

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 23rd AUGUST 2021 AT 7PM IN THE COLYTON TOWN HALL.**

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

Members of public: 1

- A21/08/24** **To receive and accept apologies for absence:** Cllr Denny (prior commitments) Cllr Clifford (personal reasons) Cllr Arnott (Emergency EDDC meeting)
- A21/08/25** **Minutes from the meeting held 28th June 2021 (Appendix F) were approved at the Full meeting held on 9th August.** Noted
- A21/08/26** **Matters arising from the Minutes.** None
- A21/08/27** **Declarations of interest.** None
- A21/08/28** **Democratic Period** - opportunity for public questions & comment
- A21/08/29** **Water on the Allotments** during the last meeting it was decided to go with the South West Water option (a cost of roughly £3500.00) over a bore hole and wind/solar pump (a cost of roughly £15000.00) Cllr Stenning thought we should approach allotment holders before making this decision but Cllr Pady explained once they knew the cost differences then they would understand the need to go for SWW. Cllr Real stated the benefits of guaranteed water with SWW and advised this work be completed ASAP. There will be a fill tank, possibly with a ball cock so no risk of leaving the tap on and the rents will be increased slightly to cover the usage costs. Cllr Pady proposed this go ahead, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all. An allotment holder who was present requested the amount charged for the water not depend of the size of plot as some large plots use less water than some smaller plots depending on what is being grown, everybody should be charged the same, this request will be taken into consideration when the rates for next year will be discussed in October time.
- A21/08/30** **Salvation Army Bin.** The decision from the previous meeting still stands, the bin will be moved to its new location. Cllr Pady will contact Tom Palmer to see about preparing the new location.
- A21/08/31** **Wild Flower verges – possible locations.** Cllr Stenning stated that Rob Beard had very kindly offered to do some site surveys for free, he informed her of the need to have slightly sloping land and not nutrient rich soil. A few locations were discussed, the area behind the skate park, the land at the old part of the cemetery by the Rest House and the bank of the river Coly by the Umborne Bridge. Cllr Pady also suggested the meadow at the community orchard and the slope at the picnic site. Cllr Hay suggested the land at the top of the Butts. Cllr Pady stated that huge thanks should be extended to Rob Beard and we would take him up on his offer to do some site visits and see where he thinks is possible, it might be that the top soil is needed to be scraped off to begin with so that the seeds can get established, Goren Farm are selling wild flower seeds.
- A21/08/32** **Plan to be agreed on for Millfield, EDDC have been advised that the Open Spaces Grant will be applied for so quotes need to be gathered. Is a working party required?** Cllr Parr stated that a plan needs to be put together and costings gathered so we know what to ask EDDC for, the patch of ground as it is now is a waste patch, we wish to add some car parking for the allotment holders, some raised flower beds which will be easier for less abled people to work with and the remainder of the site will be a natural habitat for animals. A working party is probably a good idea, this could consist of some Amenity committee members and possibly some allotment holders as they have already submitted a plan for consideration. Cllr Pady will go back to Mr Voysey and ask for a re-quote to clear the site and also the hedge needs to be laid. Cllr Real proposed that as long as the quote is under £250 then Mr Voysey should be given the go ahead to clear the site from the 1st September when the nesting season will be over, this was seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.
- A21/08/33** **Ditches on Road Green.** Cllr Pady reported that Mr Kelly will not look at clearing the ditches on the top side of Road Green which is disappointing as our ditches which run underneath the green are now clear so may now fill back up again with sediment from the DCC ditches. Cllr Hay suggested concrete blocks be built at the entrance to our drains to create a weeping wall, it would collect sediment but let the water through. Cllr Pady will approach Dave Selley for a quote to jet the drain and put a camera down.
- A21/08/34** **Plan to be discussed for Road Green and possible replacement trees.** It was decided the green is too wet to have wild flowers and too many tree roots will upset the pipes underneath the green, it is

nice for the kids to have a nice open space to run around on. Cllr Real proposed we plant an Oak and a Horse Chestnut, this was seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.

A21/08/35

Ivy growing along the fence bordering the river where Rosemary Lane meets Dolphin Street.

Cllr Real stated we don't know who owns the wall so it is best to ask the Handyman to cut the Ivy at the roots and leave it there it die, not to pull it off, this was agreed by all. Cllr Hay reported a buddleia growing out into the highway where Lower Church Street meets Dolphin Street, this is an EDDC building. Clerk to report.

A21/08/36

Consecration of the extension to the cemetery. The clerk explained that the Rector thought the cemetery should be consecrated as the majority of people would assume it is consecrated, the clerk then contacted EDDC who explained that not all of their cemeteries are consecrated and was advised to speak to the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management. They advised that you should always have an area that isn't consecrated for anybody of a non-Christian faith or anybody who isn't religious at all. They explained that as there is a change of use granted to that piece of land (from Agriculture to Burial Ground) that will give the same amount of legal protection as consecrating the ground would. Cllr Jarman added that the Rector does always bless each plot before and after the burial. It was decided to leave the new section of the cemetery and not have it consecrated, this was proposed by Cllr Parr and seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

A21/08/37

Footpaths at the cemetery. It was decided that a site visit is needed up at the cemetery, this will take place on Monday 6th September at 6pm.

A21/08/39

Items bought to the Chairs attention after the agenda was published to be noted. Cllr Pady spoke of the land for sale up at Holyford Woods, closing date for offers is 9th September.

Cllr Stenning asked if Cllr Pady had looked into getting the gates for the St Andrews Garden fixed, Cllr Pady confirmed that he would gather quotes.

Cllr Turner stated that the fire assembly point at the PMPF is overgrown as is the hedge, Cllr Pady will gather quote for this.

A21/08/40

Date of next Meetings,

CPC Full Meeting – Monday 13th September

Finance & Planning – Monday 27th September.

Meeting closed: 20:30