

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY  
25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 AT 7:00PM IN THE COLYTON TOWN HALL.**

**Present:** Cllrs K Clifford, J Gardiner, S Real, A Stenning, A Parr and J Hay. Also S Haines (clerk)  
**Members of public:** 0

**A24/03/98 To receive and accept apologies for absence.** Cllrs Turner, Arnott and Chesterton.

**A24/03/99 Minutes of the meeting held Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February (appendix AC) to be approved.** Cllr Stenning proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all bar Cllr Real who was not present at the meeting so abstained.

**A24/03/00 Matters arising from the Minutes.** None.

**A24/03/01 Declarations of interest.** None.

**A24/03/02 Democratic Period.** No members of public present to speak.

**A24/03/03 Fencing for the Trim trail at the PMPF.** Wickstead have confirmed that the original plan to removing and reuse existing fencing won't work. Cllr Real proposed we ask for a quote for all three required sides to be fenced with new panels and a gap be made in the existing fence to allow access, this was seconded by Cllr Hay and agreed by all.

**A24/03/04 Heads of Terms received for the Dolphin Street Car Park. Deadline to agree and sign these is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.** Cllr Gardiner commented on the very limited time frame to sign this document, despite the clerk asking for an extension as the delay was caused by EDDC side, not the Parish Council. This was rejected. It states that unconditional contracts will be exchanged no later than 31<sup>st</sup> June 2024. Cllr Parr confirmed that this is agreeing to the terms and then the legal contract is signed later. Cllr Stenning raised concerns about item 19 which states that EDDC can, within the next 80 years, take back the toilets and get rid of them if they decide they wish to extend the car park or any other development. Cllr Gardiner agreed stating the 80 years is a long period of time to have a hold on something and similarly with the overage, usually that would be 25 years. The formula that they have used to determine the overage amount is strange, I have heard of 15 – 25% but never 50%. Cllr Stenning stated that we should sign the Heads of Terms as we will not be legally bound until the contract is signed. Cllr Parr agreed but stated that a covering letter is essential to outline the items that the Parish Council do not agree to, questioning the time frame of 80 years and the percentage of the overage. Cllr Parr proposed that the terms be signed but that a covering letter is sent alongside confirming our concerns and that we will not be bound in June if some of these concerns are not addressed, seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all.

**A24/03/05 Improvements for the Skate Park.** A member of public has approached the clerk about making improvements to the skate park. Unfortunately there are no funds available for this at this time.

**A24/03/06 Items bought to the Chairs attention after the agenda was published to be noted.**

Cllr Hay confirmed that the lights in the Dolphin Street car park are still out.

Cllr Real suggested moving some money into the playing fields account to start saving for future surface repairs.

Cllr Clifford asked if he could get a quote to repair the plinth at Queen Square, this was agreed.

**A24/03/07 Date of next Meetings,**

Full CPC Meeting – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Committees meeting – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Meeting closed: 20:10.**