

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY
23rd MAY 2022 AT 7:00PM IN THE COLYTON TOWN HALL.**

Present: Cllrs S Real, A Stenning, K Clifford, A Parr, C Pady, J Gardiner, A Mills, J Hay and R Turner.
Also S Haines (clerk)

Members of public: 0

A22/05/09 Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Cllr Stenning proposed that Cllr Pady remain in post as Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all. No further nominations were made. Cllr Hay proposed that Cllr Jarman remain in post as Vice Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Gardiner. Cllr Stenning proposed Cllr A Mills be Vice Chair this was seconded by Cllr Turner. A ballot was held with the majority of votes going to Cllr A Mills. Cllr Pady voiced thanks to Cllr Jarman for his support in the past year.

A22/05/10 To receive and accept apologies for absence. Cllrs A Jarman, C Denny, K Mills and P Arnott.

A22/05/11 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 25th April (Appendix C) to be approved. Cllr Parr proposed these be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.

A22/05/12 Matters arising from the Minutes. None

A22/05/13 Declarations of interest. None

A22/05/14 Democratic Period. No members of public present.

A22/05/15 Toilet caretaker is unavailable on 13th, 14th and 15th November. Cllr Turner and handy man to open/close.

A22/05/16 Proposed new footpath from Colyton to Colyford. There has been an idea submitted by Cllr Denny who is absent, Cllr Pady also confirmed that he has an idea. This will be deferred until Cllr Denny is present. Cllr Pady to contact land owners to see if they would be willing.

A22/05/17 Dolphin Street toilets. Cllrs Arnott and Denny attended a zoom meeting with Tim Child (Assets) and Andrew Hancock (Street Scene) of EDDC to discuss the future plans for the Dolphin Street Toilets. Essentially, EDDC cannot afford to keep the toilets operating. They will look into opening the entire block for the rest of 2022 and are aware of the special days of 04/06 – Jubilee Street Party, 09/07 – Monmouth Day, and 10/09 – Carnival, when the block must be open. EDDC will need to inspect the block first. Unless something happens, the toilets will close by 04/23. The CPC would be offered the toilets for a peppercorn rent over 99 years. EDDC would recommend charging for use of toilets that remain open, they charge around 40p CPC will need to decide if charging is required. There may be a £25k grant towards rendering repairs plus legal costs. Legal of any transfer can take 3-6 months. It was suggested a figure of £70k would be required to undertake the works with a target of completion of 03/22. The expected income a shop may bring needs to be ascertained and Cllr Denny is in talks with Martin Diplock on this. Cllr Pady confirmed that the income from the carpark is approx. £10,000.00 a year in cash plus permits. He also confirmed that the electric vehicle charge points will be situated along the wall on the right as you drive into the carpark.

A22/05/18 Possible locations for a memorial bench. This will be deferred so Cllrs can come up with suggestions.

A22/05/19 Gaps in Picnic site hedge. Cllr Pady proposed he order 80 blackthorn whips from Perrihale Nursery and plant them in October. Cllr Stenning thought that EDDC would donate blackthorn as part of a grant. Cllr Real suggested a fence be put in the hedge to stop people pushing through while the whips are still young, Cllr Pady to get quotes for stakes and stock fencing.

A22/05/20 Cuts at Colyford Gateways. Cllr Pady wants the Council to commit to cutting the gateways every month of the growing season between April and September, Cllr Turner advised that this is not in the budget. Clerk to get a price.

A22/05/21 Street light in Dolphin Street carpark. Cllr Hay proposed the clerk contact the Western Power office in Crewkerne directly to ask for an update on the broken light in the car park. This was seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.

A22/05/22 Items bought to the Chairs attention after the agenda was published to be noted. The clerk asked if the plans drawn up by Cllr Denny for Millfield can be sent to planning for the application. This was agreed. The clerk asked if plans drawn up by Cllr Denny for the upgrade of the pavilion toilet could go out for tender. This was agreed.

A22/05/23 Date of next Meetings,

Annual Parish Inspection – Monday 30th May

Full CPC Meeting – Monday 13th June

Committees meeting – Monday 27th June

Meeting closed: 20:45