

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD  
ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 AT 7PM IN THE COLYTON TOWN HALL.**

**Present:** Cllrs K Clifford, A Jarman, S Real, C Pady, H West, A Stenning, A Parr, J Gardiner, J Hay, P Arnott, C Denny and R Turner. Also S Haines (clerk) I Haines (temporary clerk)

**Members of public:** 0

**A21/05/01 Election of Chair and Vice Chair.** Cllr Clifford proposed Cllr Pady remain in his role as Chair, seconded by Cllr Hay and agreed by all. No further nominations, Cllr Pady accepted the role. Cllr Pady proposed Cllr Hay be Vice Chair but Cllr Hay declined with thanks. No volunteers so will be decided at next meeting.

**A21/05/02 To receive and accept apologies for absence:** None.

**A21/05/03 No Minutes to be approved as there was no Amenities meeting in April.** Noted.

**A21/05/04 Matters arising from the Minutes.** N/A

**A21/05/05 Declarations of interest.** None

**A21/05/06 Democratic Period** - opportunity for public questions & comments

**A21/05/07 Playground Inspection Report.** The clerk has met with the handy man prior to the meeting, he can do the majority of the works, anything that he struggles with he will report back to the clerk who will bring it back to the Council. Cllr Clifford proposed we purchase a new bin with a lid for the Colyford playpark, this was seconded by Cllr Jarman and agreed by all. The large swings in the PMPF need attention on their legs, Cllr Parr proposed we approach Andrew Foxwell and see if he can give a quote to weld a cuff over the damaged area, this was seconded by Cllr Pady who volunteered to approach Andrew Foxwell. Cllr Real proposed this be placed on the August agenda for an update, this was agreed by all.

**A21/05/08 Request from Exe Valley Pizzas to continue using the PMPF on a Tuesday evening.** After much discussion Cllr Gardiner proposed we approve the request on the condition that a fee of £10 a week is charged to Exe Valley Pizzas and that the rubbish problem - which has been getting worse as the weather gets nicer and people like to sit on the field and enjoy their pizzas - improves, Mr Sturdy is to be contacted and asked to provide his own bin and encourage his customers to bring back their rubbish to him or to take it home with them. This was seconded by Cllr Arnott and agreed by all.

**A21/05/08 Request to hold a weekly 30min exercise class for mums on the grass by the Pavilion in PMPF once a week.** After discussion, Cllr Denny proposed that the lady be given a three month free trial, after the period is up we will review and if it is working for both parties then a charge may be introduced, this is all subject to an insurance certificate being produced covering for public liability. This was seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.

**A21/05/09 Himalayan Balsam.** Cllr Stenning requested permission to repeat last years 'balsam bashing' event in which a group of volunteers pulled up Himalayan Balsam along the river at the PMPF. She stated that now is the perfect time to do it before the seeds spread. Cllr Real pointed out that they would need to pick their timings so as to not coincide with the Archery Club who use the ground on a Sunday. The request was approved with thanks. Cllr Stenning also suggested we approach

Councils upstream to ask what they are doing about the problem as it travels downstream.

**A21/05/10 Items brought to the Chairs attention after the agenda was published to be noted.** Cllrs Hay and Real both brought up the tree branch which is lodged in the river under the footbridge at Colyvale, during flooding the bridge is becoming unstable due to the weight of the branch collecting debris, the Environmental Agency are aware and will potentially clear trees in the river once the bird nesting season is over.

Cllr Denny had an update on the skate park, Eddie Dayment has looked at the two ramps and has drilled them out and inserted 18” screws all along the front, this looks to have fixed the problem, it may only be short term and we will need to keep an eye on it. He has done this free of charge.

Cllr Hay mentioned the Parish Inspection happening on 7<sup>th</sup> June, two groups will need to be organised, one to start at the Church in Colyton and one to start at the picnic site. Cllr Pady has sent his apologies as he will miss this.

**A21/05/11 Date of next Meetings,**  
CPC Full Meeting – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Finance & Planning – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**Meeting closed 20:05.**