk

## **AGENDA**

### 1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

### 2. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in relation to any items to be considered at the meeting, in accordance with the Local Code of Conduct.

### 3 **Minutes**

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (attached).

### 4 **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

To discuss any matters arising from the previous minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Item A14 – Drainage on Community Land – Awaiting quotation to provide suitable drainage for the Chilton Close entrance to the recreation area.

Item A30 – A bench manufactured from recycled products has been ordered for Caldecott Road to replace a bench that had been damaged.

### 5 **Financial Report**

To receive and consider the financial report for the year April to January 2016 / 2017 and the report of the Treasurer.

### 6. **Cemetery and Works Supervisor's Report**

To receive the Cemetery and Works Supervisor's Report (attached)

### 7. **New Cemetery**

This item will appear as a standard item each meeting. There is nothing further to report at this stage.

8. **Purchase of New Works Team Vehicle**

In line with Town Council policy and to keep the Works Team's vehicles to a good standard and to maintain our corporate image, your officers will be looking to replace the Mitsubishi L200. This vehicle has proved to be a good working vehicle and it is intended that the Council purchase a similar updated model.

Members are asked to recommend to the Finance and General Purposes Committee that the Mitsubishi L200 registration OV 61 TVN be part-exchanged for a new vehicle as above.

9. **Abingdon In Bloom**

The flowers for Abingdon In Bloom have been ordered for this coming summer season and all floral displays will be a mixture of vibrant colours.

A resident of Wilsham Road has made a request that barrier baskets for floral displays are installed along that stretch of river frontage. The resident has spoken to a number of neighbours and they are willing to donate some finances towards the cost of new baskets and planting.

There are problems with this request namely vandalism and problems with watering. A number of years ago the Council had barrier baskets along Wilsham Road however these were often destroyed by vandals. The Council has not installed floral displays here for many years however it may now be the time to try again, with the help of the community keeping a watch on things. Watering the displays is also a problem as parked cars make it impossible for the water bowser to get near to the barrier displays. Again, with the community helping to water the displays this may be a possibility.

Members are asked to consider the principal of this request and to instruct their officers to enter into negotiations with the residents of Wilsham Road as to what can be achieved in this respect.

10 **Publicity**

The Committee is requested to consider any items on the agenda which would benefit from publicity.

11 **Items for Next Meeting**

Members are requested to consider items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committee. This will enable officers to explore future items with a view to giving some guidance at future meetings.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Amenities and Recreation Meeting will be notified to Members once the calendar for the new civic year has been agreed.

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

The Chairman will move:

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: None.